**Current Funding Opportunities Weekly Update**  
(July 28, 2017)

**Note:** This is a weekly brief that will be distributed to Faculties and Centres at the University of Manitoba about new funding opportunities and other funding agency news items as appropriate. This replaces the single item notices you previously received from our office on grant information. While we continue to work on effective means to communicate information to researchers within our University community, we welcome your comments.

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**Please note RE: Internal Deadlines:**

Researchers are advised to contact their Research Facilitators as early in the proposal development process as possible in order to ensure time for effective feedback. At this stage, incomplete proposals or portions of proposals still in development can be reviewed.

The internal deadline, not the agency deadline, should be considered the effective deadline for submission of a complete proposal to the Office of Research Services with all components (including applicant signatures and a completed FAAF) in place. *Proposals not submitted to ORS by the internal deadline may not receive a complete review prior to submission.*

**TRI-COUNCIL AGENCIES:**

**CANADIAN INSTITUTES OF HEALTH RESEARCH (CIHR)**

- **Foundation Grant – Webinars**

CIHR will hold a series of Q&A Webinars in August and September for researchers and administrators interested in the Fall 2017 Foundation Grant competition. These webinars are designed to complement the Foundation Grant: 2017-2018 Applicant eLearning Module, which is a visual tour of the application process. Participants are strongly encouraged to review this module in advance of the webinar.

- **Program name:** International COEN Initiative in Neurodegeneration 2017

This funding opportunity, in association with the Network of Centres of Excellence in Neurodegeneration (CoEN), seeks to support world-class research on dementia, contributing to the global pursuit of finding a cure or disease-modifying treatment for dementia by 2025. Projects may include studies to illuminate our understanding of neurodegenerative mechanisms, or create technological advances to support novel diagnostic or therapeutic approaches. This call will only fund research that has the potential to move the field forward significantly. The Nominated Principal Applicant must be a member of the Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging. The maximum amount per grant is $166,666 per
year for up to two (2) years for a total of $333,333 per grant. CIHR will support only one Canadian team per consortium application.

**Application Deadline:** September 19, 2017  
**ORS Deadline:** September 12, 2017  
**ORS Contact:** Jackie Cooney-Birch, Research Grants Officer (CIHR), Jackie.Cooney-Birch@umanitoba.ca

- **Program name:** Operating Grant : SPOR PIHCI Network: Programmatic Grants

The pan-Canadian SPOR Network in Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovations (PIHCI) is a Network of networks that builds on regional and national assets in community-based primary and integrated health care. This funding opportunity will support cross-jurisdictional projects that respond to one or more of the Network priorities. Research questions must focus on patients with complex needs across the life course (a relatively small subgroup of the population with high health needs that accounts for a significant amount of health care utilization and costs – from children to older adults). Applicants are encouraged to work with the SPOR SUPPORT Units. The maximum amount per grant is $250,000 per year for up to four years for a total of $1,000,000 per grant. Funding under SPOR is based on a 1:1 matching formula with non-federal sources to ensure relevance and applicability. Only one project may be funded per grouping/comboination of jurisdictions.

**ORS Deadline:** September 19, 2017  
**LOI Deadline:** September 26, 2017  
**SPOR contact:** Gayle Halas, Director, Manitoba SPOR Primary and Integrated Healthcare Innovation Network, Gayle.Halas@umanitoba.ca

**ORS Contact:** Jackie Cooney-Birch, Research Grants Officer (CIHR), Jackie.Cooney-Birch@umanitoba.ca

- **Program name:** Operating Grant: Secondary Data Analysis

In partnership with the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI), a dynamic research cohort of healthcare system users with high usage and complex needs has been created. This opportunity will support cross-jurisdictional research using the Dynamic Cohort to improve the evidence for policy making in Canada. Relevant program and policy decision-makers must be included on the research team, and the research questions must be driven by the needs of policy makers for evidence-informed decision making. The maximum amount per grant is $70,000 per year for up to 1 year.

