FGSR Faculty Council Meeting

January 10, 2025

Hosted by: Adam Sarty

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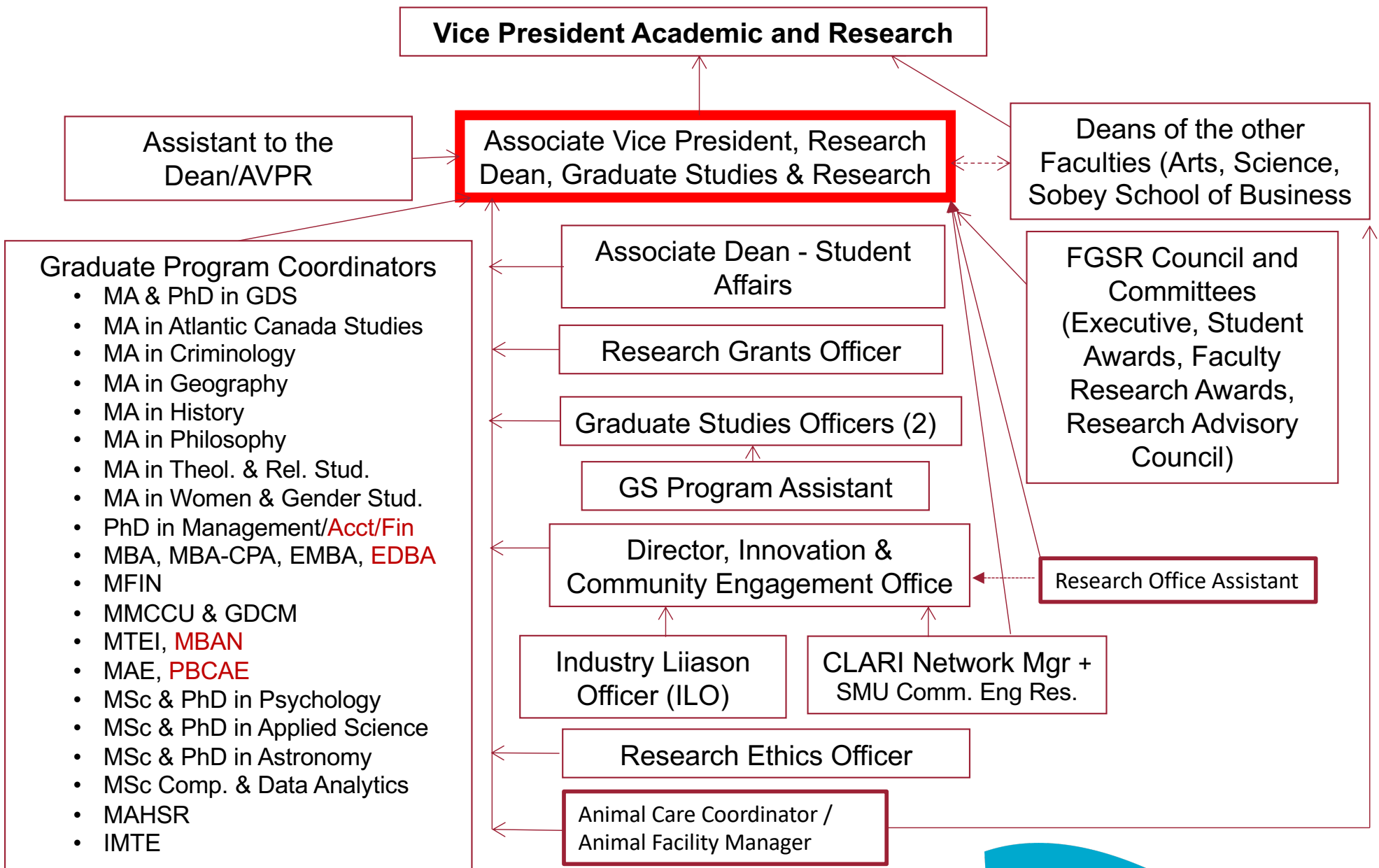Dean of Grad Studies & Research*)

and the FGSR Research
Office team

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AGENDA

- **Graduate Studies:**
  - Overview of FGSR Structure
  - Review of Programs / Enrolment and Applications: Context & Trends
  - Summary of internal/external scholarships totals
  - New Programs & Changes, other Notes
- **Research:**
  - Recent SMU Results/Trends
  - Annual Review and Update Notes from the Research Office:
    - Reminder –Research Agreements Policy
    - Research Data Management
    - REMINDER – Spending & Hiring using your Research Grant Accounts
    - Canada Research Chair update
    - Overview of SSHRC and NSERC grant applications submitted (compared to last year)
  - REPORT: CLARI, Office of Innovation and Community Engagement
  - REPORT: Human Research Ethics Board update

- Any other items: Questions & Discussion

Reminder / Overview of FGSR "Structure"

Vice President Academic and Research

Assistant to the Dean/AVPR

Associate Vice President, Research Dean, Graduate Studies & Research

Deans of the other Faculties (Arts, Science, Sobey School of Business

Graduate Program Coordinators
- MA & PhD in GDS
- MA in Atlantic Canada Studies
- MA in Criminology
- MA in Geography
- MA in History
- MA in Philosophy
- MA in Theol. & Rel. Stud.
- MA in Women & Gender Stud.
- PhD in Management/Acct/Fin
- MBA, MBA-CPA, EMBA, EDBA
- MFIN
- MMCCU & GDCM
- MTEI, MBAN
- MAE, PBCAE
- MSc & PhD in Psychology
- MSc & PhD in Applied Science
- MSc & PhD in Astronomy
- MSc Comp. & Data Analytics
- MAHSR
- IMTE

Associate Dean - Student Affairs

Research Grants Officer

Graduate Studies Officers (2)

GS Program Assistant

Director, Innovation & Community Engagement Office

FGSR Council and Committees (Executive, Student Awards, Faculty Research Awards, Research Advisory Council)

Research Office Assistant

Industry Liiason Officer (ILO)

CLARI Network Mgr + SMU Comm. Eng Res.

Research Ethics Officer

Animal Care Coordinator / Animal Facility Manager

GRADUATE STUDIES

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Review of Programs
(more student enrolment numbers/trends on upcoming slides)

Professional Programs

✓MBA   MBA-CPA   eMBA

✓**eDBA**

✓MFin

✓MTEI

✓MCDA

✓**MBAN**   **Personnel Psych Dip**

✓IMTE   **MAHSR-P**

  ✓(MAE)

  ✓(MMCCU)

  ✓(GradDip CM)

  ✓(PBCAE)

- **Thesis-Required Programs**

✓All M.A. programs (ACS, Crim, Geog, Hist, GDS, Phil, Theo/RelSt, WGST)

✓All M.Sc. Programs (App. Psych - I/O & Forensic streams, Astr, Applied Science)

✓M App Health Serv Research **- T**

✓All PhD programs (GDS, Astr, I/O Psyc, Bus. Admin - **Management + Finance + Accounting** streams, Applied Science)

Review of Programs

Totals to ... 30 graduate credentials:

- 22 Masters programs (2 with 2 streams, 1 with online stream)
- 5 PhD programs (one with 3 streams), 1 Doctorate
- 2 Grad Diplomas , 1 Post-Bacc Certificate

- Includes new/approved streams launched last year:
  - MAHSR - P
  - Grad Diploma in Personnel Psych; online stream MSc App Psyc

