

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

1. Canada Research Chair appointments:

- CRC appointment processes are moving ahead, with multiple searches entering their closing phases. At least two more Chair appointment processes are expected to launch between February and May 2020.

2. Grant news:

- The Ontario Research Fund has announced matching contributions of over \$450,000 for three Brock University CFI-JELF grants, for total research infrastructure support of over \$1,000,000 for the 2019 round of JELF awards. ORF funding was provided for Brock infrastructure through applications from Professors Elizabeth Greene (Classics), Georgii Nikonov (Chemistry), and Fereidoon Razavi (Physics).
- Brock University submitted its largest ever number of SSHRC Insight Development Grant proposals for the February 2020 deadline. Congratulations to all researchers participating in this competition, and to research staff in ORS and elsewhere who helped facilitate these applications.
- A reminder that the 2020 Match of Minds call for proposals is open, with a closing date of March 2, 2020. Details are available on the Research Services Sharepoint site, at <https://brocku.sharepoint.com/Research-Services/SitePages/Match-of-Minds.aspx>

3. Faculty research awards:

- Two Faculties held their internal award celebrations in January 2020. A wide range of awards were presented; the research-specific awards included:

Faculty of Social Sciences

Distinguished Researcher Award:

Dr. Michael Pisaric (Geography and Tourism)

Untenured Researcher of the Year:

Dr. Karen Smith, (Communication, Popular Culture, Film)

Faculty of Mathematics and Sciences

Distinguished Researcher Awards:

Dr. Martin Head (Earth Sciences)

Dr. Georgii Nikonov (Chemistry)

Dr. Miriam Richards (Biological Sciences)

Distinguished Scholar Award:

Dr. Jeffrey Atkinson (Chemistry)

4. VPR meetings and outreach:

- Innovate Niagara Board
- Secretary-General, Canadian Commission for UNESCO
- OCUR (Toronto)
- Meet with Assistant Deputy Minister ISED (Ottawa)
- Meet with national and international stakeholders re: neutron scattering research facilities (Ottawa)