2025 SMU RESEARCH RECOGNITION RECEPTION

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and the FGSR Research Office team

Saint Mary's University

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- Thank you for all coming this afternoon to join us in recognizing research success of so many Saint Mary's colleagues!

- SMU faculty are active in many areas of scholarship – not all of which require external funding to support ...

- Today is just one of several ways we have (and will) join together to share and celebrate SMU research and researchers:
  - **Annual SMU Research Expo** (March)
  - **3 Minute Thesis competition** (grad students – winter)
  - New **SMU Research Spotlight** lunch-talk series
  - Events within Faculties (Arts, Science, Sobey School)

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- That said... let me give my annual reminder .... **Obtaining external funding to support research:**

➢ **is not easy!**

➢ **is a recognition by outside peers/experts that the research is of high quality – winning funding in a competitive environment**

➢ **provides the means to hire and support/fund student researchers (undergrad, grad) and postdocs, technical staff**

➢ **constitutes a key measure used in many overall university rankings**

➢ ***is worthy of recognition!***

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- **Today marks the 8th Annual recognition of ALL faculty members who have received External Funds in Support of Research from SEPTEMBER 2024 – SEPTEMBER 2025**

  (including co-PI's that have had money transferred to SMU)

- Funding from these sources:
  - Canada Research Chair program
  - SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR research grant programs
  - SSHRC, NSERC Partnership Programs
  - a wide variety of other provincial and federal agencies, and direct research contracts with companies/organizations

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- Before getting to those recognitions, I wanted to be sure to both

Recognize and Thank

the *FGSR Research Office team* for all their help putting this together (and supporting the research efforts of those faculty being recognized today), and

Introduce (or re-introduce) them to you (even if they aren't here!) ..

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- *FGSR Research Office team*

Shane Costantino *(Assistant to the Dean)*
Vanisa Omicevic *(Research Office Assistant)*
Marlene Ramos *(Research Grants Officer - RGO)*
Kevin Buchan *(Director, Office of Innovation & Comm. Engagement)*
Danielle Goodfellow (Industry Liaison Officer, OICE)
Ray MacNeil (CLARI Network Manager – community-engaged research)

Orshy Torok *(Research Ethics Officer)*
Caila Henderson *(Aquatic Facility Mgr / Animal Care Comm Coordinator)*

..and the support received from Financial Planning & Analysis (FP & A) to manage the financial aspects of this continuing large amount of $ flowing in from external sources:

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- *FP&A Research Accounting team:*

  Marcia Kissner *(Supervisor, Financial Reporting and Accounting)*
  Paula Walker *(Senior Research Accountant, Financial Reporting and Accounting)*

NOTE: we may have missed one/some grants or contracts of professors who actually received $ during this year ... If this happens:

(1) Sorry!!

(2) Please email me after and I'll update this presentation for our FGSR webposting.

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(103 full-time Professors, 6 Adjunct Professors, 2 SMU staff)

Faciliated By:	# Grants/Cont	Total Funding
CRC	6	$600,000
RGO	97	$4,028,703
OICE	116	$5,653,906
Total	**219**	**$10,282,609**

Plus acknowledging the additional annual support from Tri-Agencies for "indirect cost of research" support:
RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND ~$1,260,406

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"RSF" is way Tri-Agencies provide support for the "indirect costs of research" (or "overhead") back to universities, based on the grants give that cover "direct costs of research" ... See our public accountability site:
www.smu.ca/fgsr/fgsr-research-support-fund.html

Other research grants/contracts outside Tri-Agencies provide this support for indirect costs via an "overhead payment" to SMU when providing these grants/contracts ... See our FAQ page:
www.smu.ca/fgsr/fgsr/grants-agreements-faq-for-faculty.html