Enrolment Context for Grad Programs: Fall 2024 snapshot

Summary of Fall 2024 Graduate Program Registrations (as of Oct 2) and TUITION FORECAST (ESTIMATE ONLY)		
	Total # Students	Total Tuition $
PhD	103	$692,488
Research-Based Masters	161	$966,382
Professional / Course-Based Programs	464	$8,709,273
TOTAL	728	$10,368,143

|	Fall Registrations (October)		1-YEAR CHANGE
	2024	**2023**	
Research / Thesis-Required Programs	264	272	-8
Professional / Course-Based Programs	464	488	-24
TOTAL	728	760	-32
PhD	103	100	3
Doctor of Phi - Accounting	5	5	0
Doctor of Phi - Finance	5	3	2
Doctor of Phi - Management	12	16	-4
Doctor of Phi - App Science	49	44	5
Doctor of Phi - Astronomy	7	6	1
Doctor of Phi - Global Dev St	4	5	-1
Doctor of Phi - Industrial Org	21	21	0
Research-Based Masters	161	172	-11
Master of App Health Serv Res -T	9	11	-2
Master of Arts - ACST	5	8	-3
Master of Arts - CRIM	5	8	-3
Master of Arts - GDST	4	11	-7
Master of Arts - GEOG	10	8	2
Master of Arts - HIST	12	8	4
Master of Arts - PHIL	1	2	-1
Master of Arts - RELS	1	2	-1
Master of Arts - WGST	27	23	4
Master of Science - App Psy	28	27	1
Master of Science - App Sci	55	59	-4
Master of Science -ASTR	4	5	-1
Professional / Course-Based Programs	464	488	-24
Exec Doctor - Business Admin	19	5	14
Executive Master of Bus. Admin	10	10	0
Graduate Diploma - MMCCU	9	11	-2
Master of MGMT Cooperatives	30	35	-5
Post-Bacc Cert App Economics	3	8	-5
Master of Applied Economics	10	17	-7
Master of Business Admin	43	71	-28
Master of Business Analytics	65	58	7
Master of Finance	57	50	7
Master of Tech Entr Inno	80	78	2
Graduate Dip - Personnel Psych	2	0	2
Master of App Health Serv Res - P	6	0	6
Master of Science - Comp Data	55	67	-12
Inter Master of Teach English	75	78	-3

Enrolment Context for Grad Programs:

COMPARING Fall 2023 & 2024 snapshots

For Current 2024-25 Year (compared to prior years) Admissions and Applications
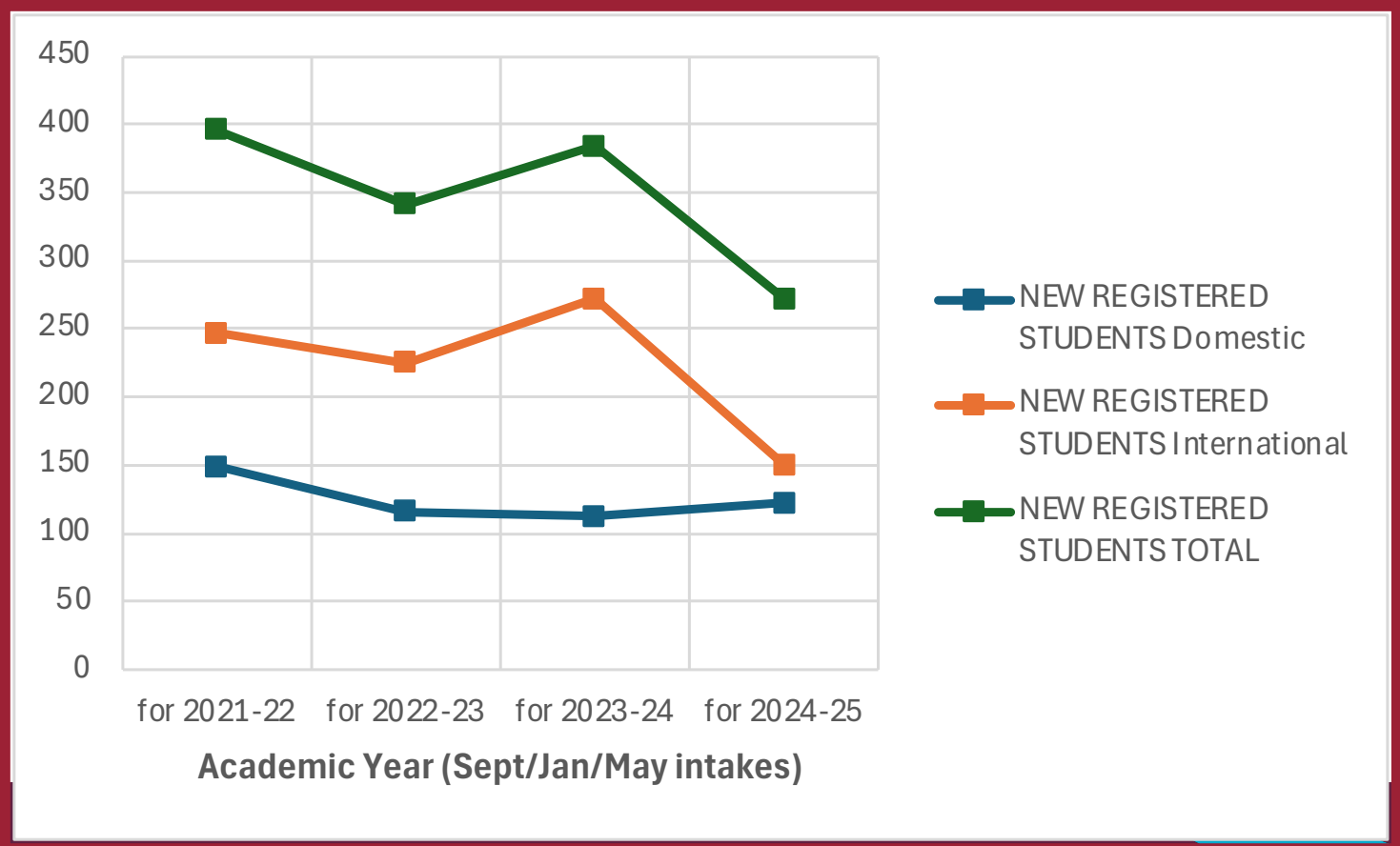
FIRST: APPLICATIONS

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED			
Academic Year (Sept/Jan/May intakes)	Domestic	International	TOTAL
for 2021-22	385	1478	1863
for 2022-23	314	1635	1949
for 2023-24	337	2080	2417
for 2024-25	333	1378	1711

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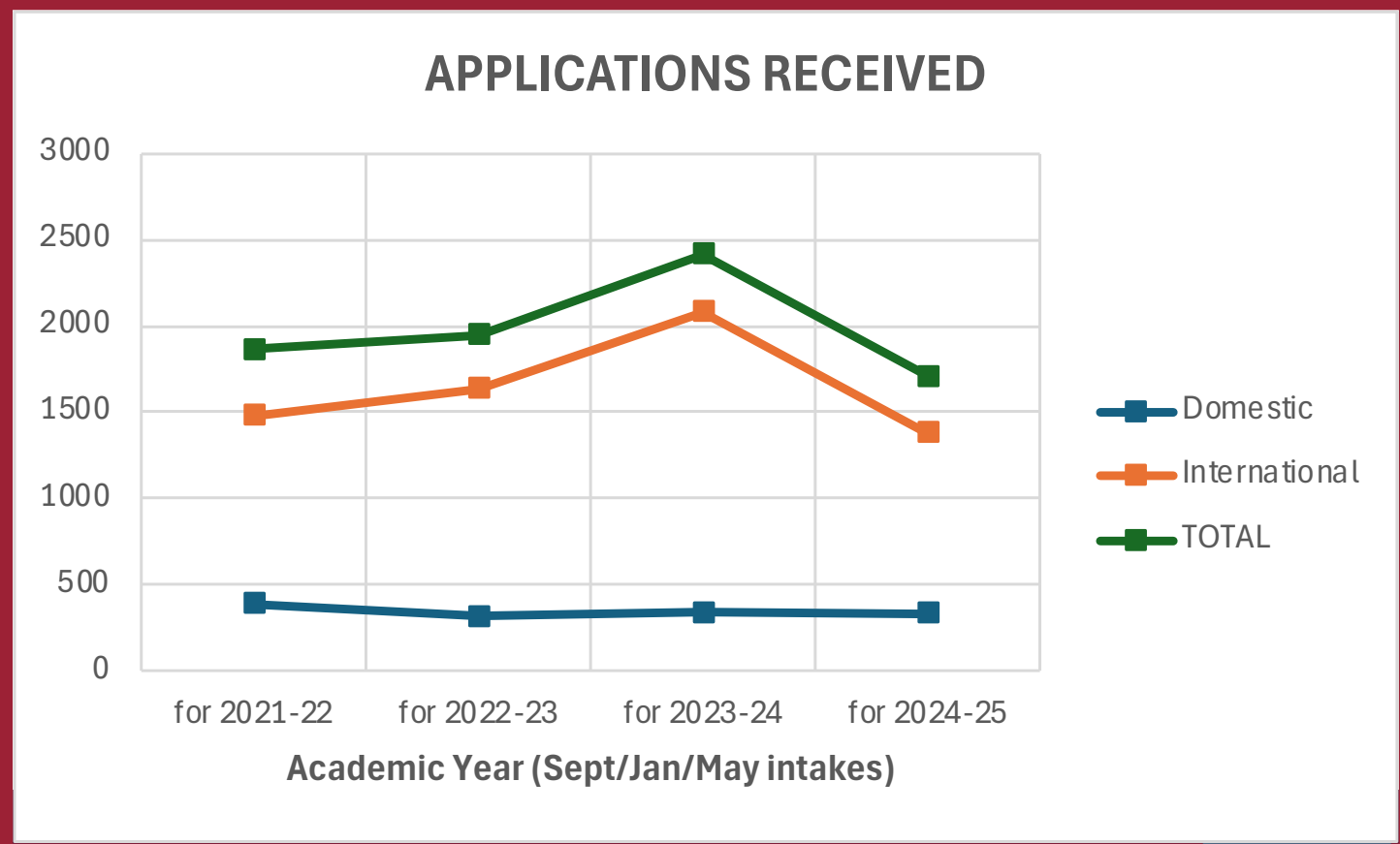
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SECOND: NEW ADMISSIONS

