



GFC Standing Committee Report
Committee: GFC Research Planning Committee
For the period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026

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 2024-25 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*	Julia Brassolotto	Ex-officio
Dean, School of Graduate Studies or designate	Marc Roussel	Ex-officio
Arts & Science, Humanities	Amy Shaw	30-Jun-27
Arts & Science, Sciences	Nehal Thakor	30-Jun-27
Arts & Science, Social Sciences	Paul Vasey	30-Jun-27
Dhillon School of Business	Walter Wymer	30-Jun-26
Education	Robert Leblanc	30-Jun-26
Fine Arts	Janet Youngdahl	30-Jun-26
School of Graduate Studies	Peter Dibble	30-Jun-26
Health Sciences	Brenda Leung	30-Jun-27
Liberal Education	Kaylan Schwarz	30-Jun-26
Resource Members		
Olusola (Sola) Fasunwon	Director, ORIS	
Alison Piekema	Executive Assistant, OVPR	

Meetings

September 22, 2025

D. McMartin provided an overview of the committee including its position within the GFC reporting structure, its roles and responsibilities, and the activities to be undertaken in 2025/26.

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Discussion surrounding the Research and Creative Activities Plan Launch
- Reviewing the workplan priorities for the academic year including Travel Grants, Adjudicating National Award Program Nominees, fellowships & grants, BOG Research Chair Program
- Policies up for review & revision
- Discussion around Policy impacts, CFI Innovation Fund, CFI JELF Envelope, CRC allocations & searches, CERC nominations

- Reminder of Annual Requirements

November 24, 2025

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Shortlisting of BoG Research Chair applications to be recommended for external review

January 26, 2026

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Ongoing discussion surrounding BoG Research Chairs
- Discussion around criteria for institutional funding for external party & association memberships as well as internal grants criteria updated for approval
- Information for Tri-Catalyst Grant, Matching Funds, Indigenous Engagement Research Fund, PDF programs, Open Access Fund, SSHRC Explore and Exchange
- Research Centres & Institutes termination (2) recommendations for GFC decision

February 23, 2026

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- CRC Allocations – EOIs to internal process
- Notification of upcoming call for EOIs for 2 SSHRC CRCs to be launched Fall 2026
- Discussion about RCAP Launch Events occurring the following day (Feb 24 at 11am on campus) and to the public as part of the Public Professor Series on Feb 26

April 20, 2026

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- BoG Research Chairs adjudication based on peer and external review of shortlisted nominations

June 22, 2026

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Discussion of Research and Creative Activities Action Plan
- Review of proposed new Research Centre for further discussion in Fall 2026
- Mitacs and other external funding program updates
- Review of the powers and duties of GFC-RPC with recommendations for revision for further discussion in Fall 2026
- Input on topics/items for 2026/2027 Term, including ideas and inputs required to enhance research culture and peer supports across departments and disciplines

Respectfully submitted,



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Vice President, Research