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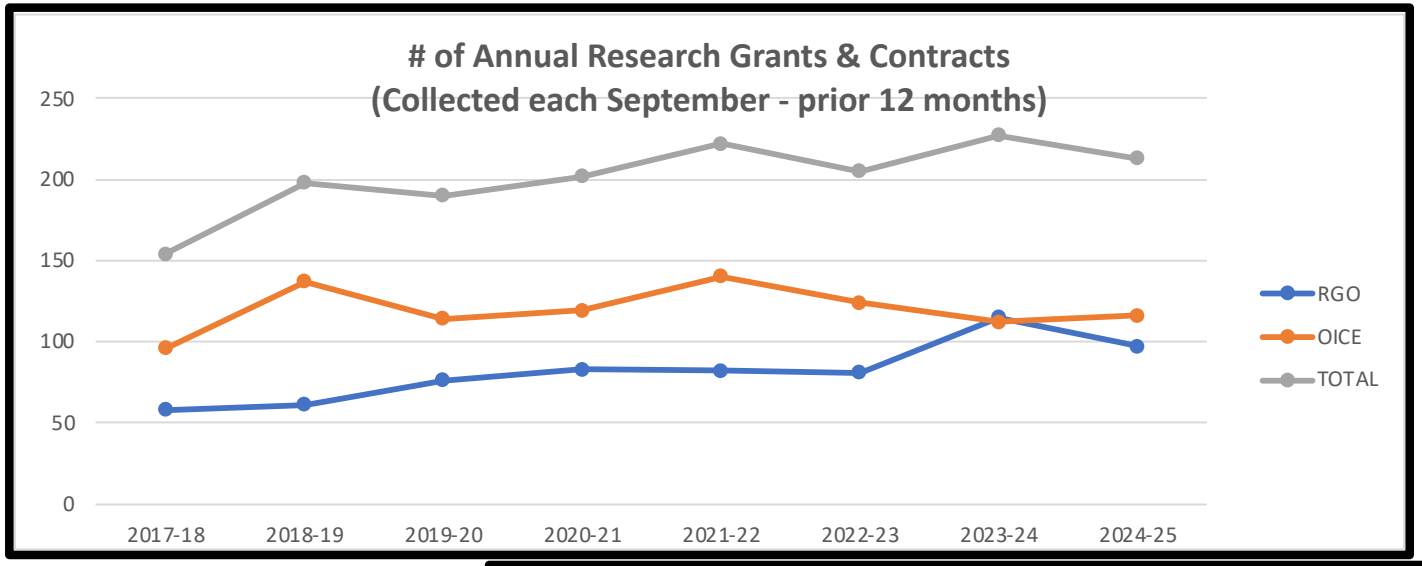
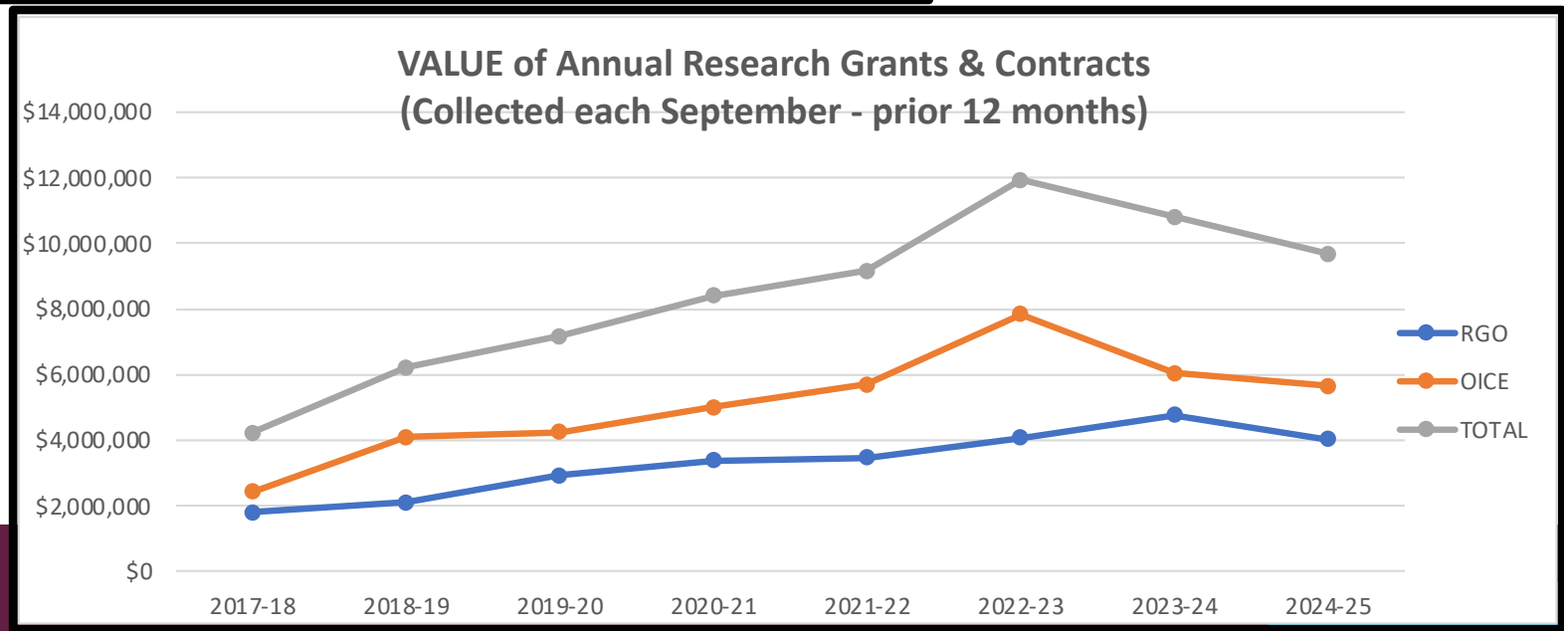
Charting 8 year progression – by Grant or Contract (facilitated by RGO or OICE)

