

Trottier Public Science Policy Fellows, LOI's deadline 8 April 2013

Colleagues,

This year the Faculty of Science will inaugurate our "Trottier Public Science Policy Fellows" program. These fellowships have been established through the generous endowment of a visionary philanthropist, Dr. Lorne Trottier. The Fellowships will give a research boost to scientists doing excellent work, where that work will have impact or potential impact upon public policy. Letters of intent are welcome from scientists or teams of scientists within the Faculty of Science, or any other Faculty at McGill. The intention of the fellowships is (a) to recognize and support excellence, (b) to recognize and support scientific leadership, particularly the collaborative leadership of a research agenda, (c) to provide seed money for emerging research directions, including those of an interdisciplinary nature, and (d) to have impact or potential impact upon public policy. As such, the Fellowships will be consistent with our Faculty and University strategic plans.

The program is structured in parallel to Science's Fessenden Professor program for commercialization: letters of intent are requested when, as now, the Trottier Public Science Policy Fellow endowment has sufficient funds to plausibly support Fellowships. It is expected that most Fellowships will be for no more than two years in duration, and that the amount of total funding will be of order 50K-100K of research funds, typically to provide partial support for graduate student funding. It is expected that between one to three Fellowships will be approved per round of proposals.

1. The deadline for letters of intent is 8 April 2013. Letters of intent are one page long, and should address points (a)-(d) above. Letters will be accompanied by CVs. Letters should be sent to Peter Grutter, Associate Dean (Research and Graduate Education), copied to Antonia Di Paola, Assistant to the Dean for Academic Staffing.
2. Each Department in the Faculty of Science may make no more than two nominations. At present there is no restriction on letters of intent from members of other Faculties. Units that make more than one nomination will provide an internal ranking. This process will be reviewed after this round.
3. Chairs and Associate Deans In Science will rank applications, and provide advice to the Dean.
4. Full applications will be solicited from successful letters of intent, and will be reviewed further.

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