**Message from**
**Tracey Peter, PhD, Vice-Provost (Academic Affairs)**

**Date:** February 10, 2026

**To:** Deans, Directors, Associate Deans and Department Heads

**From:** Dr. Tracey Peter, Vice-Provost (Academic Affairs)

**Re:** **Faculty Development Initiatives Fund**

I am writing to announce a call for proposals to the Faculty Development Initiatives Fund. The FDI Fund supports initiatives at the faculty, school, or department level that enhance the professional development of academic staff, including activities such as strategic planning, priority setting, and capacity building.

For this call, priority will be given to initiatives that align with the University of Manitoba Strategic Plan 2024 – 2029; MomentUM: Leading Change Together. Areas of focus include:

- fostering a vibrant community
- advancing reconciliation for transformative change
- building a sustainable future
- creating knowledge that matters
- empowering learners
- reimagining engagement

**Application Deadline: March 13, 2026 at 4:00 pm.**

The FDI Fund Guidelines are attached. The guidelines and application form are also available here:

https://umanitoba.sharepoint.com/sites/um-intranet-provost-vice-president-academic/SitePages/faculty-development-initiatives-fund.aspx

I look forward to receiving your submissions.

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