

# VP RESEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL (VPRI)

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## VPRI PORTFOLIO UPDATES

Lesley Esford joined SFU VentureLabs as its new Executive Director. [Faculty & Staff Dashboard](#).

The 2022 Community Trust Endowment Fund Progress Report and Operational Plan and updated Terms of Reference [are now available online](#).

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## RESEARCH FUNDING AND AWARDS

The province announced \$6.5 million in grant funding over 3 years to the new SFU-based B.C. Centre for Agritech Innovation, led by SIAT Professor Sylvain Moreno. The Centre will further position B.C. as a world leader in agriculture technology (agritech) by improving food security while creating hundreds of jobs. [SFU News](#). [Faculty & Staff Dashboard](#).

FCAT Professor Wendy Chun received \$6.22 million from the Mellon Foundation to counter the impacts of discriminatory online misinformation and algorithms, and foster more just and equitable futures. [SFU News](#).

SFU submitted an institutional proposal titled Community-Centred Climate Innovation (C3I) to the Canada First Research Excellence Fund competition on August 31. This \$96 million federal request is in response to a once-in-7-years federal competition, and brings together researchers from most SFU faculties to address climate adaptation, mitigation and sustainability. Final decision on the proposal is expected by April 1, 2023.

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## RESEARCH NEWS

SFU has ranked once more as Canada's number one university for innovation and has moved up to number one in the world for entrepreneurial spirit and number one in Canada for industrial applications in the 2022 [World's Universities with Real Impact](#) rankings. [SFU News](#).

SFU Researchers made a crucial breakthrough in the development of quantum technology. Their research, published in [Nature](#), represents a key milestone that unlocks immediate opportunities to construct massively scalable quantum computers and the quantum internet that will connect them. [SFU News](#).

Nine researchers were honoured as 2022 Distinguished SFU Professors. [Faculty & Staff Dashboard](#).

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## SFU INTERNATIONAL

President Joy Johnson visited Singapore in July to participate in the Association of Pacific Rim Universities Annual Presidents' Meeting to meet with several international university partners.

SFU International is proud to support Scholars at Risk, as well as students and faculty who have faced significant conflict in their home countries. SFU welcomed a visiting scholar to the Faculty of Health Sciences and three graduate students from Afghanistan to study education, public policy and business. Three Ukrainian undergraduates and four students from the University of Central Asia are also being supported.

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## STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

SFU Sustainability is leading the first official COP27 delegation process in collaboration with the President's Office and the Centre for Dialogue. They have five reserved badges which translates into ten total delegates and will partner with UBC and the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions to develop an educational program for students in connection with the conference.

CERi is accepting nominations for the 2022 Community-Engaged Researcher Awards, recognizing SFU faculty, graduate students, and community partners for outstanding community-engaged research that supports positive change. Deadline is October 2022.

Rosemary Georgeson, Sahtu Dene and Coast Salish artist, writer, and storyteller joined CERi's Researcher-in-Residence program in June.

The Knowledge Mobilization Hub hosted Research Meets Policy at SFU, a skill building and networking summer institute for 30 post-doctoral fellows and graduate students. They also collaborated with Research Impact Canada member institutions to host a national 8-week self-directed knowledge mobilization training program for over 300 faculty, students and staff.

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## SCHOLARLY IMPACT OF THE WEEK

From June to August, SFU's [Scholarly Impact of the Week](#) series highlighted the work of [Jeremy Brown](#), [Sarah Florence Davidson](#), [Vicki Marlatt](#), [Jonathan Moore](#), [Eric Beauregard](#), [Eric Jones](#), [David Sivak](#), [Stephanie Simmons](#), [David Voadlo](#), [Martin Andresen](#), [Leah Bendell](#), and [Ailene MacPherson](#). In addition, Elicia Maine was featured in the [Conversation Canada](#).