

Vice-Provost Faculty Relations Newsletter

What's New?

The Office of the Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations monthly newsletter is distributed to all faculty. The newsletter's purpose is to offer helpful tips, send out reminders, answer Frequently Asked Questions, and to highlight items of interest to faculty.

Office Updates

In early October, our office [put out a call](#) for nominations for the **Distinguished Professorship Program**. Distinguished Professors at USask can be faculty or emeriti, but the title is awarded to senior faculty whose activities and accomplishments have significantly enriched their scholarly discipline and they are recognized both nationally and internationally for their leadership and impact. The overall intent of the program is to celebrate exceptional achievement in research, scholarly, or artistic work (see the full [Terms of Reference](#) for more information). The deadline for this year's nomination applications is **December 15**. To download an application package, visit our [website](#). Any questions about the program can be directed to Anna Okapiec at anna.okapiec@usask.ca.

If you are interested in applying for a Research Grant in Lieu of Salary, or a Sabbatical RGLS, the deadline is November 1 for research programs commencing January 1. For more information and to download the application form, please visit our website [here for RGLS](#), and [here for SRGLS](#).



What's New Cont'd...

In early October, our office sent out a call to all Deans, Executive Directors, Associate Deans, and Department Heads about theme areas for Canada Research Chair (CRC) nominations.

Proposals for theme areas are due

January 17, 2022. If you need a copy of the call memo, please contact Jacque Zinkowski at jacque.zinkowski@usask.ca. Any questions about theme area proposals can be directed to our office, or to Laura Zink at laura.zink@usask.ca. More information about the CRC program can also be viewed on our [website](#).



Reminders & Events

Upcoming Dates & Deadlines:

- **October 31:** The deadline for the Dean or College Sabbatical Leave Committee to determine which sabbatical leave projects are acceptable and which are not acceptable, and to inform applicants.
- **October 31:** The deadline for Outside Consulting reporting to be completed. See below Pick of the Month for more information.
- **November 1:** The deadline for Research Grant in Lieu of Salary applications for research programs commencing January 1. See [here](#) for more information.
- **November 16 from 2-3:30pm:** Leadership Networking Session (virtual event) – [Personal Leadership Development & Experience](#).
- **December 15:** The deadline for nomination applications for the Distinguished Professorship Program. See [here](#) for more information.
- **January 17 (2022):** The deadline for theme area proposals for Canada Research Chair (CRC) nominations.

Have something
you want to see
featured in the
newsletter?

*Send your ideas, questions, and
research news to Naomi at
naomi.hansen@usask.ca.
We'd love to hear from you!*

See the [collegial process calendar](#) for more information on certain dates.

**Vice-Provost
Pick of the Month**

Outside Consulting: Updates on This Year's Process

Last week our office sent out a memo to all faculty regarding the annual Outside Consulting process. If you missed this memo, please contact Jacque Zinkowski at jacque.zinkowski@usask.ca for a copy. For this month's pick, we will hear from Vice-Provost Faculty Relations Ken Wilson on some important notes regarding the process for this year.

Hi everyone,

As faculty at the U of S, you should have received an email on October 14, 2021, requesting you to provide an update to the university regarding any Outside Consulting activities you perform. This can include any type of professional work for which you are paid by an entity other than the U of S (we have some examples on our VPFR website [here](#)). All faculty have the right to perform up to 12 days of consulting work, in addition to weekend and holidays ([Article 18.6](#) of the Collective Agreement). The memo provides a link to a SharePoint site where you can complete the report of your Outside Consulting. We would like this to be **completed by October 31, 2021**. We are asking you to confirm whether you took part in outside consulting beyond the 12 days, weekends and holidays, during the 2020-21 academic year. Simply check the "yes" or "no" box in the reporting tool to reflect your activities. The change in reporting starting this year is the result of an external audit performed by Deloitte. Their audit discovered an under-reporting of consulting work, largely due to people forgetting to submit the form or not receiving the email. This way, if you do not complete the report, we can follow up with you.

When you fill out the report on Outside Consulting, a notification email will be sent to your Department Head and Dean/Executive Director. If you have completed more external consulting than the 12-day limit, you simply need to work with your unit leader to ensure the outside work is not hindering your ability to complete the duties assigned to you as part of your U of S employment. As our full-time employees, we simply want to ensure that you can complete your assigned duties.

As mentioned above, there are documents on the [our website](#) that highlight our shared responsibilities under [Article 18.6](#) of the Collective Agreement and provide examples of activities that would fall under its provision.

As always, please contact my office if you have any questions,



End Notes: Faculty Spotlight

Seven USask researchers have been awarded over \$440,000 in SSHRC funding to support numerous projects that bridge history and social innovation. Read more about the specific research projects [here](#). Congratulations to the following faculty:

- Dr. Sabine Liebenehm, Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics
- Dr. Cheryl Troupe, Department of History
- Dr. Kirsten Fisher, Department of Political Studies
- Dr. Alessio Ponzio, Department of History
- Dr. Angela Lieverse, Department of Archeology & Anthropology
- Dr. Romain Chareyron, Department of Lang., Lit. & Cultural Studies
- Dr. Ashleigh Androsoff, Department of History

The Global Institute for Food Security has received \$3.2M in funding from the Saskatchewan government, through Innovation Saskatchewan and the Ministry of Agriculture. The multi-year funding is for GIFS's new engineering biology centre. Congrats to GIFS and all faculty involved! Read more about the new centre [here](#).

USask researchers in the College of Medicine have published research findings on Cystic Fibrosis in the journal *Cell Reports*, which could help with treatment of the disease. The team is led by Drs. Juan Ianowski and Julian Tam, within the Respiratory Research Centre. Read more about their discovery [here](#) and congratulations to all USask researchers involved!

Congratulations to Dr. Debajyoti Mondal in the Department of Computer Science, who is undertaking a project to improve transit services in Saskatoon and beyond. The project is in partnership with Saskatoon Transit and will use big data techniques to design fast and reliable algorithms, with a focus on reducing data analysis time from hours to seconds in order to predict ridership changes and bridge the gap between riders and planners. Read more about the project [here](#).

Congratulations to Dr. Graham Strickert, who was awarded the second annual Student's Choice Outstanding Teacher Award by the School of Environment and Sustainability's Student Association. The award was started in 2020 and you can read more about it [here](#).

If you have something you'd like to see highlighted in Faculty Spotlight, send your suggestions to vpfaculty.relations@usask.ca.

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