

## **Office of the Vice-President Research (OVPR) Guiding Principles for Matching Research Funds**

**This program, funded by the Provost's Committee on Integrated Planning, is intended to enhance the competitive advantage of individuals participating in large collaborative strategic opportunities grants. Applications are evaluated according to the Fund's principles and criteria outlined below.**

### ***Principles:***

1. Matching Funds from the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) will only apply to "strategic opportunities" grants or similar types of grants.
  - a. List of eligible programs includes, but is not limited to, the following:
    - NSERC – CREATE, Strategic Network grant
    - SSHRC – Partnership Grants, Strategic Initiatives
    - CIHR – Team Grants
    - Networks of Centres of Excellence
    - Genome Canada
    - International Programs – Global Partners, IDRC
  - b. The following programs are not eligible to receive matching funds: operating grants (e.g. NSERC Discovery, SSHRC IG and IDG; CIHR Operating); equipment grants (e.g., CFI, NSERC RTI & CRD); SSHRC Partnership Development Grant; NSERC Strategic Projects Grant; NSERC Industrial Research Chair.
  - c. Please contact Laura Zink ([laura.zink@usask.ca](mailto:laura.zink@usask.ca); phone: 1778) to check eligibility of programs not listed here.
2. The proposed program and accompanying matching funds request must align with the research priorities of the U of S and those of the college/unit.
3. For multi-institutional grants from the Tri-Agencies or similar funding agencies, the matching funds requested will need to be leveraged at least 1:5 by the external funding flowing directly to the U of S.

### ***As the demand for the OVPR Matching Funds usually exceeds the available funds, priority will be given to applications that meet the following criteria:***

1. Applications led by U of S researchers. If the project lead is not at U of S, see Principle #3.
2. Tri-Agency research funding that can be included in the formula for the Indirect Costs Program grant to the U of S.<sup>1</sup>
3. Applications that have a required or expected institutional matching funds component.
4. Demonstrated support for the proposed program (in writing) from the Department/College, which may include: financial and project management; release time or teaching assistance funding; specific financial commitment; undergraduate/graduate funding; new or project-specific infrastructure (excludes existing infrastructure).

### ***Value of the Award***

- The maximum amount of matching funds provided by the University will be \$100,000 (\$20,000/year for 5 years), depending on the type of strategic opportunity, other matching funds secured, availability of funds, and the interdisciplinary nature of the program.

### ***Eligible Expenses***

- The expectation is that the majority of the matching funds from the University will be for graduate student support. Funding could also be used for other direct research-related expenses, e.g., personnel, equipment, travel, knowledge translation activities.
- Matching funds cannot be used to buy out release time.

### ***Reporting***

- An annual report (1 page maximum) is required which should include how the matching funds were used and a brief summary of the outcomes and/or impacts of the funded project.

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<sup>1</sup> This may change once TABBS (Transparent, Activity-Based Budget System) is implemented.