

## INITIATIVES

### UnivRS Launched

The **University Research System (UnivRS)** version 1.0 launched to Research Services staff on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, replacing the previous Legacy Access Database system. In the coming months, some colleges will participate in a pilot release to prepare for university-wide implementation. The launch of UnivRS is a major first-step towards electronic research approvals. For more information on UnivRS, visit <http://goo.gl/eztQli>.

### U of S Young Innovators Get Public Profile

The OVPR launched its 10<sup>th</sup> annual **Young Innovators** series in the StarPhoenix this September. The weekly science articles are written by and about U of S graduate student researchers and will be published every Monday throughout the fall. To read stories published so far, visit: <http://goo.gl/g0VhW1> and <http://goo.gl/gpPFuu>.

### International Activity

The following international initiatives took place in September:

- ✦ A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on September 16<sup>th</sup> with **Bern University of Applied Sciences** in Switzerland.
- ✦ A delegation from the **Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar** visited the U of S on September 1-3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ✦ The Consul General of Italy in Vancouver visited the U of S on Sep 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ✦ Dean of Agriculture & Bioresources Mary Buhr visited **Northwest A&F University** in China.

## REPUTATIONAL SUCCESSES

### Health Scientists Receive National Honour

Three U of S health scientists have been elected as fellows of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. **Larry Brawley** (Kinesiology), **Jo-Anne Dillon** (VIDO), and **Ivar Mendez** (Surgery) have all been recognized for their demonstrated leadership, creativity, distinctive competencies and commitment to advance academic health science. For more information, visit: <http://goo.gl/AacmXI>.

### Waldram and Dalai Named to Royal Society

**Jim Waldram** (Psychology) and **Ajay Dalai** (Chemical and Biological Engineering) have been named **Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada** – our country's senior body for distinguished scholars and one of Canada's highest academic honours. For more information, visit: <http://goo.gl/qwK9U7>.

### Faculty Appointed to College of New Scholars

The Royal Society of Canada selected three U of S researchers during the inaugural year of its College of New Scholars, Artists, and Scientists. **Daniel Béland** (Public Policy), **Erica Dyck** (History), and **Regan Mandryk** (Computer Science) were all recognized as members of Canada's emerging generation of intellectual leaders.

## FUNDING SUCCESSES

### Research Projects Sponsored

Four U of S projects secured more than \$1M through contracts with sponsors:

- ❖ **Trever Crowe** (Mechanical Engineering) has been provided \$373,052 by the **Canadian Poultry Research Council** and **AgriInnovation** under the Growing Forward 2 program for the project, “*The Influence of Extreme Temperature on Turkey Physiology, Welfare and Meat Quality*”.
- ❖ **K. Eriqwe Lukong** received \$375,000 from the **Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation** for the project “*Epigenetic Regulation of the FRK Tumor Suppressor Gene in Triple Negative Breast Cancers*”.
- ❖ **Steve Shirliffe** (Plant Sciences) was funded by **Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada** and the **Organic Federation of Canada** on two projects under the national Growing Forward 2 program. The expected annual award for “*Novel Cultural and Mechanical Weed Control for Flax*” is \$40,000 and \$70,000 for “*Integrating Weed Control for Organic Pea and Lentil Production*” over three years.

### Researcher Among Leads on National Initiative

**Debra Morgan** (Canadian Centre for Health and Safety in Agriculture) is a PI on the *Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging*, a new national funding initiative aimed at preventing and mitigating the toll of neurodegenerative diseases for individuals and society. Morgan will lead a team receiving \$500,000 from **SHRF** to investigate issues in dementia care for rural populations.

### U of S Star in Global Health

**Ron Geyer** (Pathology & Laboratory Medicine) received \$112,000 from **Grand Challenges Canada's Stars in Global Health** program for the project “*Plant-Based Passive Immunization Against Dental Caries*”. The project aims to design plants which help prevent tooth decay when chewed, and will partly take place in the Republic of Yemen. For more information, visit <http://goo.gl/9Byo1c>.

### SSHRC Partnership Grants Awarded

U of S researchers are co-investigators on two recently successful **SSHRC Partnership Grants**:

- ❖ **Ken Coates** (Public Policy), **Philip Loring** (SENS), **Rose Olfert** (Public Policy) and **Ryan Gibson** (ICNGD) are co-investigators on the \$2.5M project “*RPLC: Rural Policy Learning Commons: Building Rural Policy through International Comparative Analysis*” awarded to William Reimer of Brandon University.
- ❖ **Ken Coates** (Public Policy), **Carin Holroyd** (Political Studies) and **Peter Phillips** (Public Policy) are co-investigators on the \$2.9M project “*PROGRIS: Creating Digital Opportunity*” awarded to David Wolfe of the University of Toronto.

### SSHRC Awards Connections Grants

Two U of S researchers were successful in receiving a **SSHRC Connections Grant**:

- ❖ **Stephen Wormith** (Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science and Justice Studies) was awarded \$16,274 to assist with the “*15th Biennial Symposium on Violence and Aggression*” held in June at the U of S in collaboration with Correctional Services Canada, Saskatoon City Police and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice.
- ❖ **Isobel Findlay** (Management and Marketing) is a co-investigator on “*Pursuing Excellence in Collaborative Community-Campus Research (CCCR): A National Summit*” led by Joanna Ochochka of the Centre for Community Based Research. The project was awarded \$50,000 to assist in supporting outreach activity.

### Internal Funding Awarded

The OVPR provided support in September through the following Internal Funds:

- ❖ **Visiting Lecturers Fund**: Three awards of \$1000.
- ❖ **Publications Fund**: 11 awards were made totaling \$14,599, plus learned journal subsidies were continued to the **Canadian Journal of History** (\$5,000) and **Native Studies Review** (\$3,500).