(CRCs not included in this table)





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Comparison to Last year – by Faculty (Arts, Sobey School of Business, Science)

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Faculty	# Faculty Members			Total Funding		
	2023-24	2024-25	1 yr % Change	2023-24	2024-25	1 yr % Change
ARTS	21	22	4.8%	$2,944,861	$3,117,155	5.9%
BUSINESS	33	28	-15.2%	$1,664,678	$1,159,593	-30.3%
SCIENCE	62	64	3.2%	$6,209,790	$5,405,861	-12.9%
Total	116	114	-1.7%	**$10,819,329**	**$9,682,609**	-10.5%

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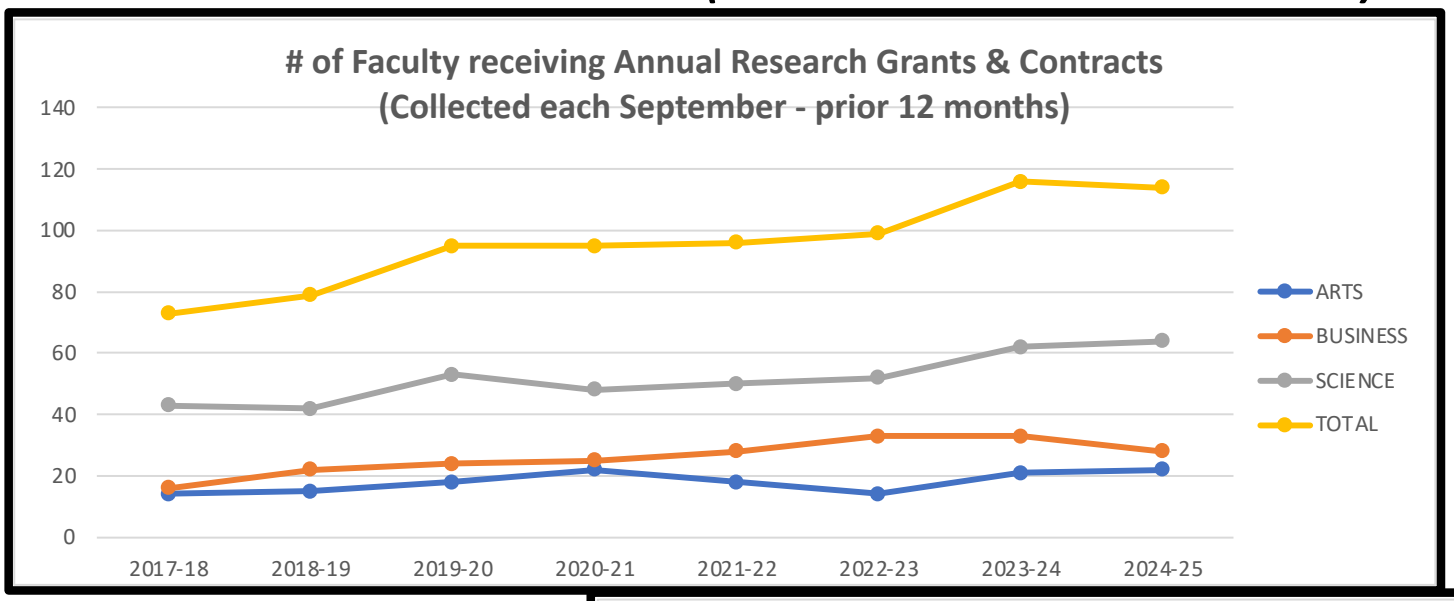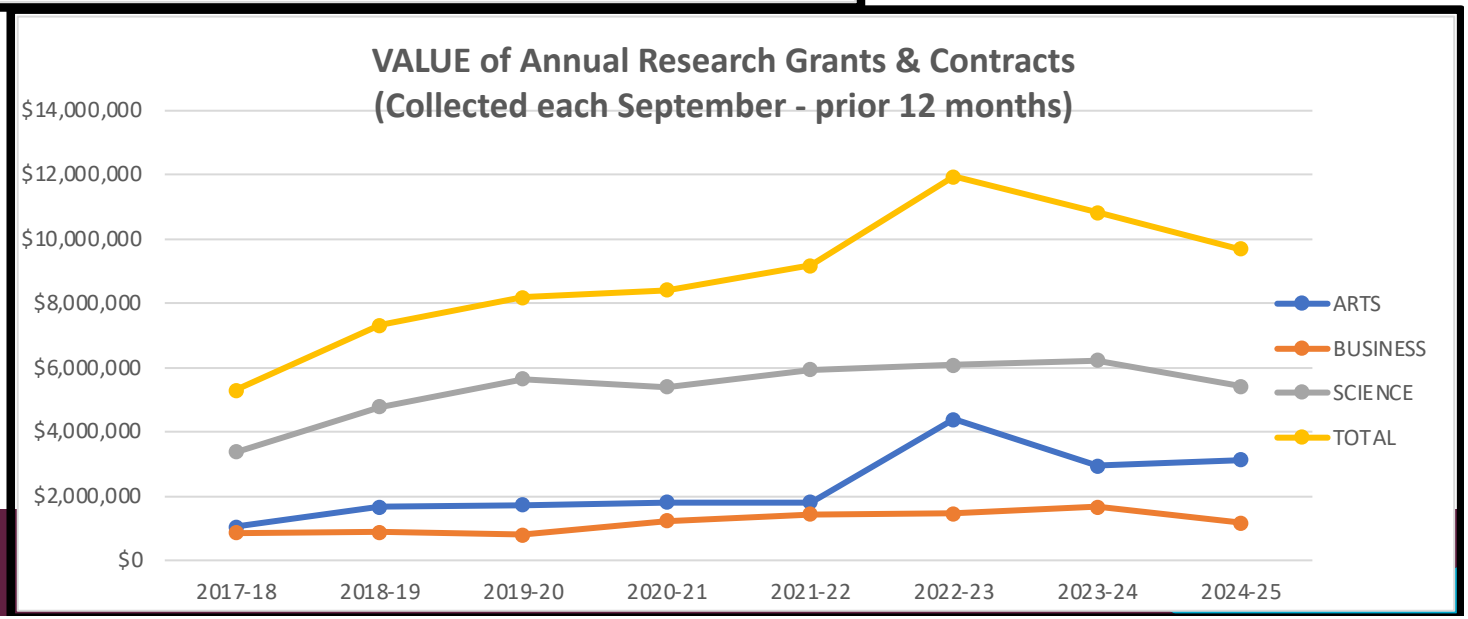
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