



GFC Standing Committee Report

Committee: GFC Research Planning Committee

For the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

The GFC Research Planning Committee (RPC) is the primary advisory body to the Vice-President (Research) and is consulted on issues within the research and innovation portfolio. The following is a report on the committee's activities as well as those of its Review Panels for the 2022/23 academic year.

1.0 GFC RESEARCH PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members

	Representative	Term
Committee Chair	Dena McMartin	ongoing
Associate Vice-President (Research), or designate	Jackie Rice	Ex-officio
Provost & Vice-President (Academic) or designate	Sandra Dixon / Brenda Leung*	Ex-officio
Associate Dean, School of Graduate Studies	Marc Roussel	Ex-officio
Arts & Science, Humanities	Bryson Brown	30-Jun-23
Arts & Science, Sciences	Chris Hopkinson	30-Jun-23
Arts & Science, Social Sciences	Louise Barrett	30-Jun-23
Dhillon School of Business	Debra Basil	30-Jun-23
Education	Sharon Pelech	30-Jun-24
Fine Arts	Janet Youngdahl	30-Jun-24
School of Graduate Studies	Nehal Thakor	30-Jun-24
Health Sciences	Wendi Lokanc-Diluzio	30-Jun-24
Liberal Education	Mary Kavanagh	30-Jun-23

*Brenda Leung served as the alternate designate while Sandra Dixon was on leave in Spring 2023.

Meetings

September 26, 2022 (via video conference)

D. McMartin welcomed returning committee members and provided new members with an overview of the Committee. Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Shortlisting Expressions of Interest for the Canada Research Chair program,
- Discussing the consultation process for the Strategic Research Plan,
- Reviewing the terms of reference for a new multidisciplinary adjudication committee
- Considering criteria that should be set for institutional memberships supported by the Vice-President (Research)'s operating budget, and
- Discussing the suite of internal research grant programs.

November 30, 2022 (via video conference)

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Adjudicating the Canada Research Chair Expressions of Interest.
- Discussing proposed changes to the Board of Governors Research Chairs.

January 18, 2023 (via video conference)

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Reviewing the Faculty Chairs, Professorships, and Fellowships Policy.
- Reviewing proposed changes to the internal research grants structure.

June 7, 2023 (via video conference)

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Setting the value of the University of Lethbridge Travel Fund for 2023/24 academic year.
- Discussing the research data management strategy.
- Updating the committee on plans to update the Strategic Research Plan.
- Advising the committee of ORIS workshop series for 2023/24.

2.0 INTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING REVIEW PANELS

The following review panels reviewed and adjudicated research proposals for internal research funding competitions and distribute funds for research grants and undergraduate student stipends and awards.

2.1 ALBERTA INNOVATES SUMMER STUDENTSHIPS

Members

The Committee was comprised of the following individuals:

- Rob McDonald (Neuroscience)
- Nehal Thakor (Chemistry & Biochemistry)

Meetings

March 13-19, 2023 (adjudication window via Scholarships and Student Finance Awards portal)

The Committee reviewed applications submitted for the 2023 Alberta Innovates Summer Research Studentships competition. They ranked the 16 applications from highest to lowest using the Pro-Grid system. Awards were offered to the top 10 students (institutional quota).

2.2 MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE

The Committee's mandate is to adjudicate internal grant competitions administered by the Office of Research and Innovation Services.

Members

- Jennifer Otto (Humanities)
- Majid Mohajerani (Sciences)
- Lars Hallstrom (Social Sciences)
- Robert LeBlanc (Education)
- Andrew Iwaniuk (School of Graduate Studies)
- Wendi Lokanc-Diluzio (Health Sciences)
- Miranda Leibel (Liberal Education)

Meetings

February 27 to March 14, 2023 (adjudication window via email)

The Committee reviewed the four applications submitted to the Postdoctoral Fellow Recruitment competition. The Committee approved all four applications as they were deemed meritorious for funding.

March 8-29, 2023 (adjudication window via email)

The Committee reviewed the nine applications submitted to the 2022/23 University of Lethbridge Research Fund (ULRF) competition. All applications were deemed meritorious; thus, all nine applications were approved for funding.

March 24 to April 4, 2023 (adjudication window via Scholarships and Student Finance Awards portal)

The Committee reviewed applications submitted to the 2023 Chinook Summer Research Award competition. They ranked the 51 applications from highest to lowest using the Pro-Grid system. Awards were offered to the top 19 students (the maximum that could be supported with the available funding).

**2.3 NATURAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING RESEARCH COUNCIL (NSERC)
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS**

Members

Eight members from the SOURCE College of Peer Reviewers served as representatives from each department within the natural sciences. The members were as follows:

- Robert Laird (Biological Sciences),
- Paul Hazendonk (Chemistry & Biochemistry),
- Philip Bonnaventure (Geography & Environment),
- Claudia Gonzalez (Kinesiology & Physical Education),
- Joy Morris (Mathematics & Computer Sciences),
- Majid Mohajerani (Neuroscience),
- Locke Spencer (Physics & Astronomy) - Chair, and
- Jennifer Mather (Psychology).

Meetings

February 10, 2023 (via video conference)

The review panel met for a calibration meeting.

February 27, 2023 (via video conference)

The Review Panel adjudicated 49 applications. The committee offered 24 awards to fill our institutional quota (n=23). The committee awarded an additional award to a self-identified Indigenous student that does not towards our institutional quota. Each award is valued at \$8,730 (comprised of the NSERC USRA Stipend and a supervisor top-up).

Respectfully submitted,



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Vice-President (Research)