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To: College Research Leads and Department Heads
From: Dr. Peter Nickerson, Vice Dean Research, Faculty of Health Sciences
Re: Call for CRC Applications

Dr. Jayas, VPRIO has issued a call for CRC applications with a due date of April 10, 2017 (see attached). Available for RFHS to consider applying for are:

- CIHR: One Tier 1 and one Tier 2;
- NSERC: One Tier 1; and
- SSHRC: One Tier 1.

Submissions to the Vice Dean, RFHS Research Office must be received by 20 March 2017 Noon for internal review.

Applications will only be considered if submitted by a College Dean or a Department Chair. Individuals cannot submit a CRC application.

It has been determined that our best opportunity for success, resides in applying for the CIHR.

Working under the VPRIO theme of “Integrative Research in Health and Well-Being”, the framework for FHS prioritization will be as follows:

- Alignment to a research cluster* > a research team* > an individual research program
- Retention/Advancement = Recruitment for Tier 1
- Recruitment > Retention for Tier 2
- Retention/Advancement CRC applications require:
  - A candidate with a track record of Tri-Agency funding as PI
  - A strong track record of student training
  - Excellence of research productivity and high impact in their field
- Tier 1 Retention/Advancement should be an established leader in their field

Note:
*Research Cluster or Team criteria are to align with those found on the Research Manitoba website.
Recruitment CRC proposals need to clearly describe how the position will address a key gap to advance the overall strength of the research cluster or team to take it to the next level (i.e. potential to move a team to a cluster, or a cluster to a signature area).

Recruitment CRC proposals require a viable plan to sustain baseline funding beyond the term of the CRC as well as clearly articulate a plan for start-up funding.

Retention/Advancement CRCs must go through an internal call process at the College/Department level and involve Dr. Gary Glavin AVP, VPRIO in consultation. If there are questions regarding this process, you may contact myself or Dr. Gary Glavin, Associate Vice-President (Research). As well, Tracy Mohr can be contacted as a resource if you have questions regarding how candidates may align with the CRC established criteria for each of the tiers.

**Adjudication Process**

- The RFHS Research Advisory Committee Executive, comprised of P. Nickerson (Chair), R. Bhullar, P. Cattini, K. Coombs, Y. Gong, S. Moses, J. Ripat and B. Temple will review all applications.
- CRC proposals, approved by the RFHS RAC Executive, will be forwarded to Dean Postl for review and recommendation to VPRIO for consideration.
- VPRIO will determine final priorities and awards.