October 3, 2016

Dean’s Academic Society Initiative Prizes

I am very pleased to announce that the Dean’s office is once again offering funding on a competitive basis for projects from the academic societies that address the following:

- increasing faculty-student interaction
- increasing the involvement of more senior undergraduate students with first year students
- increasing involvement of part-time students
- increasing involvement with Equity and Diversity

There will be two dates for submission: **November 11, 2016** and **February 10, 2017** with decisions communicated within two weeks. Each academic society may receive a maximum amount of $1,000.00. A society receiving less than that amount in the first competition may apply for additional funding (up to the maximum amount) in the second competition.

Sample events and activities include: a panel of 4th year students available to answer questions of first year students about their academic experience and future plans, short research talks (with plenty of time for questions and discussion) by faculty and graduate students to undergraduates, and additional faculty in attendance, a meet and greet between faculty and students focused on topics of particular interest to students.

Proposals should describe the specific events or activities planned, a budget for those activities, and indicate whether or not faculty in the relevant program or department(s) have been consulted (particularly important when the aim is to increase faculty-student interaction).

Academic Societies are requested to submit their proposals to Anna Reale, Dean’s Office Administrative Assistant, either electronically at **anna.reale@utoronto.ca** or via campus mail at **3200 William Davis Building** by **November 4, 2016** and **February 3, 2017**.

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