

SEAMO Takes Major Step Toward Improving the Centre's Research Profile

At its regular meeting yesterday, the SEAMO Governing Committee approved the Terms of Reference for the new Strategic Research Development Fund.

With SEAMO's adoption of the report of the Task Group on Allocation System Review ("TGASR"), the organization established the significant expansion of the research enterprise as a priority. Governors established a Strategic Research Development Fund to support this objective. SEAMO management was asked to prepare a proposal for the operation of this fund. Yesterday, Governors approved the Terms of Reference.

Two initiatives

The Fund will support two initiatives. The first is the Clinician Scientist Development Initiative. This initiative, with a one-time budget of \$1.8 million, will help to develop new clinician scientists from within the current pool of SEAMO physicians. The fund will provide support to departments in order to increase the protected research time of individuals currently in the department.

The second initiative is the New Clinician Scientist Initiative. It will establish new positions that will be filled primarily through external recruitment. This initiative will have a budget of \$3.6 million annually.

Both initiatives will be governed by a competitive, peer-review process to which all departments will have equal access.

More details will be provided to departments by the Vice Dean Academic and the Vice Dean Research. On request to SEAMO (seamo@queensu.ca) four documents are now available:

- i. Terms of Reference for the Strategic Research Development Fund
- ii. Terms of Reference for the Clinician Scientist Development Initiative
- iii. Terms of Reference for the New Clinician Scientist Initiative
- iv. Terms of Reference for the Program Committee, which will manage the application review process.

Deliverables Committee Call for Nominations

The Nominations and Governance Development has re-issued its Call for Nominations for the Chair and members of the new Deliverables Committee. SEAMO physicians interested in nominating an individual to serve on the Committee should contact their department head. Terms of Reference for the Committee can be found on the SEAMO website

(http://www.seamo.ca/assets/Deliverable_Comm_ToR_Approved_2010_Nov_11.pdf).