



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Cristina Amon, Dean

MEMORANDUM

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To: Chairs and Directors

From: Cristina Amon, Dean

Cc: Brian Coates, Steve Miszuk

Date: April 29, 2016

Re: **Dean's Infrastructure Improvement Fund: Call for Proposals**

I am pleased to invite Chairs and Directors to submit proposals for funding large-scale infrastructure improvements within FASE where the cost will be shared 50:50 between the Faculty and sponsoring department/institute.

Scope: Teaching and research laboratory improvements are preferred, but high impact/visible general facility renovations are also welcome, with a construction value of over \$50,000.

Purpose: To allow departments/institutes to continue to fulfill our academic mission, improve the student experience, comply with current regulatory (health & safety) standards, and upgrade outdated facilities not commensurate with FASE's reputation as the premier engineering school in Canada.

Background:

- Labs, offices, and facilities built many years ago may not meet current academic requirements or regulatory standards, and constrain our education pedagogies and research capacity.
- Renovation is essential to maximizing the utilization of scarce infrastructure resources.
- Renovations will support increased numbers of MEng research-based master's and doctoral graduate students, and provide the updated infrastructure needed to support today's teaching and research innovation.

We are looking for large impact infrastructure improvement projects.

I will convene an Advisory Committee to review and recommend submissions for funding. Submissions of up to five pages should be completed using the attached template, and include an executive summary; description of the project; estimated total project cost (TPC); and benefit(s) to the sponsoring department/institute and the Faculty. Please contact Steve Miszuk to review estimated costing prior to submitting your proposal.

Proposals should be submitted to the Director, Office of the Dean director.fase@ecf.utoronto.ca by June 30, 2016. By this time, we should have learned the outcome of our submissions to the federal Post-Secondary Strategic Infrastructure Fund.