

**University of Windsor
Senate**

5.10: **Report of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation**

Item for: **Information**

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1. The President of the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR), Dr. Michael Strong, visited and held a number of online meetings with administrators and faculty of UWindsor on January 27, 2022. Dr. Strong presented CIHR's priority areas in the coming years as well as key points from its strategic plan. Dr. Lisa Porter, Executive Director, WE-SPARK Health Institute, described Windsor-Essex's health research ecosystem; many of its aspirations and activities are well-aligned with CIHR's plans for the future. Roundtable discussions then ensued with early-career researchers as well as with mid-career and established researchers. Dr. Strong promised follow-up meetings with the university and expressed hope for an in-person visit later in 2022.
2. UWindsor faculty, staff and students have received accolades:
 - Wen Teoh, Director of EPICentre, and Dave Cormier, Learning Specialist of the Office of Open Learning, received Awards of Excellence from Minister Jill Dunlop of the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities for their excellent contributions to innovation and entrepreneurship, and future proofing in student education, respectively;
 - Dr. Catherine Febria and her Healthy Headwaters Lab won the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) 2021 Conservation Award for Environmental Education, for their work in restoring freshwater ecosystems. Dr. Febria is an Assistant Professor and Canada Research Chair in Freshwater Restoration Ecology at the Department of Integrative Biology and the Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research;
 - Dr. Tricia Carmichael, Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, was honoured by NanoOntario's 2021 Award for Mid-Career Achievements, for her work in wearable electronics and creating an electroluminescent fabric; her award lecture will take place on February 17;
 - Dr. Manoj Mate, Faculty of Law, and Dr. Ning Zhang, Faculty of Engineering, were officially announced as Canada Research Chairs in, respectively, International Trade Law, and Edge Computing and the Internet of Vehicles.

Congratulations are in order!