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Launch of the 2023 Indigenous Research Grant

Brock University's Indigenous Research Grant program is [open for applications](#) until March 15. The Indigenous Research Grant provides Brock researchers in all Faculties with funding to undertake research or creative activities in any discipline and on any topic that relates to Indigenous peoples. The program supports research programs and submissions to an external granting agency as appropriate, in keeping with principles of respect, reciprocity, relevance, ethical relationship building, and community engagement.

(Applications received after March 15 will be considered for the 2023–2024 competition.)

Partnership Funding, Greenhouse Technology Network

As previously reported to Senate, Brock researchers now have access to [partnership funding](#) through the Greenhouse Technology Network (GTN). GTN is a consortium of research-focused centres building the innovation capacity of Ontario's greenhouse industry. GTN Members collaborate with greenhouse and related technology businesses in Southern Ontario and solve challenges through applied research projects. More information is available through the Office of Research Services.

Women in STEM Week at Brock

The Brock community saw a rich series of events and learning opportunities February 6–10 focusing on Women in STEM. Events included a talk by visiting speaker Dr. Imogen Coe, influential biochemist and advocate for diversity in science; and sessions on women in science and entrepreneurship.

This year again, the initiative and creative force behind these events was a team of Brock University graduate students: many thanks and congratulations to PhD candidates Mariana Garrido, Katrina Carbonara, and Hannah Charnock; and Master's students Amanda Williams and Sali Moieldin.

Brock LINC Joint Event with Human Rights and Equity: Innovation in Women's Equity

On March 7, Brock LINC hosted an [Innovation Social](#), co-organized with HRE, on the topic of innovation in women's equity. Students, staff and faculty members joined in an open conversation on what innovation means in supporting equity for women.

Outreach and Engagement

It was a pleasure to welcome Bernard Derible, Deputy Minister for Emergency Management, to Brock on February 13. Among a range of other meetings, Mr. Derible joined me for a tour of research facilities in the Validation, Prototyping and Manufacturing Institute and the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute, led by Dr. Paul Zelisko, Dr. Wendy Ward, and Dr. Debbie Inglis.

The past month saw meetings of the Ontario Council for University Research, as well as OCUR Executive; the Alliance of Canadian Comprehensive Research Universities; and the Board of

Governors of Innovate Niagara. I look forward to hosting the next Innovate Niagara Board meeting here at Brock, in April.

On February 8, I was pleased to represent Brock University at a Rotary Club event in Burlington, held in support of improved mental health care facilities at Joseph Brant Hospital.

It was a pleasure and a much-anticipated learning experience to meet with members of the Black Community Forum at Brock (BCFaB) on February 9. I was joined by the Associate Vice-President, Research, as well as all research unit heads, for introductions and a first conversation regarding ways that the research enterprise at Brock University can implement the research elements of the Scarborough Charter, to which the University is signatory. This meeting sets the stage for further conversation to inform strategic planning and program development that will take into account the effects of anti-Black racism in Canadian society and academia.

On February 17, I joined a wide cross-section of the Niagara community in Lincoln for meetings and presentations to MPP Stephen Crawford, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, in preparation for the upcoming provincial budget. My presentation to MPP Crawford and regional MPP Sam Oosterhoff emphasized the importance of financial support for research, infrastructure, and lifelong learning at Ontario universities.

In the coming weeks, Associate Vice-President, Research, Michelle McGinn will be participating in engagement sessions regarding the opportunities and challenges of implementing the equity, diversity, and inclusion requirements in the Canada Research Chairs Program. Please connect with her if you have feedback that you wish to share.

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