NEW REGISTERED STUDENTS			
Academic Year (Sept/Jan/May intakes)	Domestic	International	TOTAL
for 2021-22	149	247	396
for 2022-23	116	225	341
for 2023-24	112	272	384
for 2024-25	122	150	272

What's current Application Status?
Trend over last few years: apps as of Dec 31st

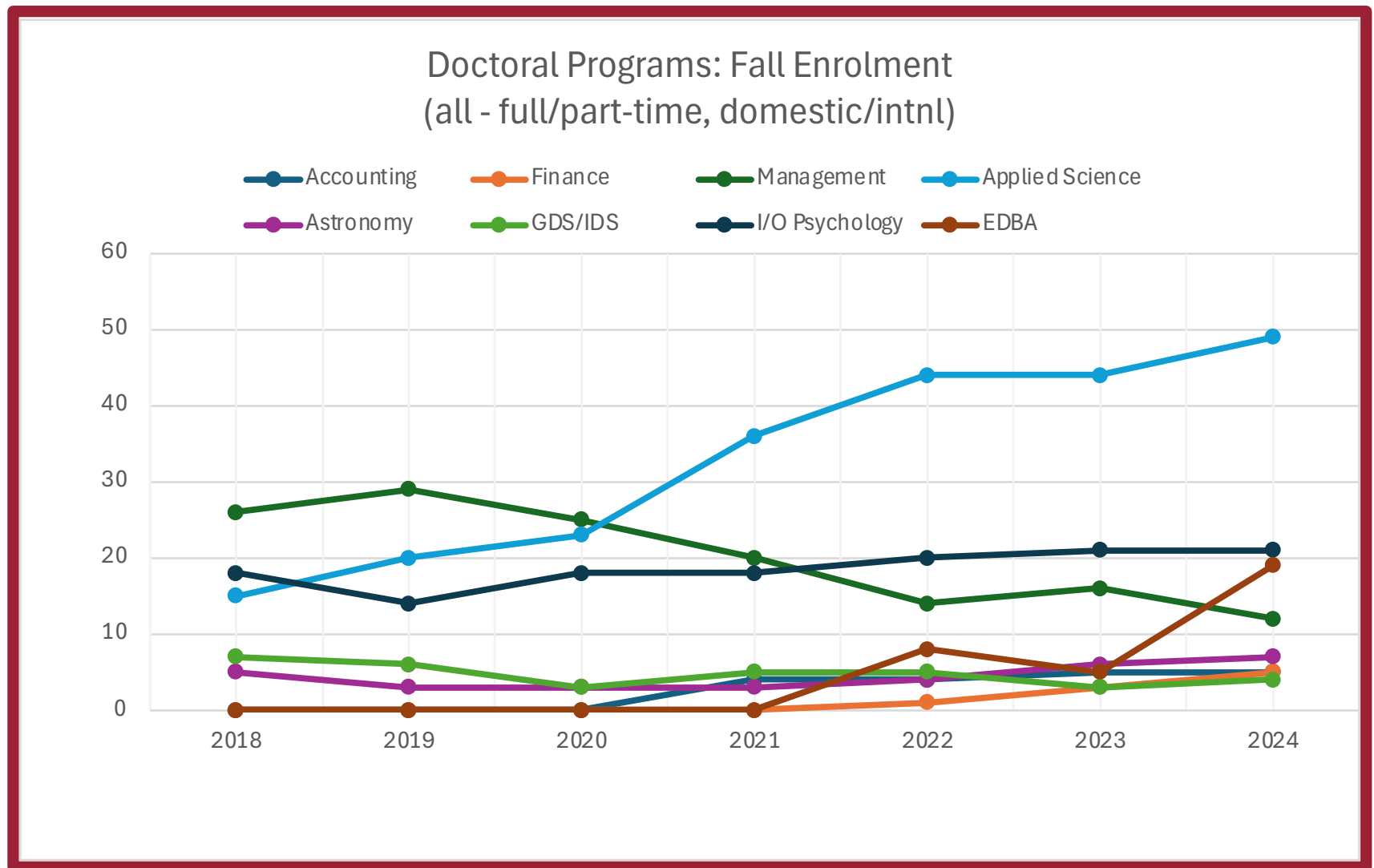| Application Trend by Year (as of Dec 31)	Submitted but not complete	Complete Applications	TOTAL
Dec 2021 (for 2022-23)	292	454	746
Dec 2022 (for 2023-24)	428	507	935
Dec 2023 (for 2024-25)	349	425	774
Dec 2024 (for 2025-26)	168	311	479

