MEMORANDUM 2016-17/06

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cc: Brian Coates

From: Cristina Amon, Dean

Date: December 9, 2016

Re: 2017 Dean’s Strategic Fund: Call for Proposals

I am pleased to invite requests for the sixth round of funding from the Dean’s Strategic Fund (DSF).

We welcome projects that will have broad impact within the Faculty. For example, a project being proposed could further our Academic Plan goals such as enhancing the student experience and/or developing multi-departmental and collaborative initiatives.

The funding will be made available for one year, for one-time-only initiatives, or up to three years for more comprehensive projects. By the completion of the funding period, a project must become self-sustaining, either through generation of its own revenue, or incorporation into the budget of participating units. The intent of the DSF is to encourage ideas to be implemented that might otherwise not get started due to lack of start-up funding. Proposals must be submitted by the Chair or Director of the department, institute or EDU:C.

I will convene a DSF Advisory Committee to review the submissions received and make recommendations on the awards to be made. Submissions of up to six pages should be prepared with the attached template, including an executive summary, description of the project, milestones, and itemized listing of annual budget requirements. Funded projects will then prepare an annual report on progress against milestones, based on the reporting year July through June. For multi-year projects, this progress will be assessed prior to releasing further funding.

The deadline for proposals is March 20, 2017. Please inform my office (director.fase@ecf.utoronto.ca) by February 21 if you plan to submit a proposal and what the project topic is.