

**University of Windsor
Senate**

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

Item for: **Information**

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1. NSERC released results of its last round of competitions on April 7, 2022. For the University of Windsor, there were 33 new Discovery Grant (DG) awards totaling \$3,563K over five years; this sum also included six Discovery Launch Supplements to Early Career Researchers, as well as one Northern Research Supplement. Our DG success rate for 2022 stands at 61%, which compares well with our six-year average of 54% and the three-year average for medium-sized universities at 60%.
2. NSERC DG is intended as a grant-in-aid to support the applicant's research program (not for specific projects), despite the fact that the awarded amount is typically modest. By contrast, the NSERC Research Tools and Instruments (RTI) grants are designed to support specific pieces of tools needed for research; university support augmenting NSERC's maximum RTI funding (capped at \$150K) is typically considered advantageous for a given application when there is an established need for the requested instrument. There were five successful RTI applications for the University of Windsor announced in April, amounting to \$569K.
3. The following is a summary of the University of Windsor's SSHRC awards in 2021-22: Connection Grants, four for \$149K; Partnership Grant, one for \$2,489K; Partnership Engage Grants, three for \$71K; Insight Grants, two for \$192K; and Aid to Scholarly Journals grants, two for \$160K.
4. Dr. Matthew Krause, Associate Professor of Kinesiology, has accepted the appointment as Chair of the Research Safety Committee (RSC), effective July 1, 2022. Matt brings to the position significant experience in research safety. We thank Dr. Ken Drouillard, the outgoing RSC Chair for his outstanding leadership in and untiring dedication towards safeguarding the health and safety of the University community throughout the pandemic.