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**From**: Cristina Amon, Dean

**Date**: May 7, 2014

Re: 2014 Dean's Strategic Fund: Call for Proposals

I am pleased to invite requests for the fourth round of funding from the Dean's Strategic Fund.

We are looking for projects that will have broad impact within the Faculty. As examples, the initiatives being proposed could further our Academic Plan goals such as developing multi-departmental and collaborative initiatives.

The funding will be made available for up to three years for approved projects. Within this time frame, the project must become self-sustaining, either through generation of its own revenue, or incorporation into the budget of participating units. The intent 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 an evaluation committee to review the submissions received and make recommendations on the awards to be made. Submissions of up to six pages should include the attached cover page, 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. For multi-year projects, the evaluation committee will assess these annual progress reports prior to releasing further funding.

The deadline for proposals is June 13, 2014; awards can start after August 2014. Please inform my office at dean.engineering@ecf.utoronto.ca by June 1<sup>st</sup> if you plan to submit a proposal and what the project topic is.