Application Trend by Year (as of Dec 31)
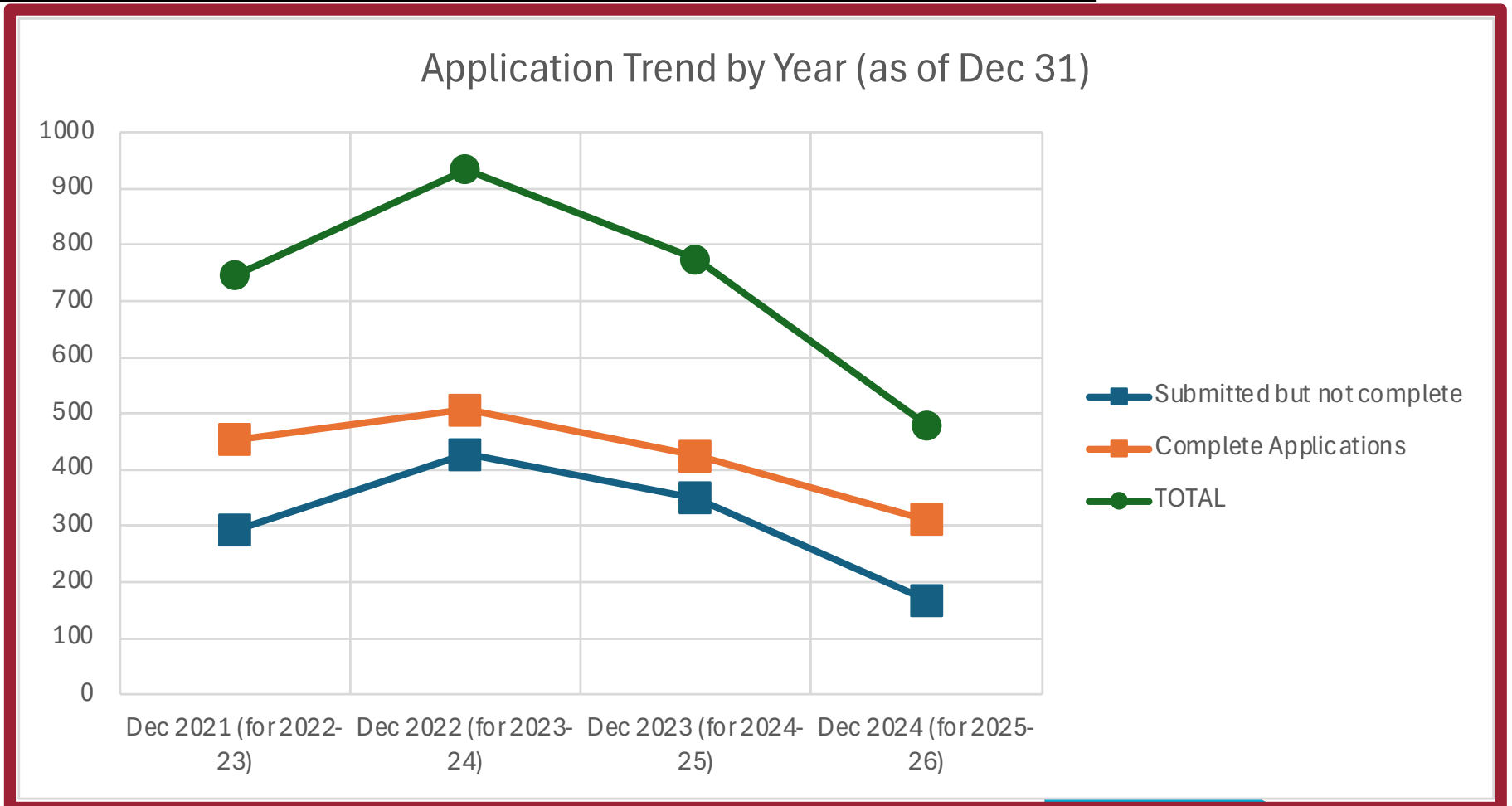
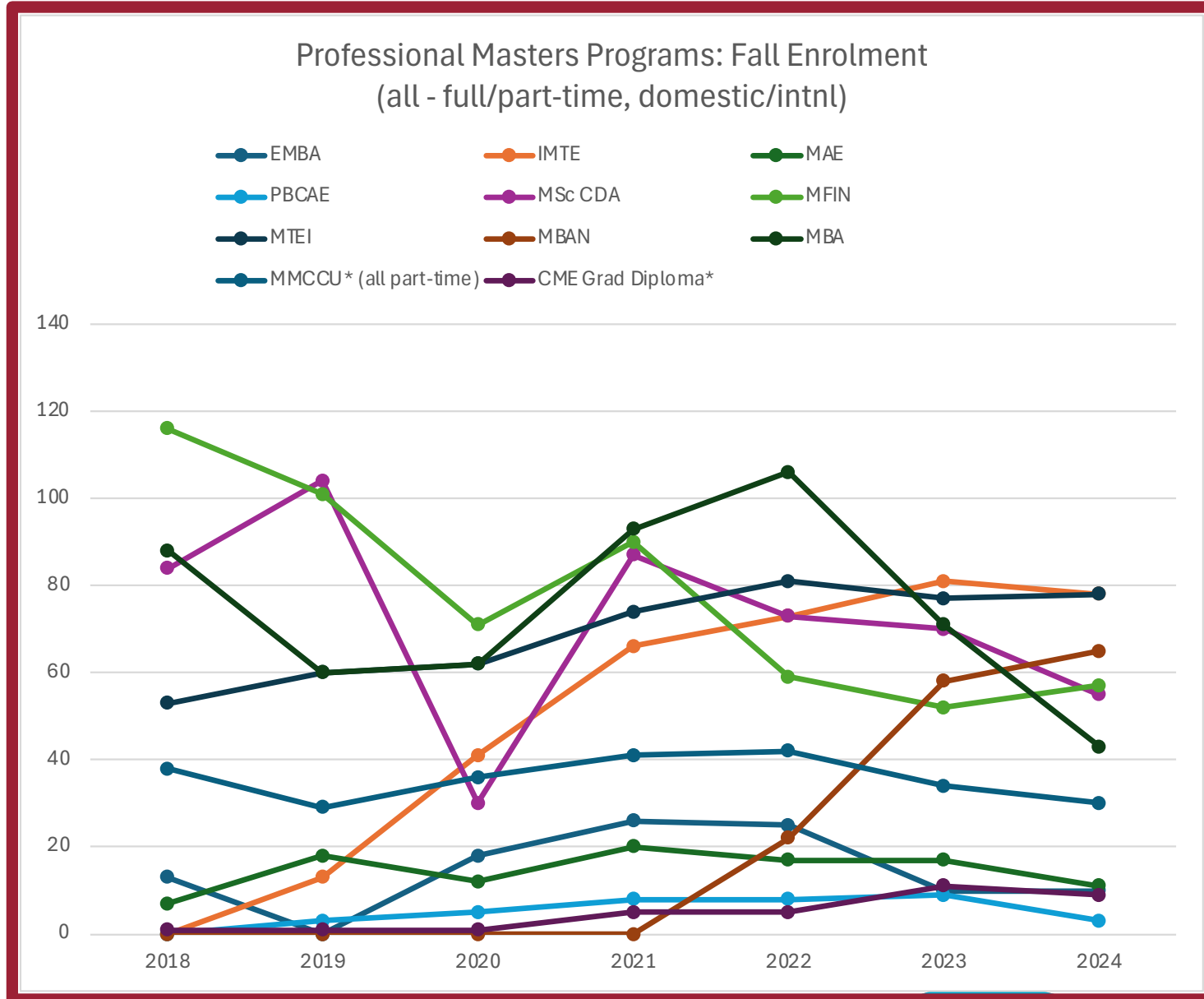# What's current Application Status?
Completed apps as of Dec 31st: Compare to last year

COMPLETE as of December 31st	Dec 2024 (for 2025-26)	Dec 2023 (for 2024-25)	1-YEAR CHANGE
Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Science	1	0	1
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration (Management)	2	2	0
Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial/Organizational Psychology	6	8	-2
Executive Doctor in Business Administration*	0	2	-2
International Master of Teaching English	44	61	-17
Master of Applied Economics	15	16	-1
Master of Applied Health Services Research - Professional	0	1	-1
Master of Applied Health Services Research - Thesis	1	17	-16
Master of Arts in Criminology	0	10	-10
Master of Arts in Geography	0	5	-5
Master of Arts in Global Development Studies	0	9	-9
Master of Arts in History	0	1	-1
Master of Arts in Philosophy	1	2	-1
Master of Arts in Theology & Religious Studies	0	1	-1
Master of Arts in Women and Gender Studies	5	7	-2
Master of Business Administration	19	9	10
Master of Business Analytics	46	49	-3
Master of Finance	27	58	-31
Master of Management, Co-operatives and Credit Unions	1	0	1
Master of Science in Applied Psychology - Forensic Psychology	47	40	7
Master of Science in Applied Psychology - Industrial/Organizational Psychology	36	46	-10
Master of Science in Applied Psychology - Industrial/Organizational Psychology (Online Stream)	12	2	10
Master of Science in Applied Science	3	2	1
Master of Science in Computing and Data Analytics	18	27	-9
Master of Technology Entrepreneurship and Innovation	19	34	-15
Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Applied Economics	4	15	-11
Graduate Diploma in Personnel Psychology	4	0	4
Upgrading Graduate	0	1	-1
TOTAL	311	425	-114

