

Cristina Amon, Dean

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**To**: Grant Allen, Farid Najm, Jun Nogami, Mark Kortschot, Brent Sleep, Chris Yip, Jean Zu, David Zingg, Markus Bussmann, Bryan Karney, Tom Coyle, Ted Sargent, Micah Stickel, Jonathan Rose, Yu-Ling Cheng, Elizabeth Edwards, Dimitris Hatzinakos, Eric Miller, Hani Naguib, Goldie Nejat, Aimy Bazylak and Doug Reeve

cc: Brian Coates

From: Cristina Amon, Dean

Date: December 11, 2015

Re: 2016 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 are looking for projects that will have broad impact within the Faculty. For example, a project being proposed could further our Academic Plan goals such as 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 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. All 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 completed 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 any further funding.

The deadline for full proposals is March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, for review by the DSF Advisory Committee in April. Please inform my office at <u>dean.engineering@ecf.utoronto.ca</u> by February 19<sup>th</sup> if you plan to submit a proposal and what the project topic is.