



Commitment to the Future: Laurier's Community of Research

Strategic Research Plan 2014-2019

January 13, 2014

We are committed to a future

in which the **value of Laurier's investment in research is optimized** and, as a result, new social and economic benefits are created for Laurier and for Canada. As a consequence, there is broad recognition of the value of Laurier as a community of research.

in which Laurier researchers from all disciplines and across all campuses have **wide access to research support enabling them to conduct leading-edge research** in Canada and to participate actively in international research endeavours.

in which Laurier researchers, in partnership with industry, practitioners, government, NGOs, and the public are able to **collaborate to produce research for commercial, governmental and societal benefit.**

Research Activity

27 Research Chairs

10 Canada Research Chairs 10 Endowed Chairs

7 CIGI Chairs



21 Research Centres & Institutes



Over the past **10** years

Tri-councils investment in Laurier research ~\$45M

Tri-councils investment average annual growth rate 12.5%

Total tri-councils investment in Laurier has increased by ~2.6x

Total SSHRC investment in Laurier has increased by ~3.6x

Total NSERC investment in Laurier has increased by ~2x

Laurier's Current Research Activity

2013 SSHRC Insight Development Grant (IDG) Competition



Laurier's 2013 IDG success rate was higher than:

- all other **Ontario universities**
- all universities in the **Maclean's Comprehensive category**
- all **universities in English Canada**

Laurier's Current Research Activity

2013 NSERC Discovery Grant Competition

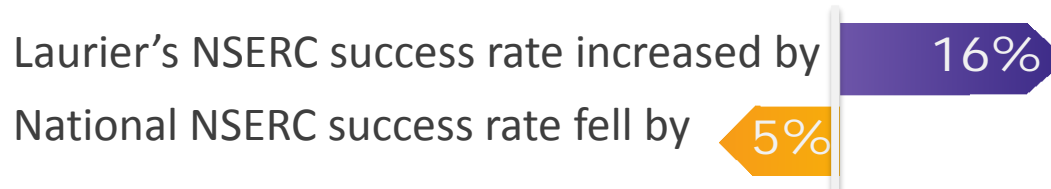
Category of established researchers not holding a grant



2013 Research Tools and Instruments Competition



2009-2013



Why is a Strategic Research Plan necessary?

- CRC/CFI funding requirement
- The current Strategic Research Plan is 12 years old
- All Canadian universities go through this process regularly

Process and Consultations

(September 2012 – December 2013)

- Strategic Research Plan Taskforce (42 members)
- Faculty research survey (March 2013; N=209)
- Subcommittees: funding, graduate, research clusters, research culture, time
- Grant, publication, and citation data analyzed
- Interviews, town halls, departmental meetings
- Overall: more than 300 stakeholders participated in consultations

Part 1:
LAURIER'S RESEARCH STRENGTH

Research Strengths

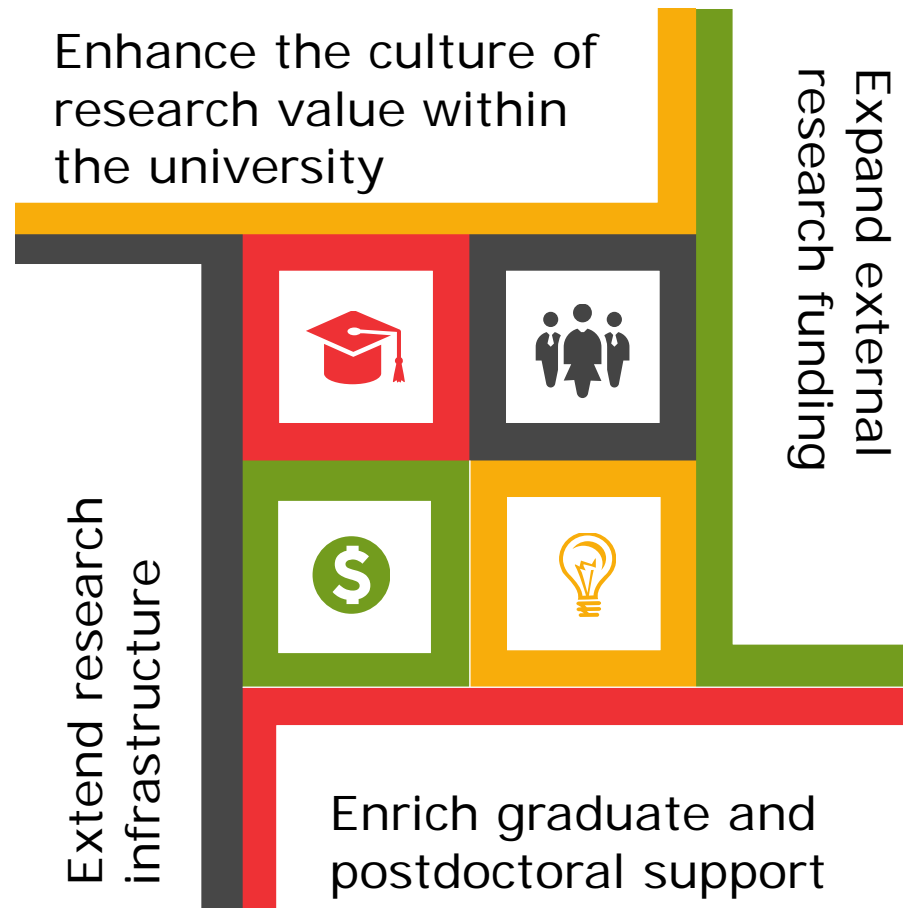


Thematic Clusters



Part 2:
STRATEGIC RESEARCH PLAN -
Goals and Recommendations

Research Goals



GOAL:

Enhance the culture of research value within the university

Recommendations:

- Increase recognition and rewards for excellence
- Increase the visibility of Laurier's researchers
- Provide support and flexibility in course load assignments to support research time

GOAL:

Enrich graduate and postdoctoral support

Recommendations:

- Increase the level of support and funding for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows
- Enhance recruitment of graduate students
- Enhance international graduate student funding and collaborations

GOAL:

Expand external research funding

Recommendations:

- Provide assistance to develop large-scale grant applications
- Expand support within departments and faculties for grants identification and applications
- Promote Laurier researchers for membership on review committees
- Provide internal peer review of proposals prior to submission to sponsors
- Provide the Office of Research Services with access to faculty annual reports

GOAL:

Extend research infrastructure

Recommendations:

- Enhance essential linkages between the Office of Research Services and University Development
- Increase and enhance spaces and equipment for research laboratories
- Develop support for visiting faculty
- Provide funds to support collaborations
- Enhance support for hosting conferences
- Increase administrative support for grants management
- Expand research supports on the Brantford campus
- Improve research management and tracking

MOTION:

The Senate Committee on Research and Publication recommends that Senate approve the Strategic Research Plan as presented