

Report to Senate  
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### Report to Senate of the Vice President, Research

1. The internal Brock CFI-JELF competition, announced late last term, is in progress; submissions have closed, and adjudications are pending. The John Evans Leadership Fund (JELF), is the university-specific allocation or *envelope* intended to support both Canada Research Chairs and, where possible, non-CRC faculty researchers proposing research infrastructure meeting key CFI criteria. JELF allocations made outside the CRC application process are known as *unaffiliated*. The current internal competition was for unaffiliated CFI proposals. Information about the criteria used both internally and externally to determine the allocations may be found at: [https://www.innovation.ca/sites/default/files/Funds/JELF/nov2018/guidelines\\_for\\_reviewers.pdf](https://www.innovation.ca/sites/default/files/Funds/JELF/nov2018/guidelines_for_reviewers.pdf)
2. The federal “New Directions in Research” call for Notices of Intent has closed. The application process at this stage does not automatically let ORS know who has declared an intention to apply. Messaging has gone out requesting that researchers submitting an NOI also notify ORS, in order to help staff prepare to assist them in the next round of the process.
3. Appointment processes for the three Canada Research Chair positions allocated in August 2018 are in progress. The three CRCs allocated in the December 2018 round are:
  - CIHR Tier I: ‘Mechanisms of Health and Disease’ (Department of Health Sciences, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences)
  - NSERC Tier II: ‘Bioinformatics’ (Department of Biological Sciences and Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Mathematics and Science)
  - SSHRC Tier II: ‘Indigenous Art Practice’ (Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts, Faculty of Humanities)
4. The Office of Research Services is reviving a revised version of a former communications and outreach program, creating short video interviews with Brock researchers. Though of course it will take some time to work through any list of researchers, suggestions (including volunteers!) of interviewees are welcome; please contact Cathy Majtenyi in ORS. The series will focus on faculty members in the first instance.

5. Last month, the Office of Research Services sponsored "Science: A Human Right," an open symposium in honour of International Human Rights Day. Speakers included Dr Liette Vasseur (Moderator; Professor, Department of Biological Science and UNESCO Chair on Community Sustainability), Dr Christine Daigle (Professor of Philosophy and Director, Posthumanism Research Institute), Dr Sharlee Cranston-Reimer (SSHRC Post-doctoral Fellow - Centre for Women's and Gender Studies), Dr James Mandigo (Professor of Kinesiology and Vice-Provost, Enrolment Management & International), and Dr Samir Trabelsi (Professor of Accounting). The overall theme of the symposium was the problem of ensuring that university research remains accessible to all people.