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# MEMORANDUM

<b>ATTENTION</b>	Senate	<b>DATE</b>	September 10, 2025
<b>FROM</b>	Peter Hall, Associate Vice-President Academic, and Acting Chair, SCUP, on behalf of Dilson Rassier, Provost and Vice-President Academic, and Chair, SCUP	<b>PAGES</b>	1/7
<b>RE:</b>	Name Change and Revised Terms of Reference for the Simons Foundation International Endowment and the Simons Chair in International Law and Human Security (SCUP 25-45)		

At its meeting on September 10, 2025, SCUP reviewed and approved the revised Terms of Reference for the Simons Foundation International Endowment.

**Motion:** That Senate approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Simons Foundation International Endowment.

SCUP also provided consultation on the proposed name change of the Simons Chair in International Law and Human Security to the Simons Chair in Peace, Disarmament, and Human Security. The proposal is attached and submitted to Senate for consultation for the proposed name change.

C: Laurel Weldon, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Nicoleta Amponsah, Director of Advancement, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

## MEMO

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TO: Dilson Rassier, Vice-President, Academic

FROM: Laurel Weldon, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

RE: Renaming and Revision – Simons Foundation Chair in  
International Law and Human Security (E421204)

c: Erin Morantz, Vice-President, Advancement and Alumni  
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Wanda Dekleva, Executive Director, Advancement and Alumni  
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Nicoleta Amponsah, Director, Faculty of Arts and Social  
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Shawn Li, Financial Analyst, SFU Financial Services

DATE: July 18, 2025

### Background

The Simons Foundation International Endowment was established at Simon Fraser University by The Simons Foundation of Canada, in partnership with Simon Fraser University in 2007. The fund supports the Simons Visiting Chair in Dialogue, the Simons Research Fellow in Dialogue, and the Simons Foundation Chair in International Law and Human Security.

In 2025, the donor requested that the Chair be renamed to the *Simons Chair in Peace, Disarmament and Human Security*, and has requested that the terms of reference be revised to make the research more focused on the relationships between disarmament, demilitarization, peace, human rights and human security, broadly defined.

In recognition of the contributions from the Simons Foundation of Canada, we propose the renaming of the **Simons Foundation Chair in International Law and Human Security** to the **Simons Chair in Peace, Disarmament, and Human Security**. This has been approved by the appropriate Dean and Vice-Presidents as indicated in the attached document.

Request1. Approval of Revised Terms of Reference

I request that you submit the following motion to SCUP.

*Motion: That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the revised terms of reference for the Simons Foundation International Endowment.*

2. Naming Consultation

I request that you submit the proposed *Simon Chair in Peace, Disarmament and Human Security* renaming to SCUP for consultation.

Sincerely,



Laurel Weldon  
Dean, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

Attachments

- *Simons Foundation International Endowment revised terms of reference*
- *Named Recognition Authorization – Chairs and Professorships*



## Simons Foundation International Endowment Fund

### Supporting the

**Simons Chair in International Law Peace,**

**Disarmament and Human Security**

**Simons Visiting Chair in Dialogue**

**Simons Research Fellow in Dialogue**

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### Terms of Reference (Revised 2013)

#### Overview

The Simons Foundation International Endowment Fund was established at Simon Fraser University by The Simons Foundation of Canada, in partnership with Simon Fraser University, in 2007. The Terms of Reference were revised in 2013. The Fund will support the Simons Visiting Chair in Dialogue on International Law and Human Security, henceforth referred to as the Simons Visiting Chair in Dialogue; the Simons Research Fellow in Dialogue on International Law and Human Security, henceforth referred to as the Simons Research Fellow in Dialogue; and the **Simons Chair in International Law Peace, Disarmament and Human Security**. Together, these will provide a public face to important intellectual, teaching and community outreach traditions at Simon Fraser University.

The Simons Foundation of Canada donated \$2 million (CAD) to The Simons Foundation International Endowment Fund and the annual income from its \$2 million donation will be used to fund the Simons Visiting Chair in Dialogue and the Simons Research Fellow in Dialogue.

The Simons Visiting Chair in Dialogue and the Simons Research Fellow in Dialogue will be funded by the annual income on \$2 million in the Simons Foundation International Endowment Fund. The balance of the income will fund the **Simons Chair in International Law Peace, Disarmament and Human Security**.

#### Purpose and Objectives

The **Simons Visiting Chair in Dialogue** and the **Simons Research Fellow in Dialogue** will enhance the understanding and raise the public profile of key international issues that affect the welfare and well-being of present and future generations and promote public debate with respect to these issues. Together, these appointments will work on annual public awareness and community outreach activities on issues of International Law and Human Security.

