

# Senate Research Report

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## News

In late October, the Office of Partnerships and Innovation (OPI) relocated its operations from Innovation Park to a new coworking building (Seaway Coworking) in downtown Kingston at 310 Bagot Street. This new Queen's footprint, named the "Queen's Startup Runway," can accommodate up to 20 team members from the OPI's Research Partnerships Unit, Technology Transfer Unit, and its Regional Innovation Ecosystem Unit, as well as numerous startups and entrepreneurs who are participating in the OPI's new incubation and acceleration programs. The downtown footprint provides a more strategic location for the OPI – it is within walking distance of main campus and allows the OPI to be co-located with key partners including St. Lawrence College, Launch Lab, and the Southeastern Ontario Angel Network. It is also in close proximity to other key partners including the Kingston Economic Development Corporation, the City of Kingston, and the KEYS Job Centre. The OPI's Research Contracts Unit continues to be located on main campus in Fleming Hall (Jemmett Wing). The Queen's NanoFab Kingston (NFK) laboratory continues to be located at Innovation Park, as does a large group of staff from FHS who are working on the [Elentra project](#).

[Resources for Research at Queen's \(R4R@Q\)](#) is a brown bag lunchtime series, hosted by University Research Services, intended to acquaint Queen's researchers with the resources and people who are available to help. Sessions run once per month from October to April in Stauffer Library Room 121 from 12:30-1:30. Upcoming sessions include:

- Wednesday, December 11: [Building an Effective Research Plan](#)
- Tuesday, January 21: [What can the Media do for Researchers?](#)
- Wednesday, February 12: [What Can Happen to Your Data – Stories from the Back Rooms!](#)
- Wednesday, March 11: [Managing your Research Data](#)
- Wednesday April 15: [You Got Googled: How and Why to Build a Compelling Research Story](#)

On October 28, R4R@Q held a special session on "Cybersecurity – Crossing the Border," presented by Karl Larson, Security Director & Chief Information Security Officer at TELUS where he works to ensure the security of TELUS and its customers. Karl presented an overview of cybersecurity considerations when travelling, including examples of travel security in the news when crossing borders, tips when preparing for travel, while in transit and when travelling outside of Canada.

Please save the date for the [Annual Faculty Writing Retreat](#), hosted by the Office of the VP Research, scheduled for December 10 at the Donald Gordon Centre. Details and registration page to follow.

The recipients of the 2019 Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowships (USSRF) recently had the opportunity to display posters and speak about their projects at an event to showcase their work. Since 2011, more than 200 students have taken part in the USSRF program – designed to help undergraduate students at Queen's develop their research skills, under the guidance of a faculty researcher, with a project in social sciences, humanities, or creative arts. The application deadline for the 2020 program is March 2. [USSRF program website](#).

## *Awards and Accolades*

Dr. Amber Simpson (School of Computing), Dr. Parvin Mousavi (School of Computing), Dr. Tracy Jenkin (Smith School of Business) and Dr. Xiaodan Zhu (Electrical and Computer Engineering) were named as [Faculty Affiliates at the Vector Institute](#) on October 16, 2019. “The Faculty Affiliates program brings together leading researchers from across Ontario to expand expertise in deep learning, machine learning and artificial intelligence more broadly.”

Dean Richard Reznick will be the next President-Elect for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, beginning February 2020. Dean Reznick was also admitted to the American College of Surgeons Academy of Master Surgeon Educators. The Academy recognizes those who devoted their careers to surgical education.

Queen’s University professor of medicine Stephen Vanner has been named a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS).