

Subject: Follow up from CAP discussions

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Hi Mike, Garth,

I wanted to follow up from our discussion at CAP around how the increase to the SAP envelope was calculated.

To recap, in 2014 and 2016, the funds allocated to the envelope were based on SAP's share of funds within the Discovery Grants program. This share is calculated by taking the SAP envelope and dividing by the overall Discovery Grants budget. For the purposes of this calculation, the latter included the budgets of all evaluations groups including SAP, as well as the funds going to the Math&Stats institutes.

In 2014, this share represented \$157,920 ramped up over 5 years (from 2018 onwards a \$789,600 ongoing addition to the envelope). In 2016, this share represented \$390,720 ramped up over 5 years (from 2021 onwards a \$1,874,400 ongoing addition to the envelope).

As you know, in 2018, a different approach was taken. Instead of using the full amount of the SAP envelope to calculate its share of the total, the share was calculated based on commitments to SAPPJ + SAP Institutes. In 2018-19, this total commitment to SAPPJ + SAP Institutes was roughly \$19.1M. The overall DG amount (i.e. SAP + EGs + M&S institutes; this is the denominator that you were trying to figure out in June at CAP) was roughly \$380M. Therefore the SAPPJ + SAP Institutes share in 2018-19 = $19.1/380 = \sim 5\%$.

In 2018-19, roughly \$14.4M from Budget 2018 funds was set aside for allocation to the DG programs. And so, 5% of \$14.4M gave the SAP envelope \$726k, which was added to the envelope in the 2019 competition.

As previously communicated, use of these additional funds was not restricted to any particular program within the SAP envelope.

As we discussed, additional allocations to the SAP envelope for CY 2020 and beyond are still to be determined.

Hope this helps clear things up.

Happy to chat over the phone,

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