SFU Strategic Research Plan, 2016-2020

As SFU approaches its 50th anniversary, we have much to celebrate. More than ever before, the advancement of excellence in research is a defining feature of SFU. Our faculty and students are engaged in the full continuum of research — from discovery to knowledge mobilization — to tackle the challenges our communities face locally, nationally, and internationally. As we look ahead to the next Strategic Research Plan (SRP), we have the opportunity to articulate a transformative research agenda for SFU’s future.

THE FRAMEWORK

The Strategic Research Plan guides the University in strengthening its research leadership, directing key priorities, responding to a changing research environment, and provides a platform for participation in collaborative research initiatives. Through these activities, SFU can communicate its distinctive research strengths and goals to our stakeholders, government, industry, and community partners.

Our Plan for the next five years will use SFU’s Strategic Vision as its “touchstone:” To be the leading engaged university defined by its dynamic integration of innovative education, cutting-edge research, and far-reaching community engagement. The unwavering commitment to supporting the full continuum of research remains a key part of our success. At the same time, we recognize that a prescriptive list directing specific research endeavours at SFU may not be the most effective way to deliver on SFU’s ambitious goal of engaging research. Instead, we envision developing a high-level set of forward-looking strategic priorities that serve as an inclusive space where our researchers can engage across disciplines to lead breakthrough discoveries and innovations. In doing so, SFU can build on its core strengths while meeting the challenges of the future.

THE PROCESS

This Fall, the Office of the Vice-President, Research will launch a consultation process with SFU faculties and key stakeholders to help develop a transformative SRP. Key questions driving this process include:

- What kind of research-intensive university do you think SFU should be?
- What areas of research make SFU distinct and have the potential to position SFU as a national and/or global leader?
- How can we strengthen services, linkages, and structures to better serve researchers and students at SFU?

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We invite you to engage with us in the SRP process by:

1. Completing our online survey
2. Attending a Faculty SRP Consultation Session

In late Fall, the feedback received will be summarized and presented at an Open Forum as we develop our SRP for the next five years.
SRP Faculty Consultation Schedule

ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
September 15, 2015
14:00-15:00
IRMACS Presentation Studio

HEALTH SCIENCES
September 16, 2015
10:00-11:00
IRMACS Presentation Studio

BUSINESS
September 18, 2015
12:00-13:00
IRMACS Presentation Studio

EDUCATION
September 22, 2015
13:00-14:00
IRMACS Presentation Studio

LIBRARY
September 23, 2015
12:30-13:30
Bennett Library Room 7200

SCIENCE
September 15, 2015
15:00-16:00
IRMACS Presentation Studio

APPLIED SCIENCES
September 16, 2015
13:00-14:00
IRMACS Presentation Studio

COMMUNICATION, ART AND TECHNOLOGY
September 21, 2015
13:30-14:30
SFU Harbour Centre, Room 1600

ENVIRONMENT
September 22, 2015
14:30-15:30
IRMACS Presentation Studio