



**THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG SENATE  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE  
(the “Committee”)  
April 14, 2025**

The committee met four times in the past year over video conferencing.

Over the past year, the Committee discussed several key issues:

- The terms of reference for the Research Committee, including a discussion on the ongoing plan to reconstitute the Research Committee as the Research Adjudication Committee once the changes to the Senate Standing Rules have been enacted.
- The creation of tie-breaking procedures for student research awards and grants.
- The discontinuation of the internal Partnership Development Grant due to low subscription.
- The increase of the internal Discretionary Grant from \$1,000 to \$1,500 to accommodate the increasing research costs.
- The establishment of a new Undergraduate Student Research Award in the area of health and wellness.
- The requirement for internal grants is to begin following the newly developed Tri-Agency Narrative CV format, starting with applications in the 2025-26 fiscal year.
- The setting of a minimum salary for Postdoctoral Fellows at UW.
- A discussion on a new potential award for research that involves community impact.
- Revisions to the Distinguished Faculty Travel Award to broaden the definition of “keynote”.
- The establishment of guidelines for childcare expenses on grants.
- Notice that the Research Office will take over the administration of a select number of student research opportunities from the Awards and Financial Aid office.

The Committee will meet quarterly (at a minimum) in the 2025-26 reporting year.

Future items to be reviewed by this committee are:

- The development of EDI requirements for internal research grants.
- A review of the internal grant funding priorities and a clearer model for assessing internal grants.
- The review of new awards, specifically for Indigenous researchers.

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