

2021 SMU RESEARCH RECOGNITION RECEPTION

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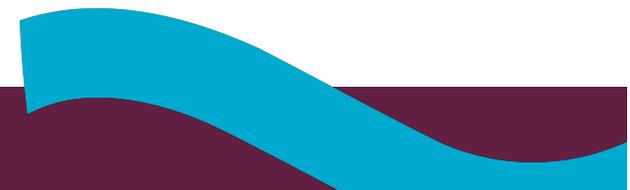
and the FGSR Research
Office team



**Saint Mary's
University**

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- Thank you for all coming this afternoon to join us in recognizing research success of so many Saint Mary's colleagues!
- SMU faculty are active in many areas of scholarship – not all of which require external funding to support ...
- Today is just one of several ways we have (and will) join together to share and celebrate SMU research and researchers:
 - **Annual SMU Research Expo** (March)
 - **3 Minute Thesis competition** (grad students – winter)
 - **Events within Faculties** (Arts, Science, Sobey School)



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- That said...
Obtaining external funding to support research:
 - **is not easy!**
 - **is a recognition by outside peers/experts that the research is of high quality – winning funding in a competitive environment**
 - **provides the means to hire and support/fund student researchers (undergrad, grad) and postdocs, technical staff**
 - **constitutes a key measure used in many overall university rankings**
 - **is worthy of recognition!**



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- **Today marks the 4th Annual recognition of ALL faculty members who have secured External Funds in Support of Research from SEPTEMBER 2020 – SEPTEMBER 2021**

(including co-PI's that have had money transferred to SMU)

- Funding from these sources:
 - Canada Research Chair program
 - SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR research grant programs
 - SSHRC, NSERC Partnership Programs
 - a wide variety of other provincial and federal agencies, and direct research contracts with companies/organizations



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- Before getting to those recognitions, I wanted to be sure to both **Recognize and Thank**

the *FGSR Research Office team* for all their help putting this together (and supporting the research efforts of those faculty being recognized today), **and**

Virtually introduce (or re-introduce) them to you! ..

Shane Costantino (*Assistant to the Dean*)

Vanisa Omicevic (*Research Office Assistant*)

Margaret Schenk (*Research Grants Officer - RGO*)

Kevin Buchan (*Director, Office of Innovation & Comm. Engagement*)

Danielle Goodfellow (*Industry Liaison Officer, OICE*)

Ray MacNeil (*CLARI Network Manager – community-engaged research*)



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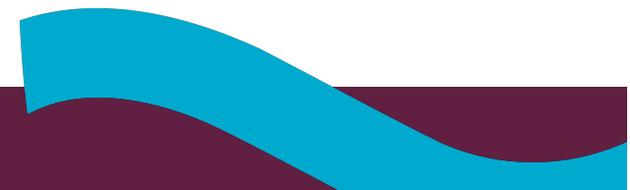
By the Numbers: **94 FACULTY MEMBERS** received funding **\$9.40 Million** in Sept 2020 to Sept 2021 from these sources:

Faciliated By:	# Grants/Contracts	Total Funding
CRC	9 (8)	\$1,000,000
RGO	83	\$2,811,219
OICE	120	\$5,589,910
Total	212	\$9,401,129

Plus Other Funding (giving around **\$11.4 Million**, all together)

Infrastructure CFI/NSRIT ~\$ 1,030,000

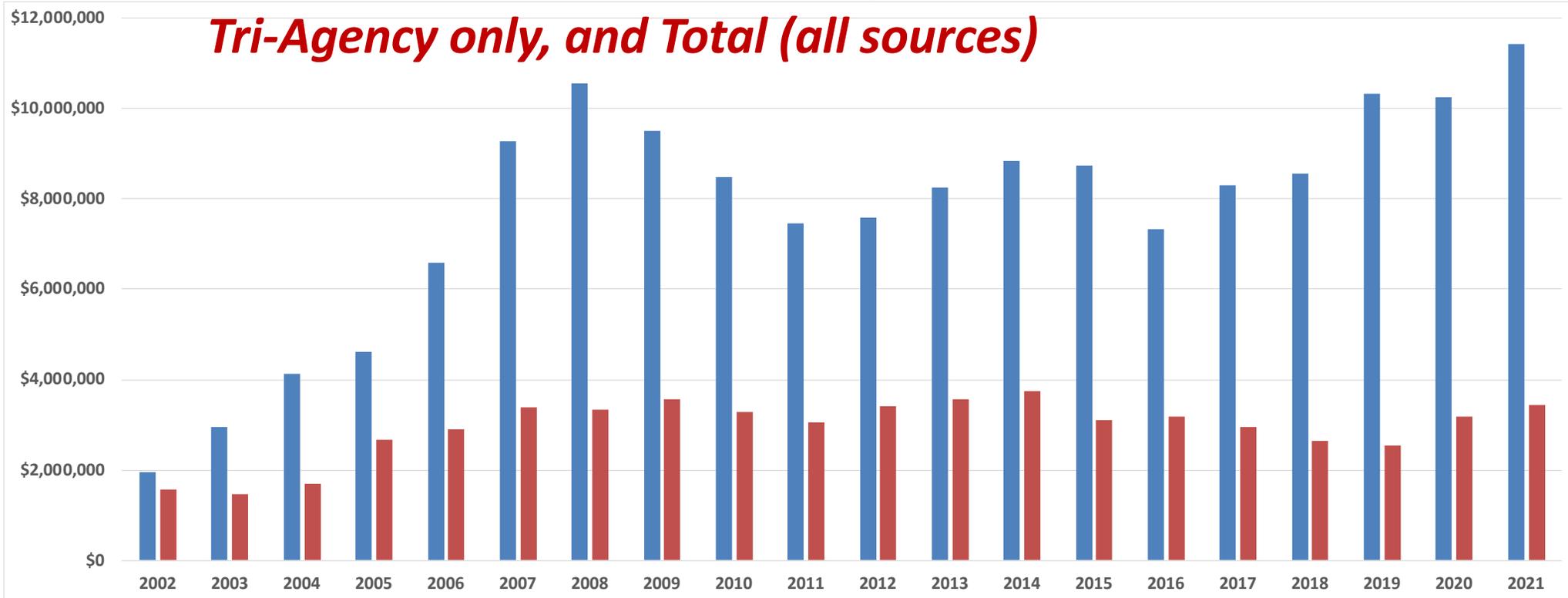
RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND ~\$ 973,000



