

Dear SMU Colleagues,

I am writing to you jointly with Ray MacNeil, the CLARI Network Manager based here at SMU, to let you all know of Research Funding opportunities associated with Community Engaged Research. There are actually two separate funding sources available, but for research targeted in very similar areas:

Opportunity #1: Saint Mary's University Community Engaged Research Assistance fund

Opportunity #2: CLARI Community Engagement Assistance project fund

Both opportunities allow for **grants of up to \$7500** if you are (or could be!) engaged in a community-based research project. The first fund is for SMU faculty (and their community partners) only, while the second CLARI fund is open to faculty at any of the 7 CLARI partner institutions (of which SMU is one). Our goal is to support, and encourage, community-engaged research initiatives. We are providing just the one application form format (labeled for the CLARI fund, see attached), and we will work with any interested faculty members to direct toward whichever funding program is most appropriate for your work. Note that a full application consists of the two attached forms – one completed by the faculty member(s), and a different one completed by the community group associated with the project request.

If you are interested in participating in an initial conversation, or for more information please contact Ray MacNeil @ray.macneil@smu.ca .

(To review information about CLARI, see website <http://smu.ca/research/clari/>).

... and I couldn't send an email to all faculty without inserting me weekly prompting message about participating in the ongoing online consultation forum for the Strategic Research Plan renewal! Our 4th (of 5) Scenarios remains open for your participation until Monday at this location:

Impacts of Technology scenario: <https://www.smu.ca/strategicconversation/>

The final scenario will open on Monday (I'll send another email :). We will hold a Working Session to review and collectively interpret the implications arising from all of the data you are generating on:

FRIDAY, MARCH 8 – from 11:00am to 2:00pm (in CLARI room – Atrium 340)

Note that you can always go back in participate at any time in the first three scenarios here:

Theme #1: Interdisciplinary Research

Scenario: <https://smu.ca/strategicconversation/id/>

Theme #2: Community-Engaged Research

Scenario: <https://smu.ca/strategicconversation/ce/>

Theme #3: Research Themes Research

Scenario: <https://smu.ca/strategicconversation/rt/>

I hope everyone enjoyed our Winter Break week.