

Research and Space Planning- Update

Departmental Meeting

October 15, 2018

Space Update- MSB Renovations

- Strategic Infrastructure Fund Renovation work is nearing completion
 - 4 CL2-ready lab modules (2 move-in ready for new recruits or swing space 3334 and 3342)
 - 3 new freezer farms, one in each building module
 - 2 new multi-user cold room spaces
 - 2 new CL2-ready support modules
 - 1 new aquatic animal research space
 - 1 new autoclave/glass washing room
 - 1 autoclave support/storage space (with DI water)
 - 1 new student study/collaboration/display area

Space Update- Current Priorities

- Assessment and procurement of future CL2 space needs
 - met with MSB Faculty to assess ongoing CL2 needs
 - have requested support from Dean for refurbishment of some internal support lab spaces to modern CL2 standards
 - developing long-term plan for storage of liquid N₂ cryotanks

Space Update- Current Priorities

- Office Space Reorganization
 - New Educational Programs and Administrative Staff changes provide an opportunity to optimize space supporting these activities
 - Exploring acquisition of new office spaces (not currently part of the PSL footprint) – 6 to 12 month timeline
 - Likely require 2-stage reorganization to address short-term and long-term priorities

Space Update- Current Priorities

- Construction/Renovation of PSL Microscopy Suite
 - to be housed in MSB 3214 following decommission of Wojtowicz lab
 - Renovated to modern CL2 standards
 - to house 2-3 new microscopes and office space for facility manager
 - Adjacent to CL2-ready tissue culture support space (MSB 3216)

Research Update

- **Launch of 2018 PSL Innovation/Seed Grant Program**

- RFP will be announced Nov-Dec 2018, proposals due March 2019, funding start May 2019

- **Highlights**

- 3 grants of \$25,000/yr. (renewable for 1 yr.) to be used as seed funding for future external grants
- projects must promote collaboration between two or more PSL faculty labs
- projects will be adjudicated by the PSL RISC on the basis of innovation, scientific impact and strength of the plan to obtain external funding
- short-listed projects will be selected following a panel interview process with RISC members

Research Update

- Reminder: Departmental Symposium to highlight PSL's Faculty Elected to the **Royal Society of Canada** in 2018
- Come celebrate the research achievements of **Beverly Orser, Sheena Josselyn** and **Paul Frankland**
- A series of short talks to be followed by a Celebratory Reception - begins November 27, 3pm in MSB 3227