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SMU External Research Funding (2002 – 2021):

Tri-Agency only, and Total (all sources)



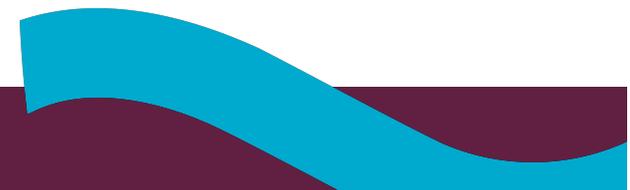
Total (blue)

Tri-Agency only (red)

Fiscal Year (March 31 – April 1)

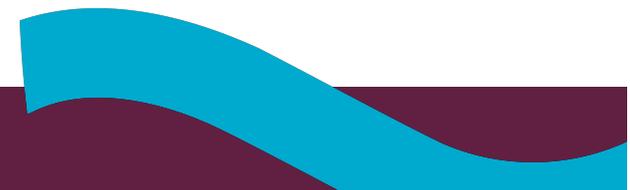
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CRC	9	9 (8)	(-11.1)	\$1,100,000	\$1,000,000	-9.1
RGO	58	83	43.1	\$1,796,266	\$2,811,219	56.5
OICE	96	120	25.0	\$2,442,764	\$5,589,910	128.8
Total	163	212	30.1	\$5,339,030	\$9,401,129	76.1



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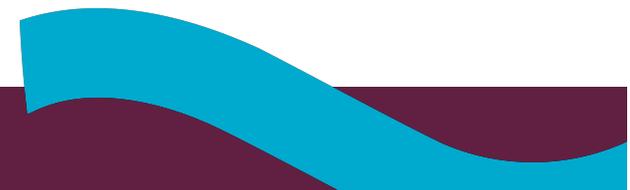
Faculty	# Faculty Members			Total Funding		
	2017-18	2020-21	3 yr % Change	2017-18	2020-21	3 yr % Change
ARTS	14	22	57.1	\$1,051,519	\$1,795,460	70.7
BUSINESS	16	24	50.0	\$865,652	\$1,218,205	40.7
SCIENCE	43	48	11.6	\$3,374,734	\$5,387,465	59.6
Total	73	94	28.8	\$5,291,905	\$8,401,129	58.8



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GOALS FOR TODAY'S EVENT

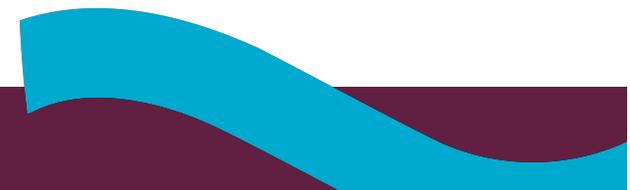
- **Acknowledge / Recognize / Congratulate / Thank**
all faculty members who **secured access** to these coveted **external research-support dollars** (during the past 12 months)
- **Inform**
everyone – all of us: senior university administrators, and all fellow faculty colleagues – of the nature of the kind of research that is ongoing (at a high, *fundable*, level) across all of SMU
- **Network**
...well, just a little this year (but more than last year!) so, sit back and enjoy your snax (whether you at SMU or zooming in!), and prepare to be awed by the vast diversity of research!



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THE “FORMAL” AGENDA

- One by one (faculty member by faculty member), I will read the faculty member’s **name** and **department**, and the **title** of their research grant/contract(s)
(so we all can get some idea of what kind of research is involved ... depending on the title ... and if we have a good record of the title!)
- When I finish reading the name/department/title(s):
if that person is here in person, please stand and wave!
if that person is zooming in, please **TURN ON CAMERA AND MIC** (and say “hello”, wave!) and be acknowledged.
(if the person isn’t here in either way, they don’t have to wave 😊)
- I will start with Faculty of Arts, then Sobey School, then Science: working through by department, and faculty within department.



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- Notes before I start reading all of our 90+ faculty member names (and grant-eligible staff) who’ve received these awards ...

This will feel like a Convocation event as I read all the names (that’s a good thing!!),

but to help, I will use a few acronyms when providing the source of the Funding, to shorten the process:

- “SSHRC” = Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
- “NSERC” = Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council
- **Finally**: we might have missed you ... Apologies if we did (it’s a bit tricky because you may have an active research grant, but didn’t get a new influx of \$ during the past 12 months) ...

