November 15, 2019

TO: Deans and Directors of Faculties and Schools
FROM: Dr. Digvir Jayas, Vice-President (Research & International)

RE: 2020-2021 Federal Research Support Funds (RSF) Call for Proposals

I am writing to initiate the 2020-21 RSF Call for Proposals for the Direct to Faculties/Schools and Physical Plant (including animal research facility upgrades) portions.

1) Direct to Faculties/Schools:

We are anticipating a grant of $7.8M, which is net of funds, allocated to our affiliated health research affiliates.

In assuming a grant of this size, a maximum of approximately $2.1M will be available to units under the Direct to Faculties/Schools’ portion to offset eligible expenditures incurred in the 2020/21 fiscal year (20%-25% of the overall grant).

The Tri-Council funding (based on a three-year average 2016/17 to 2018/19) will serve as a guide in determining the funding allocated to specific faculties/schools.

2) Physical Plant – Research Facilities Upgrades:

An allocation of $950,000 from the 2020/21 RSF for Physical Plant to address issues related to the renovations and maintenance of research facilities.

3) Physical Plant – Animal Care Facilities Upgrades:

An allocation of $250,000 from the 2020/21 RSF for Physical Plant to address issues related to the renovations and maintenance of animal care research facilities upgrades. The amount is based on the approvals of the upcoming Infrastructure Planning Committee Meeting in December 2019.

Call for Proposals

Proposals should detail how funds are intended to be used bearing in mind the overall program objective to strengthen our research infrastructure making optimal use of federal investments in research and enhance our overall research performance.
Proposals are to consist of three parts as follows:

1. **Description of Current Capacity and Needs**

   For each of the eligible expense categories (facilities, resources, management and administration, regulatory requirements and accreditation, intellectual property), provide a brief (1 page), qualitative description of your current capacity and needs. Information from the RSF entitled “About the Program” is attached.

2. **Description of Funding Request**

   For each of those categories in which you are requesting funding, describe how funds would be used incrementally to enhance your research infrastructure. In describing the proposed use of these funds, refer to the sub-categories listed in the attached information from RSF entitled, “Eligible and Ineligible Expenditures”.

   **Note:**
   - RSF **cannot be used as matching funds** for any federal program, in particular, for CFI awards. In this regard, RSF cannot be used to cover renovation costs associated with CFI awards.
   - RSF **cannot be used** for the purchase of any equipment eligible for funding under other federal programs.
   - Expenses **must occur** during the fiscal year 2020/21 in order to be eligible. Those occurred outside this time frame are considered ineligible.

3. **Financial Spreadsheets Summarizing the Funding Request**

   A Request Summary spreadsheet is included to use for your financial request.
   (1) The Direct to Faculties/Schools request
   (2) The Physical Plant (Research Facility Upgrades) request
   (3) The Physical Plant (Animal Research Facility Upgrades) request.

Proposals are due no later than **January 31, 2020 at 4:30 pm**

Please feel free to contact VPRI Senior Budget Officer, Laura Deen at 474-7174 or Laura.Deen@umanitoba.ca should you have any questions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Enclosures

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