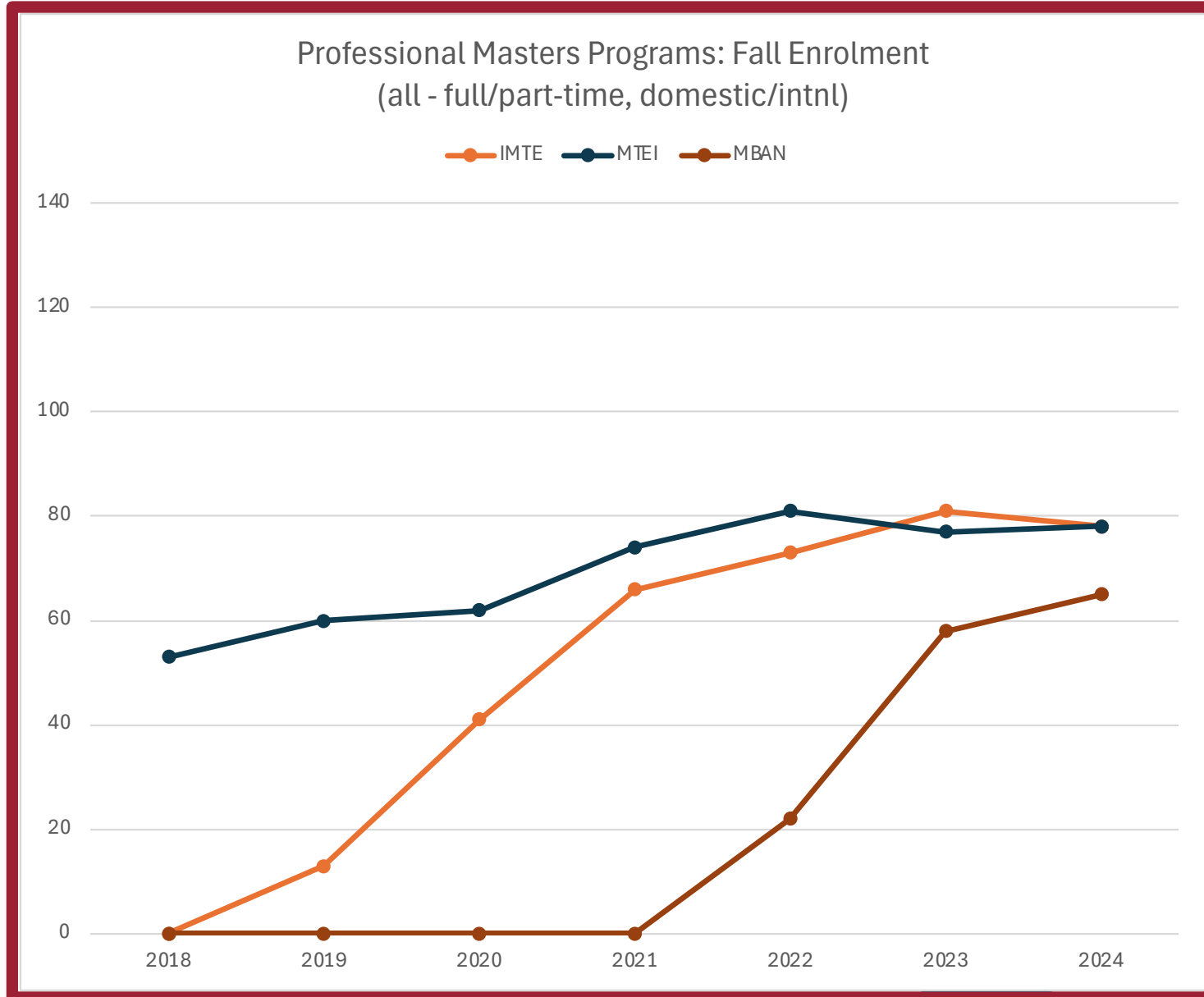# Enrolment Trends over last several years (Fall snapshots)

Doctoral Programs: Fall Enrolment
(all - full/part-time, domestic/intnl)

Legend: Accounting, Finance, Management, Applied Science, Astronomy, GDS/IDS, I/O Psychology, EDBA

Enrolment Trends over last several years (Fall snapshots)

Professional Masters Programs: Fall Enrolment
(all - full/part-time, domestic/intnl)

Legend: EMBA, IMTE, MAE, PBCAE, MSc CDA, MFIN, MTEI, MBAN, MBA, MMCCU* (all part-time), CME Grad Diploma*

Enrolment Trends over last several years (Fall snapshots)

Examples of Programs Showing Recent Growth

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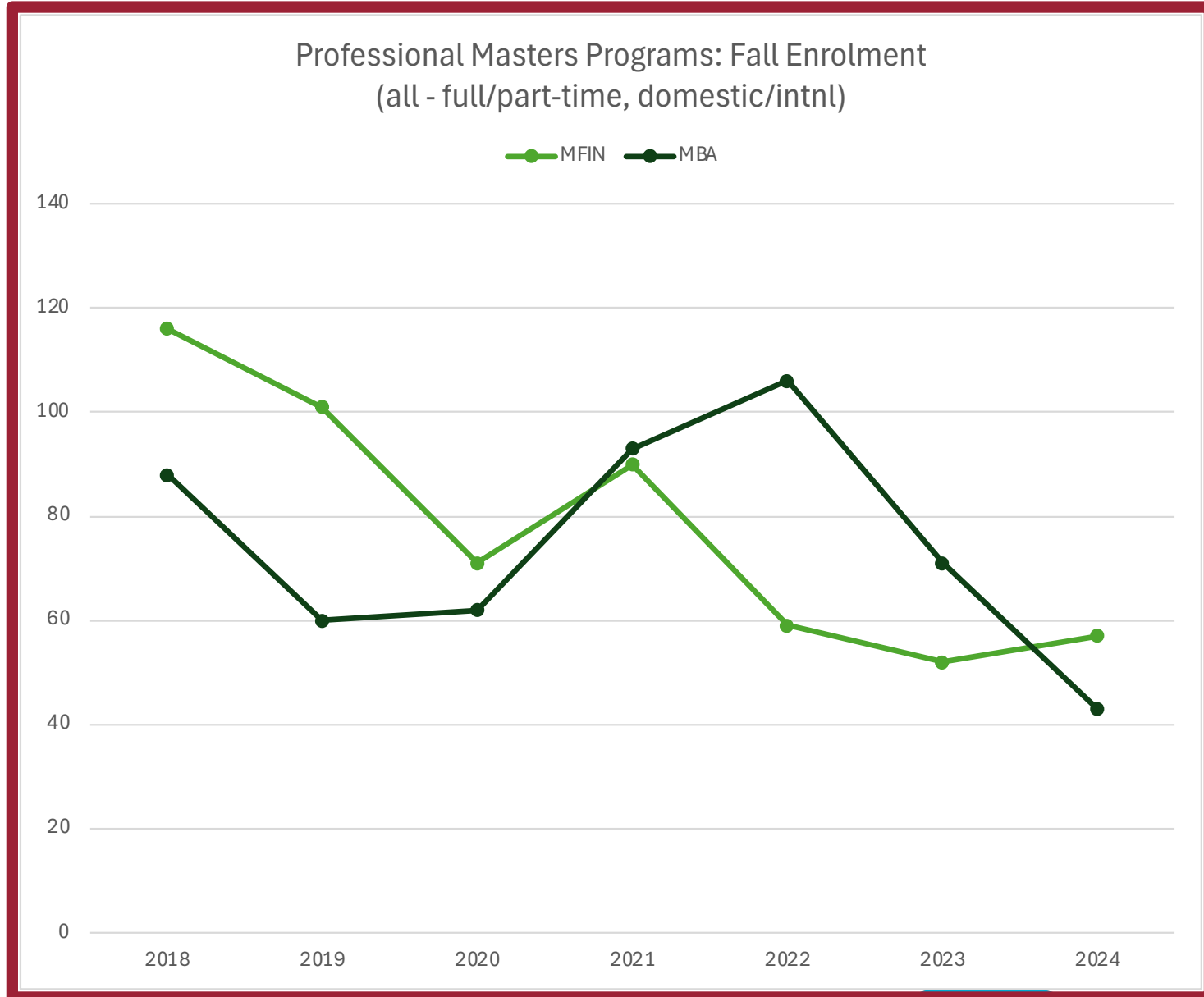**(all - full/part-time, domestic/intnl)**

IMTE ● MTEI ● MBAN

Enrolment Trends over last several years (Fall snapshots)

Examples of Programs Showing Recent Enrolment Trends that we would like to change.

