

Senate Research Report

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VICE-PRINCIPAL (RESEARCH)

Message from Interim Vice-Principal (Research) Kimberly A. Woodhouse

I regret that I cannot join you for the first Senate meeting of the academic year, but I am pleased to be able to provide an update of the various activities in the portfolio.

Importantly, as the Strategic Research Plan was approved in April 2018, we can now focus on the institutional priorities outlined within it, and work with faculties to advance new and emerging research areas, identify strategies for achieving funding successes in these areas and inform decisions on areas for hiring. Other priority areas include:

- increasing industry engagement and commercialization,
- fostering collaborative activity internationally, and
- strengthening the services offered within the research portfolio to effectively support faculty and staff productivity, research activities and recruitment/retention.

I am hoping to engage in consultation widely across campus to solicit your ideas on how to move these priorities forward.

In other news, we have two new Associate Vice-Principals on board – Dr. Kent Novakowski (Civil Engineering) and Dr. Sandra den Otter (History) – who will be assisting in implementing these priorities. I also sincerely thank Dr. Cynthia Fekken who has served as Associate Vice-Principal (Research) for almost six years. Her appointment will be complete at the end of September.

Finally, I have numerous Queen's successes to share, only a fraction of which will be included here. [The full list of awards and news from May to September 2018 can be found on the OVPR website.](#)

The **Queen's Research Opportunities Funds (QROF)** represent a strategic investment in areas of institutional research strength that provide researchers and scholars opportunities to accelerate their programs and research goals. Funds are distributed in four categories, and [the QROF recipients are profiled in the Queen's Gazette.](#)

The **Queen's National Scholar (QNS) program** is designed to enrich teaching and research at the university while also supporting faculty renewal and diversity and inclusion efforts. This year saw five new appointments:

- Carolyn Prouse – QNS in Urban Economic Geography
- Chantelle Capicciotti – QNS in Precision Molecular Medicine
- Ashwini Vasanthakumar – Queen's National Scholar in Legal and Political Philosophy
- Laila Haidarali – QNS in African American Gender History
- Anita Tusche – QNS in Computational Neuroeconomics

The **Arthur B. McDonald Canadian Astroparticle Physics Research Institute** launched on May 10, 2018. It is a partnership of eight universities and five affiliated research organizations. Headquartered at Queen's, the institute came to fruition as a result of the \$63.7 million investment the university received in 2016 from the Government of Canada's Canada First Research Excellence Fund.

[The full table outlining recent funding received by Queen's researchers can be found on the OVPR website.](#)