

# PROJECT RENAISSANCE

## Strategic Research Plan Update - 2017

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# 2014 SRP

## Development/Approval Process

- SRP prepared over a period of 18 months, based on input from all units in Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry
- Input from International Advisory Committee
- Formally approved by the Steering Committee, by the Deans of Medicine and of Dentistry, and by the Faculty Leadership Council in June 2014
- Posted on the Faculty web site for community input
- A 'Living' document; annual progress reports

# 2014 SRP

## Progress on Implementation Strategies

- The Global Health Program, directed by Dr. Madhu Pai, has dramatically expanded its activities
- The School of Population and Global Health has been approved (obviously includes Global Health)
- The MD/PhD program has been revamped and expanded under the leadership of Dr. Mark Eisenberg to ensure training of clinician scientists
- The Initiative in Computational Medicine was recently approved under the leadership of Dr. Guillaume Bourque (related QLS program)

# Other major achievements

- 24 projects funded via Merck-McGill internal program
- \$84M CFREF award “Healthy Brains for Healthy Lives”
- Established Strategic Research Fund (birth cohort)
- 2 Internal CFI-IOF Reserve Fund competitions for support of core facilities
- Enhanced review process and coordination for large grant applications (CFI)

# 2017 SRP Update Process

- Solicited input on new priorities and new initiatives from all units
- Set up steering committee including representation from basic and clinical sciences, Schools, RIs
- Received and reviewed at least 18 submissions
- Updated draft under review by Steering Committee

# 2017 SRP

## Implementation Proposals

- Standing Committee on Research
- Evaluative Framework for Funded Initiatives
- Increased and Strategic System of Bridge/Start-up/Retention Funding
- Three major foci for new initiatives:
  - Stem cells and regenerative medicine
  - BioX
  - Translational Research/Knowledge Translation

# 2017 Steering Committee Membership

- Anne McKinney (AVPRI)
- Bruce Mazer (MUHC-RI)
- Rod McInnes (LDI)
- Brigitte Kieffer (Douglas)
- William Foulkes (Oncology, Genetics)
- Melanie Lavoie-Tremblay (ISON)
- Laurie Snider (SPOT)
- Howard Bergman (FamMed)
- Corinne Maurice (MIMM)
- Jim Martin (Medicine)
- Maryam Tabrizian (Dentistry & BME)
- David Eidelman (Dean & VP, Health Affairs)
- Philippe Gros (Vice-Dean, Life Sciences)
- Shari Baum (AD, Research)

# Questions for discussion

- What is the best mechanism to ensure that the SRP remains a Living Document and, relatedly, should we invest in new priorities or increase funding for other research support programs (e.g., bridge funding)?
- How do we approach long-term sustainability of the strategic initiatives, including focused faculty recruitment and potentially attracting philanthropic donors?