



and research facilities upkeep, etc.) of our research activities. Externally sponsored research comes from many sources, including the Government of Canada's funding program and agencies (e.g., ACOA,

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International Development and Human Migration Issue;  
A Tier 2 CRC in International Development Studies.

Canada Chairs Research Program

The Canada Research Chairs (CRC) program stands at the centre of a national strategy to make Canada one of the world's top countries in research and development. Chairs are assigned by the CRC Secretariat to universities in Canada. The number of CRCs and their Tri-Council Agency alignments (SSHRC, NSERC and CIHR) are determined by a formula, largely based upon each University's proportion of total funding of specific programs within each of the Tri-Council Agencies.

Current CRC status:

Year of Allocation	Chair Level	Category
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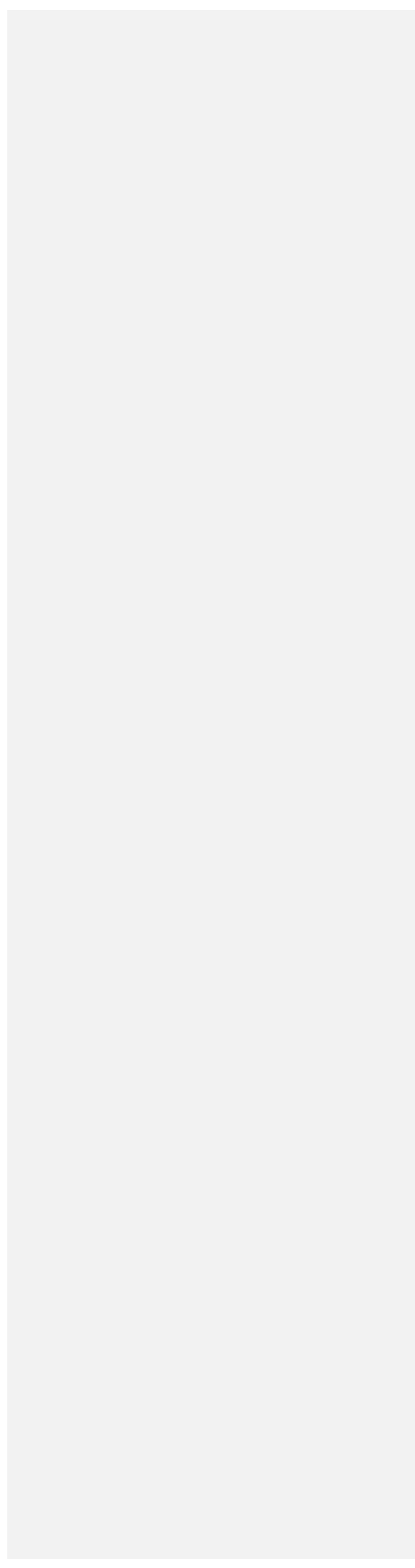
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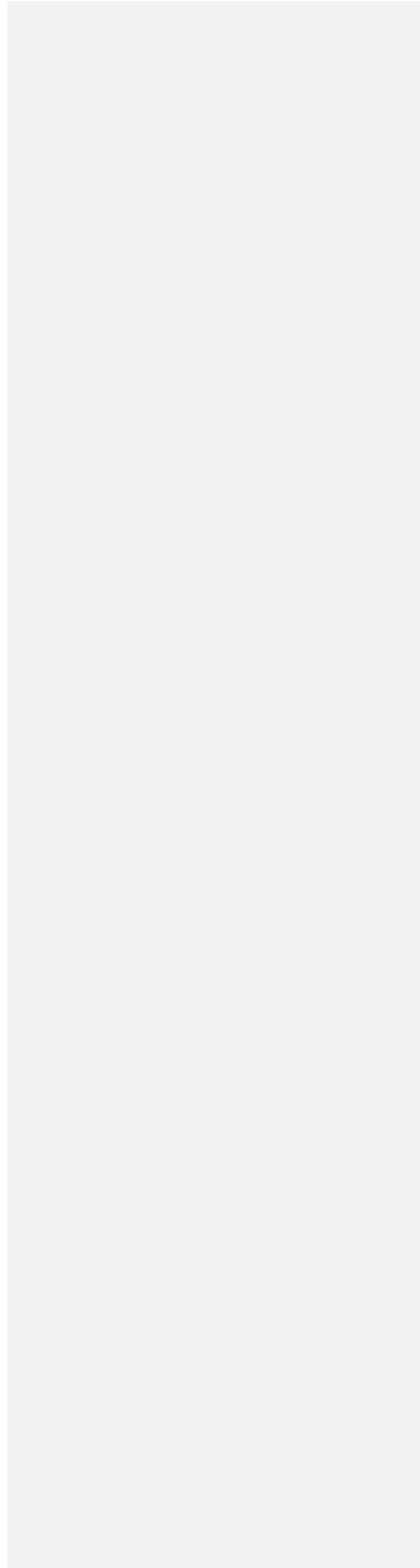
promoting interdisciplinary and inter-university cooperation, and serving as a resource base and data centre for universities, governments, and the private sector. The research activities of the Office of Aboriginal & Northern Research within the GRI are examples of community-based and community-focused research carried out within the Institute. The Centre for the Study of Sport and Health recently emerged from the GRI to become a stand-alone, Senate-approved research centre at Saint Mary's. The Centre builds upon Saint Mary's University's tradition of sporting excellence and extends the growing research competence in the area of sport and health at the University

