



**THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG SENATE
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE
(the “Committee”)
April 19, 2024**

The committee met four times the past year over video conferencing. In addition, several items were discussed via email.

Over the past year, the Committee discussed several key issues:

- Changes to the adjudication of student researcher grants, including the creation of a new Student Research Committee to adjudicate all internal and external student research grant applications.
- Updates to the eligibility criteria of the Undergraduate Student Research Travel Grants to ensure that part-time students can apply.
- Updated requirements for the Knowledge Mobilization and Community Impact Grants
- An alteration to the Research Grant in Lieu of Salary to ensure researchers spend funds in one calendar year and not spread over multiple calendar years for tax reporting purposes.
- The implementation of a new Indigenous Student Research Support Grant, provided through funding from the University of Winnipeg Foundation through the Winnipeg Foundation.
- The development of a new Research Nomination Committee to oversee internal and external research awards, which were previously reviewed by ad hoc committees on a case-by-case basis.
- The implementation of new policies for internal grants, including policies on final reporting and a new mandatory internal deadline for external grant applications.
- Preliminary discussions on Open Access charges and funding opportunities.
- The development of a new fund: the Indirect Costs of Research fund.

The Committee will be meeting quarterly (at a minimum) in the 2024-25 reporting year.

Future items to be reviewed by this committee are:

- Updating the temporary Terms of Reference for the Research Committee.
- The development of EDI requirements for internal research grants.
- The development of increased funding opportunities for Open Access charges and EDI-focused collaborative projects.
- A review of the internal grant funding priorities and a clearer model for assessing internal grants
- New procedures for student and faculty tie-breaking determinations for nearly identically ranked applications

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