In early April, Dalhousie faculty members were invited to submit expressions of interest for consideration as inaugural Provost Fellows. Twenty-three high-quality applications were received by the deadline, with interest from across the university.

In the end, the committee, with a representative from each strategic area, selected three candidates to serve as our first set of Provost Fellows. These fellows will have the opportunity to work with the Provost and relevant members of senior leadership to develop and implement a project intended to advance a university priority area, such as improving the graduate student experience, equity, diversity and inclusivity (EDI) across the curriculum/creating inclusive classrooms; creating a welcoming and inclusive Dal; and improving faculty/staff well-being.

The Inaugural Provost Fellows selected will be working on three very different but important projects. Dr. Estelle Joubert (Fountain School of Performing Arts) will be focusing on improving the graduate student experience. Dr. Lisa Goldberg (School of Nursing) has proposed a project that offers a way to build on our diverse talent and expertise across the university in advancing inclusive excellence. And finally, Prof. Michelle Williams (Schulich School of Law) will focus on bringing our African Nova Scotia strategy to life across the university.

The committee would like to thank all of the applicants for taking the time to submit their expressions of interest and congratulate the inaugural fellows. I am looking forward to working with the fellows to move their projects forward over the next two to three years.