SFU News | Rankings

- **Maclean’s Magazine**’s University rankings were released on October 26th. For the eighth year in a row, Simon Fraser University topped the rankings in the comprehensive universities category. According to Maclean’s, universities in the comprehensive category have a significant amount of research activity and a wide range of programs at the undergraduate and graduate level, including professional degrees. SFU is also highly ranked for its national reputation, placing second in its category and 10th among all 49 universities in the rankings (including medical/doctoral and primarily undergraduate categories). SFU also placed as one of the top 10 universities considered to be Leaders of Tomorrow and 10th among the most innovative. See the full SFU News story: [www.sfu.ca/sfunews/stories/2016/sfu-tops-macleans-rankings-for-third-straight-year-.html](http://www.sfu.ca/sfunews/stories/2016/sfu-tops-macleans-rankings-for-third-straight-year-.html)

- **Research Infosource Inc.**’s rankings of Canada’s Top 50 Research Universities were released on October 27th. SFU was ranked as the number one comprehensive university for the University Research Income Growth List. Over the past 15 years, SFU’s percentage of change/growth has increased an impressive 362%. For the Research Universities of the Year List, SFU was placed third amongst comprehensive universities. See the full rankings: [http://researchinfosource.com/top50_univ.php?platform=hootsuite](http://researchinfosource.com/top50_univ.php?platform=hootsuite)

- In its 2016-2017 World University Rankings, [Times Higher Education](http://timesshared.nationalgeographic.com/university-rankings/2017/world-rankings/) ranked SFU 10th in Canada overall, and 8th for citations. SFU’s ranking in the world is 232.

- The 2017 [U.S. News Global Rankings](http://www.usnews.com/education/college-rankings) places SFU in the 11th spot in Canada, based on its research output, impact, and reputation, supplied by Web of Science data. The rankings also places SFU among the top 10 universities in Canada in 8 subject areas, ranking 5th in Physics, and Environment/Ecology, and 6th in Computer Science.

Research Grant Successes

- SFU researchers were awarded $3.2M from SSHRC for 20 awards as part of this year’s Insight Grants competition. An additional $1M was awarded to nine SFU researchers as part of the Insight Development Grants.

- Five SFU researchers were awarded $2.97M from CIHR in this year’s Project Grant competition. The researchers are Glen Tibbits (BPK), David Vocadlo (Chemistry), Zabrina Brumme (FHS), William Small (FHS), and Meghan Winters (FHS).

- Carlo Menon (Engineering Science) has been awarded a $1.86M Foundation Grant from CIHR for his “Wearable technology to assist with hand and finger function” project.

- Felix Breden (Biological Sciences) received $525,000 from CFI and $250,000 from BC Knowledge Development Fund for “Immune Receptor Repertoire Data Commons for Personalized Immunotherapy.”
Research Awards & Honours

• Jing Li, Canada Research Chair in Global Investment Strategy at the Beedie School of Business, has been named to the 2016 cohort of the Royal Society College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists. The mission of the College is to recognize scholarly, research and artistic excellence, to advise governments and organizations, and to promote a culture of knowledge and innovation in Canada and around the world. The presentation of this cohort will take place on November 18th, 2016 in Ontario.

• John Willinsky of the Publishing@SFU program, as head of the Public Knowledge Project, has been shortlisted as one of the top three finalists across Canada for the 2016 SSHRC Impact Awards, in the Connection category. The successful recipient will be presented with the $50,000 award at a ceremony in Ottawa on November 22nd, 2016. In 2005, the SFU Library became the home base for the PKP, an open access publishing program that has significantly contributed to knowledge mobilization in Canada and internationally.

• Computing science professor Martin Ester has been named 2016’s most influential scholar in data mining. The international ranking, which is determined by citation counts in top-venue publications, is produced annually by AMiner, an academic search and mining system based at Tsinghua University.

SFU Innovates Updates

• On September 27th, SFU opened the Charles Chang Innovation Centre, a new graduate student residence and innovation facility at 308 W. Hastings St. in downtown Vancouver. The building is named after SFU Beedie School of Business alumnus Charles Chang, who earlier this year donated $10 million to SFU to establish the Charles Chang Institute for Entrepreneurship, which will support innovation and accelerate entrepreneurship throughout the University. The second floor of the building is a social innovation and technology hub that will educate, accelerate and connect students and community members working to build innovative and entrepreneurial solutions that address social challenges. The innovation floor is the new home of RADIUS, the Beedie School of Business’ social innovation lab and venture incubator.

• SFU Innovates sponsored the 2016 Greater Vancouver Clean Tech Expo and Championship on September 28th at Surrey City Hall. The event is Western Canada’s largest dedicated pitch competition and more than 30 companies – some SFU startups among them – compete for the title of “CleanTech Champ.” SFU showcased its latest innovations in clean energy and visitors could check out the SFU Innovation Pavilion, featuring a wide range of exhibits from faculty researchers as well as students, including several capstone projects designed in the School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering (MSE). Joy Johnson, Vice-President Research and International attended the event, gave opening remarks and also was a speaker at the BC Clean Technology Industry and Academic Leaders VIP Reception.

• The 2016 National Angel Summit (NACO) was from October 4th to October 6th and SFU was a Silver Sponsor. Director of Entrepreneurship Sarah Lubik, one of Canada’s 10
Innovation Leaders represented SFU Innovates at the summit. The summit is the flagship event for the Angel investor community with over 400 investors, partners and industry leaders attending from across North America and around the world.

- The **2016 Researching the City** was on October 12th. This year's guiding theme was SFU Innovates. The showcase portion of the event included an interactive public gallery of faculty, staff, student and alumni research from SFU’s Vancouver campus and the wider SFU community. Communications Officer, VP Research Office, **Tia O’Grady** and SFU Innovates Coordinator, **Vivian Chan** hosted a table at the event providing information on SFU Innovates. The storytelling portion of the event from 7:00pm – 9:00pm was moderated by **Dr. Joy Johnson**, and included a presentation of rapid-fire impact stories direct from the researchers themselves.

- The **C2CAN China Trip** is coming up on November 5th to November 15th. SFU entered into a collaboration with Hanhai Zihye Investment Management Group to establish the China Canada Commercialization Acceleration Network (C2CAN). This is the first relationship of its kind in Western Canada between a post-secondary institution and a Chinese high-tech conglomerate. C2CAN’s mission is to support commercialization of advanced technologies originating from China and Canada. An SFU Innovates news story will be developed post-trip and profile **Ian Hand**, SFU’s Executive Director, Industry Partnership Office and **William Li**, President, Canada Hanhai Investment Ltd.

- All SFU researcher submissions for the Research Runway and Technology Showcase at the 2017 **#BCTECH Summit** have been forwarded to event producers for consideration.

**SFU International**

- From October 3rd to October 7th, **Joy Johnson**, Vice-President Research and International, visited Santiago, **Chile** accompanied by **Carol Zachs** (SFU International). The goal of the visit was to participate and present at the EMULIES forum (Women Leaders in Higher Education) and to meet with SFU partner universities to deepen existing and explore new areas of collaboration including research and student mobility. Areas of collaboration discussed included innovation, aquaculture/salmon genomics, earth sciences, biomedical and health sciences, criminology, computational analysis and big data, indigenous affairs and education.