Professional Masters Programs: Fall Enrolment
(all - full/part-time, domestic/intnl)

MFIN • MBA

Internal Graduate Student Funding
2024-25

- Total Amount of ==Internal Funding== Awarded for 2024-25= ==$2,954,648== *($36k less than last year; $52k more than 2 years ago)*

FGSR Graduate Awards and Fellowships	= $1,521,932
Named Awards	= $497,690
Durland Scholarships in Graduate Research	= $235,000
Teaching Assistantships Reported	= $555,650
Program Scholarships	= $144,376

External Graduate Student Funding
2024-25

- Total Amount of ==External Funding== Awarded for 2024-25= ==$2,721,584== (*$328k more than last year... ~same as 2 years ago*)

SSHRC CGSD	= $156,666
SSHRC CGSM	= $141,000
NSERC Doctoral	= $120,000
NSERC CGSM	= $45,090
CIHR CGSM	= $27,000
Research NS Scotia Scholarship	= $78,000
MITACS Stipends to Students through FGSR	= $512,751
Research Fellowships Reported	= $1,323,577
NS Graduate Scholarships	= $317,500

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	= $1,323,577
	= $317,500

These are the Federal Scholarships that received much national attention last year, as they finally received an Increase ($27k for CGSM, $40k for Doctoral)…

These actually make up only:
- 18% of our external support for students
- 9% of our total support for students (internal + external)

Two upcoming "direct-app" Graduate Student Scholarship deadlines:

- **==DURLAND GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS==: direct-application method for students currently applying for grad programs (to start next year): https://www.smu.ca/durlandscholarships/index.html**
    - **New students must apply by January 31**
    - **And must have completed their application to their grad program of choice also by January 31**
    - **Ensure all of your "top applicants" are aware.**

- **==TRIBE NETWORK GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS==: direct-application method for students currently applying for grad programs (to start next year) and/or current students who will return in Fall 2025 www.smu.ca/fgsr/tribe-network-graduate-scholarship-internship.html**
    - **New and/or returning students must apply by February 28**
    - **For Black or Indigenous students focusing on computing and/or analytics (focus: MScCDA, MBAN...possibly MTEI, APSC)**
    - **Ensure all potentially eligible students are aware.**

New Programs/Changes:

- Running first Cohorts this 2024-25 year:
  - ==MAHSR-P== ... 12-month course-based online program (delivered jointly with UNB/MUN/UPEI); parallels existing thesis option
  - ==Online stream of MSc I/O Psycholgy== (same content/requirements as existing in-person program)
  - ==Online Graduate Diploma in Personnel Psychology==

- Passed at Senate (and pending MPHEC approval):
  - ==Graduate Diploma in Health Data Analytics==

- Ideas that are well-advanced and being developed:
  - **MA in Critical and Creative Practice**
  - **MSc in Engineering and Industrial Management**

Last Graduate Student notes:

- We will do a 2nd round of "brown-bag lunch discussions" in the area of student supervision & mentoring
  - **One focuses on supervising undergraduate student employees/research-assistants.** (this is collaboration of FGSR, Career Services, and People & Culture)
  - **Second one focuses on graduate supervision and committee membership** (mentoring roles)

- Changes that have been implemented in admission process...fallouts of the ongoing changes/restrictions from IRCC for international students:
  - "Admission deposits" ("seat deposits") now required of all students – graduate and undergraduate – to confirm acceptance of admission ... Note: not "extra $", just $ toward tuition paid "up front"

  - This will come with more attention to timely admission acceptance

  - Coming: process to confirm citizenship, study permits (for all students)

RESEARCH

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RESEARCH – Recent Results/Trends
(show 2023-24 data from Fall 2024 Res. Recognition Event)

FACULTY GRANTS: **114 FACULTY MEMBERS <u>directly</u> received funding $11.42 Million** in <mark>Sept 2023 to Sept 2024</mark>

Faciliated By:	# Grants/Cont	Total Funding
CRC	6	$600,000
RGO	115	$4,771,383
OICE	112	$6,047,946
Total	**233**	**$11,419,329**

Plus acknowledging the additional annual support from Tri-Agencies for "indirect cost of research" support:

<mark>RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND</mark>   <mark>~$1,082,000</mark>

(NOTE: direct student scholarship $ not included in these totals)

<mark>Roughly $500k/year from research contract overhead → operating</mark>

RESEARCH – Recent Results/Trends

RE$EARCH Infosource Inc.

CANADA'S TOP 50 RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

**Saint Mary's University
2024 Rank Summary**

Results are under embargo until the release of Canada's Innovation Leaders (CIL) 2024 on Thursday, December 5, 2024

Area	Rank: Canada's Top 50 Research Universities	Value ($000)
Canada's Top 50 Research Universities 2024	42	$16,294

Area	Rank: Undergraduate Tier*	Value ($000) except where otherwise indicated
University Research Income FY2023	11	$16,294
University Research Income Growth (% Change FY2022-FY2023)	1	34.4%
University Research Intensity $ per Faculty FY2023	10	$63.2
University Research Intensity $ per Graduate Student FY2023	10	$21.5
Corporate Research Income FY2023	14	$441
Corporate Research Income as % of Total Research Income FY2023	14	2.7%
Corporate Research Income Growth (% Change FY2022-FY2023)	13	-8.9%
Not-for-Profit Research Income FY2023	8	$1,665
Not-for-Profit Research Income as % of Total Research Income FY2023	7	10.2%
Not-for-Profit Research Income Growth (% Change FY2022-FY2023)	9	-2.2%

*Based on full-service universities
Note: areas highlighted in red will be included in a winners' circle table

42nd is highest ranking ever (23 years of rankings): $16.3M of external research funding