Additionally, the **Simons Chair in International Law Peace, Disarmament and Human Security** will carry out a program of research that will focus on the **areas of disarmament, peace, and human security, broadly defined on international law and international criminal justice as the foundation for human security.** ~~role of international law as a critical factor in preserving and promoting peace, human rights and human security, broadly defined.~~

#### Appointments

*Simons Visiting Chair in Dialogue on International Law and Human Security*

Simon Fraser University will appoint the Simons Visiting Chair in Dialogue. Visiting Chair holders will be leading figures with diverse backgrounds – including, but not limited to, the sciences, humanities, diplomatic corps, politics, non-government organizations and academe – who



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demonstrate, through their achievements, their work and/or writing, a commitment to promote change for the betterment of humanity and to enhance public awareness of international issues. Visiting chairs are expected to make at least two visits to the University during the term of their appointments, in order to conduct advanced seminars for students and faculty members, and to engage the general public with international issues.

The Simons Visiting Chair in Dialogue will be recruited in consultation between the Director of the School for International Studies and The Simons Foundation. Appointments to the Simons Visiting Chair in Dialogue will be concluded by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Appointments will be conducted according to policy A12.04 (Visiting Faculty), but recognizing that candidates may be drawn from a diverse set of professions and will not be required to teach regular courses.

*Simons Research Fellow in Dialogue on International Law and Human Security*

The Simons Research Fellow in Dialogue will be recruited by The School for International Studies and will be contracted for a maximum of one year. The Simons Research Fellow in Dialogue is expected to possess a PhD or equivalent expertise in the field of interest of the Simons Visiting Chair in Dialogue. Appointment of the Simons Research Fellow in Dialogue will be concluded by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

*Simons Chair in ~~International Law~~ Peace, Disarmament and Human Security*

Simon Fraser University will appoint the Chair in International Law and Human Security. The term of this appointment is 5 years and is renewable. The applicable policy is A10.06. Appointment and renewal processes will follow the policy.

Simon Fraser University will appoint to a tenure track position at the rank of associate professor or professor, a candidate who specializes in one or more of the following areas: international law and international relations, international criminal law, studies in war crimes and the international courts and international organizations. The intent is to appoint a candidate who will concentrate on teaching and research in the areas of disarmament, peace, and human security, broadly defined on international relations, international law and international criminal justice as the foundation for human security.

The Chair will be situated in the School for International Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the SFU Vancouver campus and will encourage and develop linkages with other departments, institutes and universities in order to promote interdisciplinary research and integration in this new field.





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As a critical member of the School for International Studies, the Chair will be expected to create new curriculum on international law and human security, to conduct a coherent program of research and to foster broader public understanding of the issues through conferences and symposia. The teaching load of the Chair will normally be 50% of the normal teaching load in the School for International Studies.

**Fund Administration**

The Simons Foundation International Endowment Fund will be held by Simon Fraser University. The administrator of the Fund will be the Vice President – Academic, or his/her designate. Donations to the Endowment may be received through Simon Fraser University.

The annual earned interest income (see Endowment Management Policy GP 20) will be used to support the salary, benefits and related activities of the Simons Visiting Chair in Dialogue, the Simons Research Fellow in Dialogue, and the Chair in International Law and Human Security, including teaching, research and community outreach activities.

The Simons Visiting Chair in Dialogue and the Simons Research Fellow in Dialogue will be allocated the annual income on \$2 million of the Simons Foundation International Endowment Fund. Any unspent income at the end of each year is to be reinvested in the Endowment or carried forward to be spent in the following year, at the Dean's discretion. The balance of the Endowment Fund's income will support the salary, benefits, and research of the Chair in International Law and Human Security. The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences will be responsible for the shortfall, if any, to honor the research, salary and benefits commitment for the Chair in International Law and Human Security.

In the event that circumstances make the specified use of the Endowment Fund no longer practicable or desirable, the Board of Governors of Simon Fraser University is hereby authorized to make any changes it may deem necessary in the terms or use of the Endowment Fund after consultation with The Simons Foundation of Canada. Such changes, however, are to be in keeping as far as possible with the original spirit and general intent of the Endowment Fund. This agreement may be amended by mutual consent of The Simons Foundation of Canada and Simon Fraser University.



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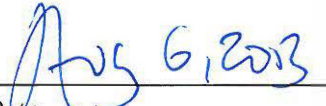
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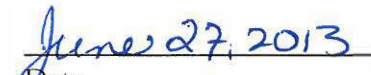
  
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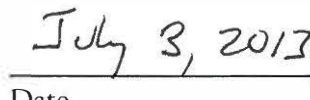
  
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