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NSERC, and other agencies, and has included several large and prestigious SSHRC Community-University Research Alliance (CURA) and SSHRC Partnership grants.

In the Faculty of Arts, the Department of Geography provides a particular focus environmental studies and research. The Maritime Provinces Spatial Analysis Research Centre (MP\_SpARC) was established at Saint Mary's with support from CFI/NSRIT for spatial analysis research infrastructure (GIS, positioning systems, and 3-D seismic analysis). Current research is focused on the impact of climate change and renewable energy generation systems on coastal systems and rivers, as well as citizen-based science approaches to environmental monitoring. In addition to the geographers, researchers in sociology, Atlantic Canada Studies and other disciplines contribute to environmental including better understanding relationships between human health and the environment.

The objectives within the Major Research Theme on Research to Enhance our Environment and to Responsibly Harvest and Sustain our Natural Resources include:

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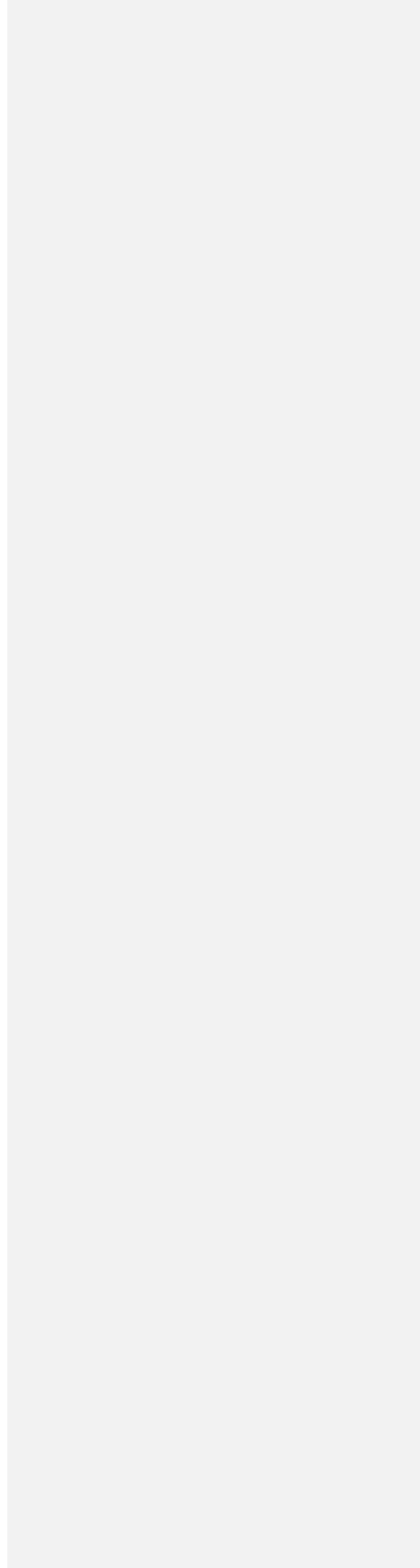
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