

# Grant Facilitation Overview:

## The Who, What, Why, When, and Where

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## GRANT FACILITATION: WHO WE ARE

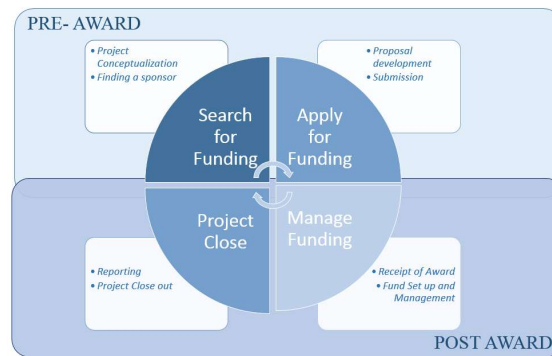
Grant Facilitators, aka, '*The Dream Team*'

- Barb Flynn (Social Sciences and Humanities)
- Somiraa Said (Health)
- Liz Vanderlinde (Natural Sciences and Engineering)
- Michelle Beitel (Institutional and Manager)



# GRANT FACILITATION: WHAT WE DO

Life-cycle  
of a grant



# GRANT FACILITATION: WHAT WE DO

## Search for Funding

- Provide advice about funding programs
- Support partnership development
- Announce funding opportunities
- Tri-agency Cohort program



# GRANT FACILITATION: WHAT WE DO

## Apply for Funding

- Budget development support
- Grant Review
- Draft letters of support
- Manage Institutional approvals ([Funded Research Approval Form](#))



# GRANT FACILITATION: WHAT WE DO

## Manage Funding

- Notify researchers, senior leadership and communications of funding program results
- Advise researchers on funding terms and conditions
- Ensure compliance requirements are met
- Request new fund setup
- Assist with fund transfers, such as sub-grants



## GRANT FACILITATION: WHAT WE DO

### Project Closeout

- Request extensions, or other project amendments
- Provide support for reporting



## GRANT FACILITATION: WHY WE DO IT

- Research funding resources are limited and funding programs are increasingly competitive
- The requirements of funding agencies are becoming more complicated (EDI, data management, open access, research security and cybersecurity, Research Partnerships risk assessment etc.)
- Promote the U of R signature research strengths in Climate and the Environment, Digital Futures, Living Heritage, and Health and Wellness ([2020-25 Research Action Plan](#))
- Align with the five pillars of the [2020-25 Strategic Plan](#) “*All Our Relations: kahkiyaw kiwâhkômâkaninawak*”

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**\*Connect with a Research Facilitator EARLY AND OFTEN!\***

## GRANT FACILITATION: WHEN WE DO IT

- Aim to submit a draft application at least two weeks before the submission date, or by the internal deadline, whichever is first

### **Important deadlines:**

- Cohort program – Expression of Interest deadline is April 10, 2024
- President's Research Seed Grant and SSHRC Explore Grant – May 15, 2024
- NSERC – Discovery Grant – NOI, August 1, 2024 and full application, November 1, 2024
- Health – CIHR project grant two intakes in fall (August/September) and spring (February/March)
  - SHRF establishment grant; Eligibility: January, Application: March

## GRANT FACILITATION: WHERE WE DO IT

- **Anywhere!**
  - The Office of Research Services is now located in CK227
  - Zoom
  - Email (first name.last name@uregina.ca)
  - Phone: 337-3240 (Somiraa); 337-2372 (Liz); 585-5383 (Barb); 337-2479 (Michelle)

## Questions for Panelists:

1. Ask for brief introduction
2. What is your best advice for an effective grant?
3. Describe the kinds of support you've received from the ORS and how they were valuable
4. What is your most memorable reviewer comment? How do you manage rejection?
5. What is your role in supporting researchers (ADRs)