

Cristina Amon, Dean

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To: Grant Allen, Brent Sleep, Farid Najm, Deepa Kundur, Markus Bussmann, Jun Nogami, Chris Damaren, Tom Coyle, Julie Audet, Ramin Farnood, Bryan Karney, Micah Stickel, Craig Simmons, Warren Chan, Hani Naguib, Yu-Ling Cheng, Doug Reeve, Vladimiros Papangelakis, Jonathan Rose, Elizabeth Edwards, Dimitris Hatzinakos, Eric Miller, Goldie Nejat, and Aimy Bazylak

cc: Brian Coates

From: Cristina Amon, Dean

Date: December 20, 2017

Re: 2018 Dean's Strategic Fund: Call for Proposals

I am pleased to invite requests for funding from the 2018 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 2017-2022 Academic Plan goals such as enhancing diversity and/or developing multi-departmental and collaborative cross-faculty 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 an 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 **Friday**, **March 23**, **2018**. Please inform my office (<u>director.fase@ecf.utoronto.ca</u>) by **Friday**, **February 23**, **2018** if you plan to submit a proposal and include the project topic.