

**Current Funding Opportunities Weekly Update**  
(February 15, 2018)

**Researchers must follow their unit's new electronic grant submission process.**

**All proposals applied for must be accompanied by a Funding Application Approval Form (FAAF) and must follow the deadlines (*unless otherwise posted*):**

As a reminder, below are the ORS deadlines for submitting research proposals and FAAF's.

For large, complex grant applications (e.g., tri-agency major programs, those that require matching funds and/or additional institutional support, etc.)

- 10 working days in advance of agency deadline

For other regular and/or 'rolling' and one-time grants:

- 5 working days in advance of agency deadline

Also as a reminder, researchers should work with the University's Research Facilitators early in the proposal development stage.

**TRI- AGENCIES:**

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

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➤ [Rapid Funding for DSEN Targeted Research \(2017-2018\)](#)

This funding opportunity is open only to the established Drug Safety and Effectiveness Network (DSEN) Research Teams (RTs) to respond to specific Queries identified by a number of DSEN's stakeholders. DSEN was established primarily to increase the evidence on the post-market safety and effectiveness of drugs available to public drug plan managers, policy-makers, health technology assessors, and regulators to support their decision making. In order to achieve its goals, DSEN will address "Queries" received from a number of stakeholders.

A DSEN Query is a research topic identified as a gap in evidence on the safety and/or effectiveness of post market drugs in Canada that, if addressed, could result in increased knowledge to support the ongoing safety and effectiveness of these medicines in a "real

world" environment. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to provide rapid funding to the RTs to respond to Queries.

The RTs were established through CIHR team grants and funded to undertake networking, capacity development and knowledge translation activities. The RTs also represent the DSEN's research capacity to respond in a timely manner to the Queries of decision makers. However, as research projects need different budgets and timeframes, funds were not provided to cover all ongoing research activities. For this reason, additional funding was planned to support research and capacity development costs for activities not previously funded through the team grants. Consequently, this ongoing Rapid Funding for DSEN Targeted Research Opportunity is only open to the established RTs, specifically:

- Canadian Network for Advanced Interdisciplinary Methods for Comparative Effectiveness Research (CAN-AIM)
- Pharmacogenomics of Adverse Events National Team (PREVENT)
- DSEN active Surveillance and Evaluation of Adverse Reactions in Canadian Healthcare (SEARCH)
- Methods and Applications Group for Indirect Comparisons (MAGIC)
- Canadian Network for Observational Drug Effect Studies (CNODES)

DSEN is using this funding mechanism on a regular basis in order to respond to Queries. The RTs eligible to apply for funding will depend on the methodologies supported by the teams and those required to answer the Queries. The eligible RTs will be contacted with specific Queries and competition timelines as they are made available.

### **Funds Available**

The total amount available for this round of funding is \$1,769,650 to support the study of Comparative Safety and Effectiveness of Biosimilar and Legacy Drugs (Query # 17-05).

**Application Deadline:** N/A

**ORS Deadline:** N/A

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### ➤ [SPOR National Data Platform](#)

Canada's Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) was created after extensive consultation with governments, patients and care givers, researchers, health professionals, policy makers, academic institutions, charities, and the private sector. SPOR reflects a commitment to deliver high quality care in Canada by providing patients, health professionals, and policy makers with the best available information to make decisions about health care by embedding patient-oriented research approaches throughout the research continuum.

This Funding Opportunity will support one SPOR National Data Platform; therefore, the community is strongly encouraged to work together. This Data Platform will:

- address major barriers and inefficiencies in accessing or using multi-jurisdictional/national data for patient-oriented research that cannot be addressed by the individual provincial and territorial (P/T) SUPPORT Units;

- leverage unique Canadian assets enabling international leadership in patient-oriented research;
- be pan-Canadian in scope.

It is a mandatory requirement for teams to reach out to the [SPOR SUPPORT Units](#), [SPOR Networks](#), and SPOR iCT grantees (applicants are encouraged to contact the SPOR team at CIHR: [SPOR-SRAP@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:SPOR-SRAP@cihr-irsc.gc.ca) for the SPOR iCT Initiative grant recipient contact list) during the application process to determine the data needs and the expertise that exists within these entities. The knowledge gained must inform the application.

### **Funds Available**

The total amount available from CIHR for this funding opportunity is up to \$39,000,000 enough to fund one grant for a term of up to seven years. The breakdown of the annual funding available is as follows:

- Year 1: \$3,000,000
- Year 2: \$4,000,000
- Year 3: \$5,000,000
- Year 4: \$6,000,000
- Years 5-7: \$7,000,000 in each year

This funding is meant to plan, develop, and implement a National Data Platform. CIHR funding beyond seven years is not guaranteed.

**Registration Deadline:** April 17, 2018

**Application Deadline:** June 19, 2018

**ORS Deadline:** June 12, 2018

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➤ **Update:** [Team Grant: Research Network on Lyme Disease](#)

A change has been made to the competition timeline and design. **The application deadline of March 6, 2018 has changed to a mandatory registration. The application deadline is now on June 6, 2018.**

Please note that the current funding opportunity is now closed as it was redesigned. Please see the [revised funding opportunity](#) on ResearchNet. Applications in progress will receive an email with instructions on how to transfer their application information.