RESEARCH – Recent Results/Trends

Canada's Top 50 Research Universities 2024

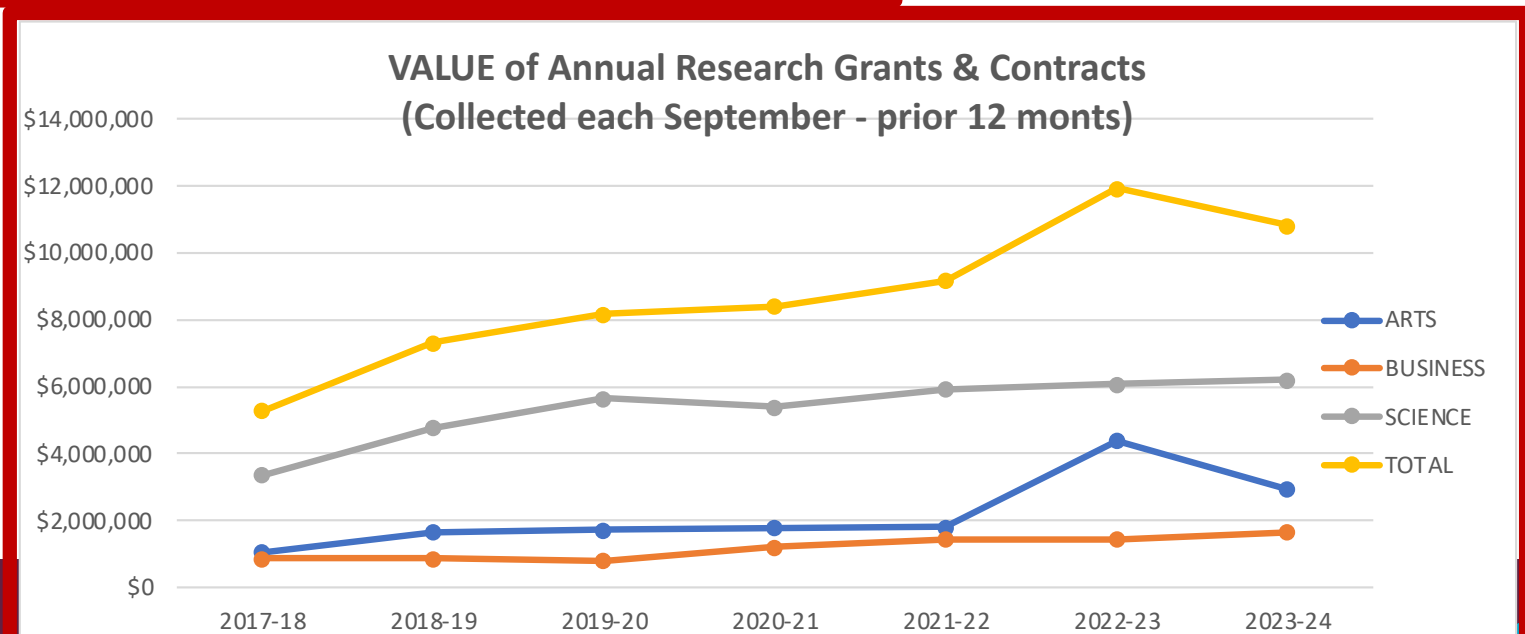Top 50 Research Universities - Winners Circle ▾
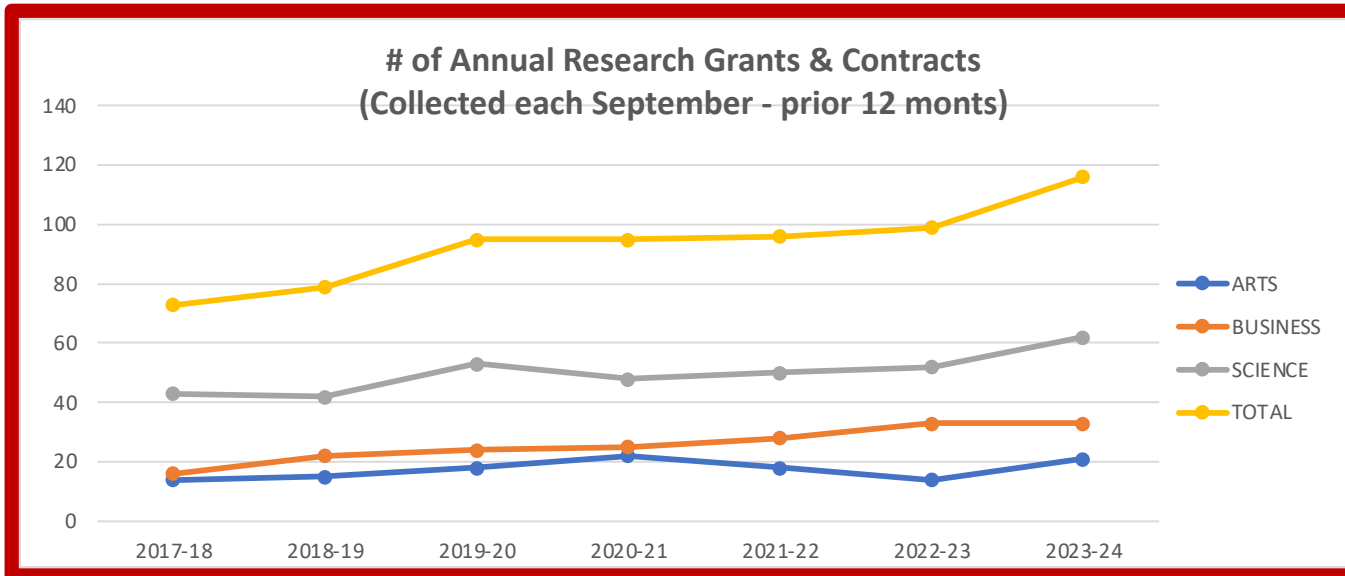
Top Universities by Tier FY2023

Research Income

Rank	Medical	$000
1	University of Toronto	$1,433,636
2	University of British Columbia	$712,601
3	Université de Montréal	$709,640

Rank	Comprehensive	$000
1	University of Waterloo	$224,345
2	University of Guelph	$186,211
3	Simon Fraser University	$150,179

Rank	Undergraduate	$000
1	Université du Québec à Rimouski	$35,252
2	Université du Québec à Chicoutimi	$34,762
3	Laurentian University	$31,439

Research Income Growth
(% Change FY2022-FY2023)

Rank	Medical	%
1	McMaster University	26.0
2	Western University	21.0
3	Queen's University	15.2

Rank	Comprehensive	%
1	University of Regina	56.0
2	Concordia University	47.6
3	Carleton University	25.8

Rank	Undergraduate	%
1	Saint Mary's University	34.4
2	University of Prince Edward Island	33.5
3	St. Francis Xavier University	29.8

Faculty Research Intensity
($ per Faculty)

Rank	Medical	$000
1	University of Toronto	$514.0
2	McMaster University	$489.0
3	McGill University	$380.0

Rank	Comprehensive	$000
1	University of Guelph	$224.6
2	University of Waterloo	$181.2
3	University of Victoria	$177.9

Rank	Undergraduate	$000
1	Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue	$158.5
2	Laurentian University	$154.1
3	Université du Québec à Rimouski	$148.7

Graduate Student Research Intensity
($ per Graduate Student)

Rank	Medical	$000
1	McMaster University	$83.3
2	University of Alberta	$74.3
3	McGill University	$68.4

Rank	Comprehensive	$000
1	University of Guelph	$59.4
2	University of Victoria	$44.9
3	University of Waterloo	$36.1

Rank	Undergraduate	$000
1	University of Winnipeg	$57.7
2	University of Lethbridge	$29.9
3	Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue	$28.8

Notes:
1. Based on full-service universities on the 2024 Top 50 Research Universities list.

RESEARCH – Recent Results/Trends

Charting 7 year progression – by Faculty (Arts, Sobey School of Business, Science)
(CRCs not included in this table)

# of Annual Research Grants & Contracts
(Collected each September - prior 12 monts)

VALUE of Annual Research Grants & Contracts
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Annual Review Info and Update Notes from the Research Office
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REMINDER – Research Agreements Policy:

- see our FAQ Page for Applying for Grants & (mostly) Contracts (https://www.smu.ca/fgsr/fgsr/grants-agreements-faq-for-faculty.html)

- the process for applying for contracts, and getting assistance/support is outlined, including ensuring early connection with Office of Innovation and Comm Engagement (OICE) within FGSR

- other notable part of the Policy:
  - Simplified policy for university required charge for "overhead" (indirect cost of research): minimum is flat rate of 20% of total direct research costs
  - The use (or distribution) of this collected overhead includes re-directing a portion back for use by the professor holding the contract (20% of the collected overhead is re-directed back this way to the PI)

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Research Data Management:

- Federal Tri-Agencies *have* moved forward on implementing a national Research Data Management Policy (https://www.science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_547652FB.html)

- Next steps:
    - Inclusion of Research Data Management (RDM) Plans will be required on selected grant program applications
    - all universities will need to have public RDM Institutional Strategies (to remain eligible for TriAgency funding) ...
    SMU (me!) is late – coming shortly!

- Assistance locally with RDM experts in Library – Peter Webster (lead)

- National Portage portal: Data Management Planner Assistant (https://portagenetwork.ca/tools-and-resources/dmp-assistant/)

- Will launch Institutional Strategy *SOON* (!), focusing on providing guidance and assistance and tools for faculty

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REMINDER – Spending & Hiring using your Research Grant Accounts:

- Realize that keeping up with proper processes, and allowances/eligibility, can be challenging (including using/interpreting our tools)

- Now with Tri-Agencies "Principles-based Accounting", we do not have special NSERC/SSHRC "books" anymore to say what research expenses are eligible and which aren't ...

  Rather, ALL SMU research-account spending is governed by same set of guiding principles to determine eligibility:

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REMINDER – Spending & Hiring using your Research Grant Accounts:

- Rather, ALL SMU research-account spending is governed by same set of guiding principles to determine eligibility:

  - **contribute to the direct costs of the research/activities for which the funds were awarded, with benefits directly attributable to the grant**

  - **not be provided by the administering institution to their research personnel**

  - **be effective and economical**

  - **not result in personal gain for members of the research team**

- Have Developed a "*Researcher Accountability Statement*" that we emailed out for you to see a few months ago (will implement soon) – addresses many areas of concern noted at our last Tri-Agency audit

- SEE our "Researcher FAQ" page:

  - https://www.smu.ca/fgsr/research-faq.html

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REMINDER – Spending & Hiring using your Research Grant Accounts:

- When research accounts ("funds" more correctly in SMU "FOAP" language) are setup for faculty's internal or external grants/contracts/conference funding: there is always an "expiry date"
  - Accounts established for specific purposes, and can't be maintained indefinitely nor "mixed" with other influxes of money
  - Accounts not designed for use like "bank accounts" for saving for future use, rather are designed for specific intent and purpose
  - Normally you will be given the expiry when account setup, or (for older accounts) be notified of impending closure.

