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**Message from**

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**Date:** April 7, 2021

**To:** Deans, Directors, Associate Deans and Department Heads

**From:** Dr. Diane Hiebert-Murphy, Vice-Provost (Academic Affairs)

**Re: Faculty Development Initiatives Fund**

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I am writing to announce a call for proposals to the Faculty Development Initiatives Fund. The deadline to apply is June 14, 2021. This Call for Proposals will combine the February and July 2021 calls. The FDI Fund supports initiatives at the faculty/school or department level that encourage the development of academic staff and include activities such as faculty retreats, strategic planning, priority setting, and capacity building.

For this call, we especially encourage submissions that address the following issues:

- Equity, diversity, and inclusion;
- Indigenous engagement;
- Faculty engagement in the context of a return to campus;
- Exploration of curriculum revision in relation to lessons learned through COVID-19; and/or
- Faculty engagement in re-starting research after COVID-19.

Please note that the FDI Fund Guidelines are attached. The guidelines and application form can also be found at:

[http://www.umanitoba.ca/admin/vp\\_academic/media/FDI\\_Guidelines\(1\).pdf](http://www.umanitoba.ca/admin/vp_academic/media/FDI_Guidelines(1).pdf)

I look forward to receiving your submissions.