STRATEGIC PRIORITY

2.0 Research

SUB-PRIORITY

2.5 Enhance research with state-of-the-art facilities and resources in accordance with the Institutional Framework for the Support of Research (IFSR)

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RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

2.1,2.2,3.1,4.2,4.3,4.5,5.3,5.5,5.6

DESCRIPTION

Dalhousie’s emerging strategy to build overall research support and increase funding success focuses on three broad efforts: pursuit of strategic research areas, implementation of an Institutional Framework for the Support of Research (IFSR) and the engagement of industry and other partners.

During the 100 Days consultation, participants offered a great deal of feedback on the many ways in which research support could be improved at Dalhousie. In parallel with this consultation, an IFSR was developed through intense community engagement, and subsequently operationalized with clear deliverables and milestones. This framework is intended to support and encourage researchers, particularly emerging scholars, in enhancing their success with grant applications and management through: mentorship and facilitation; improved integration of services and existing resources and infrastructure relevant to the research enterprise; and identification of new funding sources and opportunities.

SPECIFIC GOALS

1. Improved integration and coordination of services and communications across sectors relevant to the research enterprise.
2. Enhanced support and facilitation of pre- and post-award activities that will reduce the administrative burdens on researchers while increasing their capacity to compete successfully for research funding (including raising success rates in Tri-Council funding competitions to the U15 average).
3. Enhanced researcher networking capability and collaboration within and outside of Dalhousie.
4. Development and support of core research facilities and multi-user space.
5. Development of additional research revenue streams and strategic deployment of internal, centrally held research-related funding.
6. Increase the number of national and international research awards.