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To: NSHA Research Community

From: Interim Lead, Research, NSHA Research & Innovation

Re: Upcoming NSHA Research Fund Competition

NSHA Research & Innovation is committed to offering beneficial, supportive, and relevant funding opportunities for the NSHA Research Community. The NSHA Research Fund (NSHA RF) exists to support original NSHA based research projects and has provided millions of dollars in funding support over 15+ years.

To ensure the integrity, value and rigour of this funding competition, it is necessary to review and revisit the Fund's terms and conditions, processes, focus, and guidelines. This review will consider the impact, benefit, priorities, values and needs of NSHA, Research & Innovation and the NSHA Research Community.

As we work with our stakeholders and teams on the new strategic direction and priorities for Research & Innovation at NSHA, we see this as an opportune time to have a collective discussion and reconsideration of the NSHA RF as it currently exists.

As such, we will be postponing the next NSHA RF competition date from September 15, 2019 to November 15, 2019.

We understand that this delay is not ideal; however, we are confident that this delay will provide valuable time to review all facets of the NSHA RF and lead us to offer a funding opportunity that provides the greatest benefit, support and value to NSHA and the NSHA research community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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Thank you