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Canada Research Chair update:

- Last year, we completed a search – and submitted nomination for our currently open Tier II CRC (this will be in "Global Change Biology"). We will announce the individual once CRC confirms nomination.

- We had followed a process for filling Chairs as approved through our Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Action Plan (https://www.smu.ca/webfiles/SMU-CRC-Action-Plan-June2020.pdf) to select the area / department to host the replacement CRC (based on submitted proposals).

- We will go through this process AGAIN *very soon* for *TWO* Tier II CRC openings which are imminent
  - Karly Kehoe completes her CRC on Dec 31, 2025
  - Christa Brosseau completes hers on Jun 30, 2026)

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Overview of SSHRC and NSERC grant applications submitted (compared to last year):

Grant Programs	2023		2024		1-YEAR CHANGE
	# Submissions	# Successful	# Submissions	# Successful	# Submissions
NSERC (DG, Alliance Programs, & RTI)	14	7 (50%)	24	under review	10
SSHRC (NFRF, IDG, IG, PEG, PDG, Connection)	34	12 (35%)	41	under review	7

Faculty Council – CLARI

January 10, 2025

CLARI Highlights

Fiscal Year	# of Projects	Total Project
2019	8	$ 58,135
2020	19	$ 137,169
2021	26	$ 193,082
2022	25	$ 186,320
2023	27	$ 183,092
2024	21	$ 145,464
All	**126**	**$ 903,262**
2019	2	$ 14,586
2020	9	$ 64,400
2021	5	$ 37,376
2022	3	$ 22,000.00
2023	7	$ 52,500.00
2024	3	$ 19,500.00
All	**29**	**$ 210,362**

Received ~$145k for CER in FY24. 21 community research projects were funded.

Current proposal to provincial government is for $150k for 20 projects for FY25 (announcement in Feb '25)

CLARI Project Funding

Connect (highlights)

- Action Research Network
    - Increasing engagement with other Canadian CER entites (SFU, McMaster) to promote knowledge sharing among CER faculty
    - Research Partnerships for faculty engagement (contact Ray)
        - Government of Nova Scotia (ongoing, 5+ projects)
        - United Way Maritimes (in development, 1st project underway)
        - Halifax Regional Municipality (in development, 1st project underway)
    - SMU Advancement is supporting search for other funding opportunities for CER

- Engagement with Government
    - Continue to work with Office of Public Sector Innovation (OPIN) to support increased engagement between post-secondary and government.
    - Funding: Proposal to Province for FY25 support for CER
    - Behavioral Insights group. 5 projects completed (Dal, SMU, MSVU faculty)

- 2024 Project Funding (~$145K)
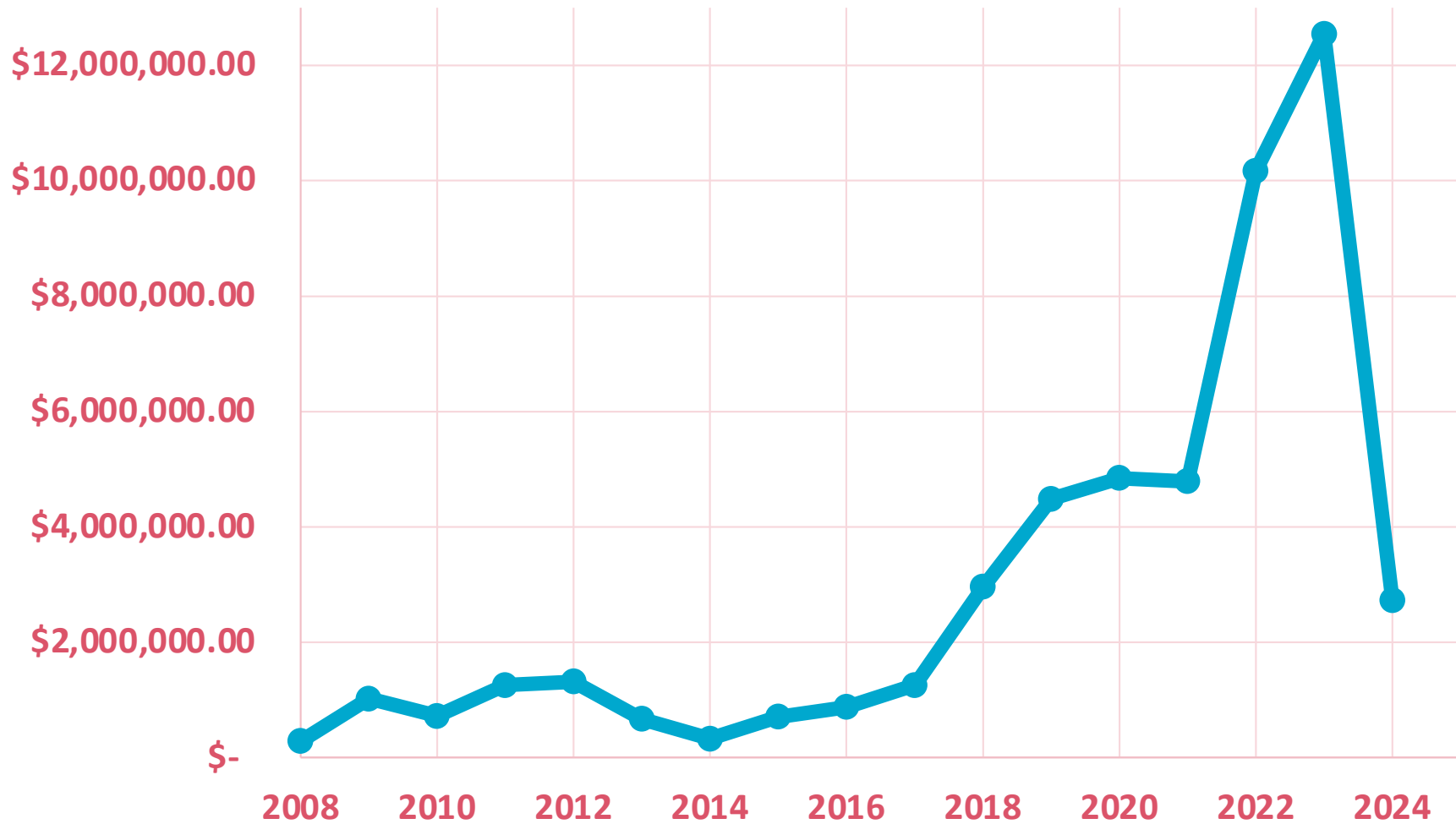   - 21 projects funded
    - 3 involving SMU faculty as PI

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SMU External Funding

Research Expo

When: Friday, March 7, 2025

Where: Loyola Conference Hall

Time: 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Save Your Spot invitations were emailed out earlier this week. If you are interested in giving a short pitch presentation or exhibiting at a booth, please reach out to Danielle Goodfellow.

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Winter 2025

Continuity of the research ethics review process

A valued and essential component of the research enterprise.

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Primary activities

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Ethics support and guidance to researchers	617
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Total number of requests	1624

Engagement update with Eskinuapimk: Mi'kmaw Ethics Watch Review (MEW)

Eskinuapimk: Mi'kmaw Ethics Watch Review

What is understood as the Mi'kma'ki Territory and Governance?

Mi'kma'ki includes all of what is now Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island but also includes the north shore of New Brunswick, inland to the Saint John River watershed and the Gaspé Pennisula of Quebec. Mi'kma'ki extends to eastern Maine and parts of Newfoundland including the islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence as well as St. Pierre and Miquelon.

What is the order of steps for SMU researchers?

Researchers are informed to communicate with MEW early during the research plan preparation phases because MEW jurisdictional review areas and availabilities are particular, evolving and the review criteria is distinct to MEW.

MEW provides quick and well-defined direction about what needs to be considered during the initial design stages and about the upcoming regulatory affairs as multiple internal and external teams as well as possible relating communities begin their work.

The home SMU REB review process involves a request to supply evidence of the MEW opinion to register a request for review work. The MEW review is necessary and primary. The MEW review criteria is distinct to MEW environments. Such opinion is provided either in the form of an exemption or a clearance.

Researchers submit a Research Exemption Form to mew@cbu.ca.

Mi'kmaw Ethics Watch- Research Exemption Form

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