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To: Researchers, Associate Deans (Research) and Research Facilitators in Faculties that are Eligible to Apply for the Killam Research Fund

From: Lorne A Babiuk, Vice-President (Research)

Re: **Changes to the Killam Research Fund Following Review of Programs in 2012**

The Killam Research Fund (KRF) has been in successful operation for more than five years, and recently I consulted with Faculties regarding setting up a review process.

In particular, a working group chaired by Dr Lois Harder (ADR, Faculty of Arts) was established, with the following members: Dr Ingrid Johnston (Associate Dean, FGSR and professor in Education), Dr Roxanne Harde (ADR, Augustana), Professor Barbara Billingsley (ADR, Faculty of Law), Dr Ellen Macdonald (ADR, ALES), Dr George Pavlich (Associate Vice-President Research) and Ms Annette Kujda (Office of the Vice-President (Research)). The group discussed and recommended changes (eg, proposed the Research Connection Grants to replace the Special Opportunities Fund); they also edited and reviewed the Guidelines and grant application forms. The working group's recommendations were also reviewed by the Killam Research Fund (KRF) Committee. I would like to thank the members of the working group for their diligent work.

I am pleased to report that, at their 29 May meeting at the University of Alberta, the Killam Trustees approved the working group's recommended changes to the Guidelines, newly created Research Connection Grants application, and minor revisions to the cornerstone and conference travel grant application forms.

The revised Guidelines and grant application forms can be found on the Office of the Vice-President (Research)'s website at the following address: <http://www.research.ualberta.ca/ForResearchersandStaff/ApplyingforFunding/VPRFundingPrograms/Killam%20Research%20Fund.aspx>.

The KRF Committee would like to draw your attention particularly to the newly created Research Connection Grants that will replace the Special Opportunities Grant; please note that the latter will no longer exist. As noted in the revised Guidelines, the newly formed Research Connection Grants are designed to support *collaborative research activities* hosted by the UofA. These funds are designed to support sustained research collaboration (that may include leading national and international scholars) to drive research at the forefront of particular fields of knowledge. The Guidelines have undergone substantial revisions and it is important that everyone read them carefully before submitting an application. You will also note that the Guidelines now contain criteria used by the KRF Committee when reviewing applications.

I would ask that Associate Deans (Research) and Research Facilitators ensure that this information is circulated within their faculties. For further information on the Killam Research Fund, please contact the Research Facilitation Office within your Faculty.

Sincerely,

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