REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH BOARD (URB)

Western's Distinguished Scholar in Residence Program

FOR INFORMATION

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PURPOSE

The primary objective of the Western's Distinguished Scholar in Residence Program is to bring high-profile internationally recognized leaders to Western University to bring new innovative ideas that contribute to enhancing the research and scholarly environment at Western. The program will support multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary research collaborations that build on the research and scholarly strengths of Western and that provide global high-visibility for the resulting interactions at Western. The aim is to build ties with Western researchers such that long-term and groundbreaking research will result from the collaborations developed through this program.

Proposals would need to address:

1. Work to be undertaken during visiting term:
   To conduct collaborative research on site that could include:
   - New collaborative work
   - Development of Research Proposals – i.e. international collaborative grants, NIH, Human Frontiers, Fogarty grants

   Engagement with students:
   - Interaction – mentorship of graduate and post doctoral students including a series of formal and informal sessions and open forums
   - Role with undergraduate students (if appropriate)
   - Student mobility if applicable – either during or following visit

   Engagement with Broader Community
   - Research talks:
     University Public Lecture and Receptions (requirement of program)
     Departmental/Institute/Centre level
2. Partners:
   Faculties /Institute/Centres/Department
   Industry
   International Organizations and Agencies (i.e. NGO's)
   Philanthropic Organizations and Agencies

3. Sustainability Plan
   Description of plans for follow up and maintenance of momentum following departure – i.e. funding collaborations, mobility plans (i.e. Faculty, post-doctoral, graduate and undergraduate students visiting terms, exchanges etc)

4. Leveraging of Central Funding:
Academic unit(s) will be encouraged to use the funds from this program to leverage additional resources to support the proposal. Such resources could include, but not be limited to, clinical/industrial contributions, sabbatical funding from the visiting Distinguished Scholar's host institution, donor/philanthropic contributions and

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faculty/department/institute/centre support. Any additional research operating costs associated with research programs will be borne by the host unit.

PROCESS

Proposals would be put forward by an academic/research unit or by a partnership of multiple academic/research units. Proposals that are international and interdisciplinary will be highly valued. The submission must demonstrate the value added nature of the candidate across multiple faculties and programs through supporting letters. Proposals will be accepted from areas of existing or emerging strength. How the proposals fit with University Research Plan should be clearly articulated. Specific deliverables and impact of the Visiting Distinguished Scholar on the academic/research unit(s) must be clearly described. An Impact Report on the visit will be required within two months of completion that describes what was undertaken, outcomes, exchanges and future collaborations. Applications will be considered on an open basis and awards will be available for uptake in any term in the academic cycle. A maximum of four awards will be available annually.

FUNDING

The Western's Distinguished Scholar in Residence Program is designed to be undertaken within one term and can be used to bring in an eminent scholar to work on existing research collaborations, prepare large scale international collaborative grants, develop components of Interdisciplinary Initiatives (IDIs), or assist in developing centres or institutes. The Program is expected to have impact at the International and/or Global levels. Central funding limits for the Program are outlined below.

Program Budget for Distinguished Scholar Program
1 term in duration

Business Class Travel to London Return	$7,500.00
Accommodation at $2k/month	$8,000.00
per diem @ $75/day	$9,000.00
Honorarium @$2500/month	$10,000.00
Research Expenses	$11,000.00
Conference Travel	$2,000.00
Great Hall Reception following Public Lecture	$2,500.00
	$50,000.00

* Eligibility and accounting of all expenses must adhere to Western's financial policies relating to travel and research expenditures. Fungibility of discrete budget lines within the global budget may be requested within a submission.

Submissions will be adjudicated by the CRC committee – eligibility will be determined by both the stature of the nominated Scholar and the accompanying proposal.