



July 25, 2017

**MEMORANDUM: INTERNAL GRANTS**

Dear colleagues:

The **Internal Research Grants Program** has served a vital role in supporting the growing research culture at UBCO over the past 10 years. As we transition into the next phase of the campus, the VPR's Office remains committed to advancing research quality and intensity. With this in mind, and after consultation with the Deans and Associate Deans, Research, it has been decided that several aspects of the Internal Research Grants Program will be terminated. **Individual Research Grants, Conference Workshop Grants, Post Doctoral Fellow Travel Award** and the **Undergraduate Travel Grants and Research Awards** will no longer be available.

In their place, the VPR's Office will use the funding formerly awarded through these mechanisms to support successful strategic partnered research grant applications (e.g., NSERC CREATE, SSHRC Partnership/Partnership Development, etc.) which require matching funds from the principal investigator's host institution. We feel that the redirection of funds for this purpose is aligned with our goal to advance research quality and intensity on campus.

The **Graduate Student Travel Grant** will be retained to support travel related to research dissemination by graduate students but starting this year, these will be administered and adjudicated by the individual Faculties moving forward. The funds will be distributed based on the number of thesis-based graduate students in each Faculty. Faculties will take on the financial responsibility of funding this grant mechanism over a 5-year transition period. The money retained by the VPR's Office during this transition will be returned to the pool to be used to support partnered research grant applications.

Thank you for your attention to this. If you have any questions please contact **Paul van Donkelaar** at [paul.vandonkelaar@ubc.ca](mailto:paul.vandonkelaar@ubc.ca) or **Kristen Korberg** at [Kristen.korberg@ubc.ca](mailto:Kristen.korberg@ubc.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Barker'.

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