

# SEAMO NEWSLETTER

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## Innovation Fund

At its meeting on October 6, SEAMO Governing Committee reviewed the guidelines for this year's Innovation Fund competition. SEAMO was allocated \$670,985.

The timeline for governance organizations to submit their guidelines for their competition is extremely tight, as is the time available for investigators to submit proposals. In order to meet the imposed time frame, the Governing Committee has

1. Appointed a 3 person steering committee consisting of Roger Deeley (Chair), Jim Brien and Rob Brison. The steering committee will have the authority to develop competition guidelines and procedures based on last year's experience, which was viewed favourably, both by Governors and by the Provincial Oversight Committee.
2. SEAMO physicians who wish to submit a proposal should provide a statement of interest no later than November 9, 2009. The statement of interest should reference the area of interest (noted at the bottom of page 5 in the provincial guidelines previously circulated) and should provide the proposed title of the project. Applications consistent with guidelines must be received no later than December 18, 2009.
3. Notice of intention to submit a proposal and the proposal should be provided electronically within the specified dates to [seamo@queensu.ca](mailto:seamo@queensu.ca)

## Task Group on Allocation System Review update

Hugh MacDonald, Chair of the Task Group on Allocation System Review, has written to all department heads on behalf of the Task Group requesting advice.

Department heads are asked to comment on a broad framework, which would see the University and Hospitals defining their program requirements and the subsequent definition of core deliverables against which activities would be measured and funding approved.

The Task Group is seeking advice on whether there should be separate funding streams for the primary missions of the centre, that is, patient care, education and research. With regard to research, the Task Group is considering the development of a central research strategy with a SEAMO central competitive research fund to be used to recruit clinician/scientists.

Lastly, Department Heads are asking to comment on the desirability of significant holdback of funding to departments with funds to be released if core deliverables are met. Department Heads are asked to comment on the desirability and mechanics by which such could be arranged.

## Operating Budget 2009/2010

SEAMO has received the operating budget for 2009/2010. It was noted that the 3% funding increase, which flowed from the OMA/Ministry framework agreement, terminated at the end of September. This 3% increase is to be replaced by an average 5% distributed asymmetrically across specialties. The Ministry and the Ontario Medical Association have yet to agree on how these funds will flow to SEAMO and other alternative funding arrangements. The funds will be provided retroactively once this decision is made.

A copy of the operating budget is available, on request from [seamo@queensu.ca](mailto:seamo@queensu.ca)