**Application Deadline:** October 3, 2017  
**ORS Deadline:** September 26, 2017  
**ORS Contact:** Jackie Cooney-Birch, Research Grants Officer (CIHR), Jackie.Cooney-Birch@umanitoba.ca
Program name: **CIHR wants to hear from you: Tell us about your research in 150 words**

As part of the Canada 150 celebrations, CIHR would like to feature your work in a showcase of the life-changing research being conducted right here in Canada. CIHR will use your story to create a crowd-sourced digital storybook of health researchers from across the country. In approximately 150 words, explain why did pursue a career in health research? What are you and your lab working on? What health problems are you tackling? What new scientific knowledge are you creating? We hope you'll consider participating in this celebration of Canada’s health researchers. [Share your story now.](#)

**SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA (SSHRC)**

Program Name: **2017 SSHRC Insight Grant competition**

Insight Grants proposals are expected to respond to the objectives put forward in the call for proposals for the Insight program. Funding is available to both emerging and established scholars for research initiatives of two to five years. This funding opportunity supports research proposed by scholars and judged worthy of funding by their peers and/or other experts. Insight Grant research initiatives may be undertaken by an individual researcher or a team of researchers working in collaboration. Applicants choose from one of two streams, depending on the amount of funding required. Both streams will be adjudicated by the same committees, and will receive the same rigorous level of merit review. The deadlines and application process are identical for both; however, the targeted success rate for Stream A will be higher than that of Stream B. The maximum value of an Insight Grant is $100,000 for Stream A and $400,000 for Stream B. SSHRC welcomes applications involving Aboriginal research, as well as those involving research-creation.

**Agency Deadline: October 15, 2017**

**Panel Review:** September 8, 2017  
**ORS Deadline: September 29, 2017**  
**ORS Contact:** Barbara Hewitt, Research Grants Officer (SSHRC & Misc)  
barbara.hewitt@umanitoba.ca

*Please note the Research Facilitators will be offering a voluntary panel review for Insight Grants. Please email a PDF copy of your full application to Karen.schwartz@umanitoba.ca*

Research Facilitators are also offering the following information sessions:

- “What’s New at SSHRC for 2017/18?” **On August 30th**
- “Key Elements of SSHRC Insight & Insight Development Grants” **On August 2nd OR September 6th**
- “Key Elements of Partnership Grants” **On September 20th**

**All sessions will be held from 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm in Room 409 Tier Building**
HEALTH RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **CIFAR Global Call for New Ideas**

  The [Canadian Institute for Advanced Research](http://www.cifar.ca) (CIFAR) invites the global research community to submit proposals for new programs that address complex, fundamental questions of importance to the world. Ideas must be novel, bold and potentially transformative to warrant the creation of a long-term, multi-disciplinary and collaborative research program. Proposals will be accepted from all areas of research.

  **Call for Letters of Intent Opens: November 15, 2017**
  **LOI Deadline: End of January 2018**
  **Final Proposal Deadline: October 2018**

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- **Manitoba Pulse and Soybean Growers 2018 Call for Research Proposals**

  In 2017, MPSG has been actively involved in preparations for the Agri-Science Cluster applications through the anticipated release of the Next Federal-Provincial-Territorial Agricultural Policy Framework (NPF). The current framework comes to an end March 31, 2018. MPSG, in partnership with other commodity organizations, is working to ensure new programs are fully launched by April 1, 2018. Due to our commitment in the NPF, MPSG is modifying our open call for research proposals in 2018. After consultations with researchers, MPSG’s Research Committee will invite a select group of researchers to submit research proposals to address specific priorities. 2018 proposal templates will be distributed with the invitation. Eligible crops include, but are not limited to, soybeans, dry beans, field peas and faba beans and eligible researchers primarily include those in universities, and federal and provincial research institutions.

  **Deadline to discuss Project with MPSG: August 25, 2017**
  **Proposal Deadline: October 23, 2017**

  Researchers interested in submitting a research proposal through MPSG’s Call for Proposals **must discuss project ideas with MPSG staff prior to being invited to submit a proposal**. To discuss research priorities and leveraged funding opportunities, please contact Laryssa prior to August 25:

  Laryssa Stevenson
  MPSG Director of Research and Production
  laryssa@manitobapulse.ca
  (204) 751-0019

As per standard procedure unless otherwise noted above, ORS requires application for external funding **at least one week** prior to submission to the agency to conduct an administrative review and to sign on behalf of the institution as required.

For more information on ORS procedures and who to contact, please visit the ORS website at [http://www.umanitoba.ca/research/ors](http://www.umanitoba.ca/research/ors)