

VP RESEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL (VPRI)

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RESEARCH FUNDING AND AWARDS

SFU-led B.C. Centre for Agritech Innovation (BCCAI) announced the first four projects to help ensure the province's food systems remain secure, resilient and sustainable. [SFU News](#).

Nine SFU research projects were awarded a total of \$1,716,000 from the BC Knowledge Development Fund for nine projects.

The federal New Frontiers in Research Fund Rapid Response competition awarded three SFU researchers a total of \$1,492,458 for three projects.

SFU public policy professor Nancy Olewiler was awarded \$1,000,000 for four years from Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions for the proposal: *Serving Rural & Remote Communities: Co-developing Place-Based Climate Resilient Solutions*.

SFU resource and environmental management professor Jonathan Moore was recognised with the Confederation of University Faculty Associations (CUFA) B.C. 2023 [Career Achievement Award](#).

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RESEARCH, INTERNATIONAL AND SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

SFU unveiled the new SFU Innovation Plaza in Surrey's innovation corridor. Home to BCCAI, the Quantum Algorithms Institute, Coast Capital Venture Connection and an office of the National Research Council Industrial Research Assistance program, the space will help advance the emerging fields of quantum computing and agritech, and further research, innovation and entrepreneurship in B.C. [SFU News](#).

SFU physicist Stephanie Simmons was asked to help lead Canada's new quantum strategy. [SFU News](#).

Four SFU researchers earned 2022 SFU Newsmaker Awards. [SFU News](#).

The SFU Public Knowledge Project, a global force in scholarly publishing, was announced as the latest core facility. [Faculty & Staff Dashboard](#).

Sarah Lubik, executive director of the Chang Institute for Entrepreneurship and academic director of the i2I program, published a compelling op-ed on how Canada's innovation talent problem needs people-focused solutions. [The Hill Times](#).

SFU's Knowledge Mobilization Hub collaborated with the University of Dundee on a integrated [knowledge translation toolkit](#).

SFU's Community-Engaged Research initiative (CERi) welcomed Wendy Pedersen as the inaugural activist-in-residence; Khari Wendell McClelland as artist-in-residence; Bruce Mutsvairo as virtual international researcher-in-residence; and Evelyn Encalada Grez as researcher-in-residence.

CERi recognized eight exceptional individuals with awards for impactful community-engaged research. [CERi Awards](#).

SFU launched the [Embedding Sustainability and Climate Action \(ESCA\) Approach and Process](#). The goal of ESCA is to embed sustainability and climate action work across the university. SFU Sustainability is working with VP sustainability leads to develop action plans and establish a community of practice to encourage continuous learning, collaborative community development and cross-silo innovation.

SFU Sustainability launched the "People and Planet SFU Yearbook" storytelling project highlighting the people and partners at SFU contributing to sustainability and climate action. The project will replace their traditional annual report.

SFU International supported the mission to Singapore to attend the inaugural Canada-in-Asia Conference hosted by the Asia Pacific Foundation and Universities Canada. During the visit, President Joy Johnson met with SFU alumni and partners in the region, presidents of 25 Canadian universities, and Canadian government and diplomatic heads of mission from the Indo-Pacific as Canada kicked off the new Indo-Pacific Strategy.

SFU International hosted a reception for Vancouver-based consuls-generals. The diplomatic corps, a key partner of SFU's global engagement, was treated to an overview of the university and its international engagement activities.

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SCHOLARLY IMPACTS

In January and February, the [Scholarly Impact of the Week](#) series featured the works of [Taco Niet](#), [Erik Kjeang](#), [Jennifer Marchbank](#), [Jesse Hahm](#) and [Deanna Reder](#).