

FUNDING SUCCESSES

Funding for Wheat Breeding Program

The **Crop Development Centre** (Agriculture and Bioresources) has received \$5,256,329 from the Western Grains Research Foundation to fund its wheat breeding research program during the 2015-2019 term.

Pozniak Awarded Genome Funding

Curtis Pozniak (Crop Development Centre) has been awarded \$1,707,991 by Genome Prairie for use at the University of Saskatchewan for his project entitled "*Canadian Triticum Applied Genomics (CTAG2)*".

INITIATIVES

SSHRC Grant Repository Now Available to Faculty

The Office of the Vice-President Research has expanded its **online grant repository** to include SSHRC grants. This NSID-protected site provides U of S faculty members with samples of successful SSHRC grants and CVs voluntarily uploaded by colleagues. Expansion to additional funding programs is in development. The repository is available at: http://share.usask.ca/go/ovpr/grants_repository.

Survey on Collaborative Research Completed

The Office of the Vice-President Research and the Social Sciences Research Laboratories have completed a campus wide-survey investigating how the U of S currently recognizes and rewards collaborative research. The survey was sent to faculty across campus and will now be analyzed to gain a full understanding of U of S perspectives and experiences with collaborative research.

Undergraduate Research Workshops Launched

The **Undergraduate Research Initiative** has launched a new series of free workshops promoting opportunities for students to get involved in research. Led by mentors from the Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) program of Student Learning Services at the University Library, the workshops inform students about research topics relevant across all disciplines. During last year's series, the most popular workshops were *How to Create a Research Poster* and *How to Approach a Research Supervisor*. To register, students can visit: <http://library.usask.ca/studentlearning/workshops/undergraduate-research.php>.

REPUTATIONAL SUCCESSES

Gordon MacKay Appointed Co-Chair of Ethics Boards

Effective November 1st 2015, **Gordon MacKay** (Professor Emeritus, Pharmacy and Nutrition) has been appointed co-chair of the two U of S Biomedical Research Ethics Boards. MacKay joins current chair **Ildiko Badea** (Pharmacy & Nutrition) as co-chair until January 2016. In the new year, Badea will become vice-chair and MacKay will serve as the chair of both boards.

U of S Names New Feed Research Chair

The U of S has appointed **Rex Newkirk** to the *Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture Endowed Research Chair in Feed Processing Technology*, effective November 1st. Newkirk will be working to develop improved feed and pet food products, new markets for Saskatchewan-grown crops, and profitability for the agriculture sector. Prior to this appointment, Newkirk was the vice-president, research and innovation, at the Canadian International Grains Institute in Winnipeg. For more information visit: <http://goo.gl/0ZEyQP>.

PARTNERSHIPS

U of S Welcomes International Delegations

In the past month, the following international visitors were welcomed to the U of S:

- ❖ A delegation from **Malaviya National Institute of Technology** (MNIT) in Jaipur, India visited from October 26th to 28th. In addition to meeting with various colleges, MNIT signed a general collaboration agreement with the U of S.
- ❖ A delegation from **Huazhong University** in China visited on October 27th and 28th. The visit led to the signing of an academic agreement on a Dual Degree Program in Sociology.
- ❖ The **Indian High Commissioner** visited November 16th and presented a public lecture on "*Expanding India-Canada Engagement: Dimensions of Energy and Nuclear Cooperation*".
- ❖ A delegation from **Meijing University** in Japan visited on October 29th. The delegation renewed an MOU between the two universities and further discussed dual-degree documents with the College of Agriculture and Bioresources.
- ❖ Hosted by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, a Chinese delegation of agricultural researchers and governmental leaders visited on November 2nd.

International Agreements Signed

In the past month, the U of S signed the following types of agreements with 12 different universities:

- ❖ Exchange agreements with **Universidade Estadual Paulista** in Brazil.
- ❖ Undergraduate student exchange agreements with **VU University Amsterdam**, in the Netherlands.
- ❖ Dual degree agreements with **Iwate University United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences** in Japan, and **Huazhong Agricultural University** in China.
- ❖ Training agreements with the **University of Surrey** in the United Kingdom, and **Agrocampus Ovest** in France.
- ❖ Renewals of cooperation agreements with **Jilin University** in China, and **Northeast Normal University** in China.
- ❖ MOU agreements regarding future collaborative activities with **Northeast Normal University**, **Beijing Normal University**, **Hong Kong Baptist University**, and **Jilin Agricultural University**, all in China, as well as with **Malaviya National Institute of Technology** in India.