

Annual Report Scholarship and Research Awards Committee July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

The Scholarship and Research Awards Committee (SARAC) administers three programs funded by the University's Endowment Fund for the Future (EFF). These programs are the Support for the Advancement of Scholarship (SAS) Research Grants, the McCalla Professorship, and the Distinguished Visitor Awards. The committee also adjudicates applications for the Larry Beauchamp Senior Researcher Award and Coutts-Clarke Fellowships, and coordinates nominations and adjudications for other research awards both within and outside the University of Alberta.

Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference have remained the same this past year:

A. Terms of Reference

Under the authority of Education Faculty Council, the Scholarship and Research Awards Committee shall:

- Review application for grants under the Support for the Advancement of Scholarship Fund (SAS), make decisions on grants, and monitor procedures and guidelines for these awards
- Review applications and make decisions for the Larry Beauchamp Senior Researcher Award, McCalla Professorship and Coutts-Clarke Fellowship, monitor operating guidelines for these awards.
- Initiate activities leading to the nomination of prospective Distinguished Visitors, and forward nominations to the Vice President, Research.
- Invite and review nominations for the J. Gordin Kaplan Award for Excellence in Research and the Martha Cook Piper Research Prize, coordinate the preparation of nomination packages for submission to the Vice President, Research.
- Prepare nominations for external research awards.

B. Composition

- *Statutory Members*
The Associate Dean, Research
- *Elected Members*
Three tenured members of the Faculty of Education

C. Procedures

- The Associate Dean, Research shall be Chair
- The Associate Dean, Graduate Studies, will attend meetings with voice and vote where graduate scholarships and/or awards are reviewed to facilitate the adjudication
- The election of members to the Scholarship and Research Awards Committee shall take place during the Spring ballot of the Faculty
- The terms of the elected members shall be two years.

D. Quorum

A quorum shall consist of three members

E. Meetings

The Scholarship and Research Awards Committee shall meet to consider applications for each of the respective awards, in accordance with the award deadlines.

Approved:	Executive Council May, 1996
Updated:	Executive Council June, 1999
Updated:	Faculty Council September, 2002
Updated:	SARAC March 7, 2007
Approved:	Faculty Council November 6, 2007

Composition

SARAC was chaired by the Associate Dean Research, Dr. Patricia Boechler. The three elected members of the committee for 2014-2016 were:

- **Dr. Jose da Costa**, Educational Policy Studies
- **Dr. Carla Peck**, Elementary Education
- **Dr. Elaine Simmt**, Secondary Education
- **Dr. Jill McClay**, Associate Dean Graduate Studies (2015-2016)

Activities and Accomplishments

SARAC met on six occasions during the 2015-2016 and also communicated by email and telephone.

i. SAS Grants

- In the Fall 2015 competition, the committee awarded seven operating grants worth \$42,000.00
- In the Spring 2016 competition, the committee awarded four operational grants worth \$27,809.16
- The total awarded for both competitions was \$69,809.16

- Camrose Normal School Memorial Scholarship in Education to Andrea Budac, School of Library and Information Studies
- Professor Mian Muhammad Afzal Graduate Scholarship in Education to Samantha Hamilton, School of Library and Information Studies
- Audrey and Jack Reid Graduate Scholarship to Curtis Budden, Department of Educational Psychology
- ME Lazerte Memorial Scholarship to Girmaw Akalu, Educational Policy Studies
- Dr Bruce Bain Memorial Graduate Scholarship to Derek Radford, Educational Psychology
- Bacchus Graduate Research Prize to Hyekyung Kim, Secondary Education.

We are grateful to all faculty members who helped us prepare nominations for awards, and extend our congratulations to those who submitted applications for SAS research funding and the various research awards.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Larsen,
Associate Dean Research and
Chair, Scholarship and Research Awards Committee