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OADR Grant Development Office

To CSM Faculty:

We are sending this notice to provide some good news about a very successful round of CIHR Project grant decisions. These are the grants submitted in March 2020, where the review was first canceled and then reinitiated over the summer. I'm happy to say it was one of the best competitions yet for CSM (in point form when possible):

- We received 21 full grants and 2 Priority Announcements= \$16.1M. That corresponds to a 23.6% success rate for full grants compared to a national success rate of 15.77%. It is also the third competition in a row in which CSM applicants have scored higher than 20% in the Project grant competitions (25%, 21%, 23.6%).
- Mid-career PIs achieved an outstanding 35% success rate, the highest ever for this group.
- CSM fared very well in terms of ranking within committees, with 4 PIs scoring #1 in their committee, 6 at #2, and a full 20/21 within the top 5 of their committees.
- Our new PIs had great success in obtaining 8 Project grants.
- There are several wins from the support offered by Research Institutes. As an example I would like to highlight the Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute that received 6/16 successful grants (37.5% success). We suspect that this reflects a novel community-based level of Internal Peer Review introduced by their group (congratulations!).
- On the national stage the University of Calgary percentage share of dollars awarded was 6.4% compared to 4.4% in the fall 2019 competition.
- The total CIHR grants captured by all UofC awardees currently tallies up to more than \$19M. That places us officially near the top of this competition. Final word will come once pending grants have been finalized by CIHR.

I would also like to acknowledge the members in the CSM OADR Grant Development Office as well as the staff in RSO (on campus) who have remained very busy this summer throughout all of the Covid-induced shutdown of facilities. New systems have been put in place, webinars to prepare new PIs were delivered (more on the way), and many COVID-19 related grants, with very short turn-

around times, were supported. We're lucky to have staff at the UofC so dedicated to seeing our research programs succeed - so THANKS to all of them on behalf of our faculty. Their efforts in providing support continues to pay off with increasing success in our ability to compete for research dollars.

We in the OADR Grant Development Office are now busy helping PIs prepare for a new round of CIHR grant submissions on October 13th. A presentation on recent results and information for people getting ready for the next round will be provided by Jenna Slobozian this coming Monday, September 21st (to register please email Sara Mahjor smahjor@ucalgary.ca) [Please click here to view additional statistics on the competition.](#) I will remind PIs that the Grant Development Office is here to provide support, so don't hesitate to contact us.

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