From the office…

We were delighted with the number of applications received for the Terra Nova Young Innovator Award. Selection should be made in November. We look forward to similar numbers for the upcoming University Research Professor deadline. Please contact us if you know of someone who would be a strong candidate for fellowship in the Royal Society of Canada or the Trudeau Foundation. We know great candidates are out there.

Upcoming deadlines:
- University Research Professor - Nov 30
- Royal Society of Canada Fellowships - Dec 01
- Trudeau Fellowships - Dec 02
- Trudeau Visiting Fellowships Dec 02
- Geological Association of Canada Awards – Dec 15
- Engineers Canada Awards – Jan 09
- Canadian Applied and Industrial Mathematics Awards – Jan 31
- Northern Science Award - Jan 31
- Canadian Association of Geographers Awards – Jan 31

For more information on these and other awards, please see the Awards and Honours website: http://www.mun.ca/honours/welcome/
Or contact Awards and Honours: ellens@mun.ca/tinaw@mun.ca

ROYAL SOCIETY HONOURS IN MUSIC AND ENGINEERING

Dr. Nancy Dahn and Prof. Timothy Steeves — who perform professionally as the award-winning Duo Concertante — have been elected Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada (RSC). Dr. Dahn, an acclaimed violinst, and Prof. Steeves, a renowned pianist, have performed nationally and internationally at recital and performance halls. They are the founders and co-artistic directors of the Tuckamore Festival for talented young musicians, a celebration of chamber music held each summer in the St. John’s area, including on the St. John’s campus.

Dr. Bing Chen, professor of civil (environmental) engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, is among the latest inductees to the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists of the Royal Society of Canada. Dr. Chen established and leads the Northern Region Persistent Organic Pollution Control Laboratory — the first of its kind in Canada. The lab is recognized worldwide for its pioneering research on persistent and toxic organic pollutants, such as oils and pesticides, and their pollution mitigation in cold regions and harsh marine environments. (more here)

ORDER OF CANADA

Memorial University orator Shane O’Dea was named a member of the Order of Canada, a designation that recognizes outstanding contributions on a local or regional level. Prof. O’Dea is being recognized for his contributions to Memorial University as a longtime educator with the Department of English and as public orator and for his impact as an advocate for the preservation of built heritage in Newfoundland and Labrador. (more here)

POLITICAL SCIENTIST RECEIVES CANADIAN FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR AWARD

Dr. Scott Matthews, an associate professor of political science, has received a prestigious Canadian Fulbright Scholar Award and will be the Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at Vanderbilt University for six months beginning this fall.

“In short, our research asks why people are reluctant to foot the bill for popular social goods—like high-quality roads, good schools and a clean environment—on which most citizens place a high value,” said Dr. Matthews, who studies voting behaviour and public opinion in Canada and the United States. “It’s about examining the psychology of support for what we call policy trade-offs.” (more here)