The application process for the Team Grant: Research Network on Lyme Disease will consist of two stages: 1) Registration and 2) Application. Registered applicants will be required to participate in a strengthening workshop, which will be held in April 2018. The purpose of this workshop is to provide opportunities for applicants to strengthen their application and discuss ways of working together to form a network across Canada. The Nominated Principal Applicant (NPA) as well as a minimum of three key team members up to a maximum of six from each application will be required to attend the workshop. The participants to attend the workshop should include representation from the following categories:

- a. [Early Career Investigator](#);
- b. Health Care Professional;
- c. Clinician Researcher (for this funding opportunity, an [independent researcher](#) who holds an active Canadian license to practice as a human health professional)
- d. Patients/family representatives/informal care providers.

The expense of the participants to attend the workshop will be covered by the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

### **Funds Available**

- The total amount available for this funding opportunity is \$ 4 million, enough to fund approximately one research network up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 per year for four years. This amount may increase if additional funding partners participate.

**Mandatory Registration:** March 6, 2018

**Application Deadline:** June 6, 2018

**ORS Deadline:** May 30, 2018

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### ➤ [Team Grant : Transnational Cardiovascular Research Projects](#)

**This funding opportunity will support projects relevant to the following research areas:**

- Under [JTC 2018](#), CVD research can comprise hypertensive, ischaemic, pulmonary heart diseases and diseases of pulmonary circulation, other forms of heart disease, diseases of arteries, arterioles and capillaries and congenital malformations of cardiac chambers and connections and cardiac septa (analogues to ICD-10).
- Excluded from the call are interventional clinical trials, building up of new cohorts, registries and/or biomaterial banks, cerebrovascular and rheumatic diseases, research that primarily leads to cardiovascular risk management as long term health improvement and/or CVD prevention, and the conduct of screenings.

### **Funds Available**

- CIHR-ICRH is partnering with the ERA-CVD partners and the European Commission to provide more than € 9.49 M for [JCT2018](#).
- The total amount available for Canadian applications is Can\$ 585,000, which is enough to fund approximately two (2) grants. This amount may increase if additional funding partners participate. The maximum amount available per grant to Canadian participants in transnational consortia is Can\$ 97,500 per year for up to three (3) years for a total of Can\$ 292,500, per grant.

**Application Deadline:** June 15, 2018

**ORS Deadline:** June 8, 2018

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## **HEALTH RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### ➤ **Banting Research Foundation – Discovery Awards**

The Banting Research Foundation annually awards the Discovery Award, a grant of up to \$25,000, to outstanding new investigators in any area of health and biomedical research who are within the first three years of their independent appointment at a university or research institute in Canada. The intent is to provide seed funding so that applicants are able to gather pilot data to enhance their competitiveness for other sources of funding.

This competition is open to new investigators at any Canadian university or affiliated research institute who meet the eligibility criteria. Please read the full grant competition conditions on the [Discovery Award Guidelines](#) page.

**Application Deadline:** March 15, 2018

**ORS Deadline:** March 8, 2018

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### ➤ Brain Canada Foundation and the Azrieli Foundation are excited to announce a new open call for funding, the Early-Career Capacity Building Grants. Briefly, this program is targeting Early-Career Researchers, within 3 years of their first research or university appointment, and will provide \$100,000 over 2 years that will enable innovative and original research with the high potential for a meaningful impact.

“Brain Canada has always believed in the importance of supporting the next generation of researchers – training awards for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows are an integral part of our research programs,” says Inez Jabalpurwala, President and CEO of Brain Canada. “With this new grant, we are bridging a gap by going beyond training awards to help early-career investigators launch their academic careers.” Supported by the Canada Brain Research Fund, the Early-Career Capacity Building Grant has the potential to be transformative at a time when there is a significant funding gap to support and retain Canada’s brightest early-career investigators, who are well positioned to make major contributions to Canadian brain research.

To access the application please go to (<https://braincanada.ca/for-researchers/>). For any additional questions researchers should contact [programs@braincanada.ca](mailto:programs@braincanada.ca).

**Application Deadline:** April 17, 2018 (1600 EST)

**ORS Deadline:** April 10, 2018

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### ➤ Canadian Liver Foundation – Research Grant Program Call for Applications

In order to support new advances and breakthroughs, the CLF funds the research of senior researchers, new investigators, and medical students through our research grant programs and partnership projects.

- **Operating Grants** provide funding of up to \$60,000 per year for a maximum of two years to hepatobiliary research investigators to pursue major research projects. As the CLF’s most senior award, it is offered to investigators with primary interest in hepatobiliary research who hold academic appointments in Canadian universities or

affiliated institutions. Both clinical investigators and basic scientists will be considered.

- **Graduate Studentship** grants provide funding for a maximum of two years at \$20,000 per year. These awards are intended for scientists-in-training who are working towards obtaining their Masters or Ph.D. in hepatobiliary research.

**Application Deadline:** March 31, 2018

**ORS Deadline:** March 23, 2018

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## **OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Embassy of France Travel Grant** – Call for Applications  
Mobility funding for researchers to travel from Canada to France and from France to Canada  
Funding:  
•1 return economy-class flight Canada- France or France-Canada  
•A contribution towards subsistence costs (per diem, for a maximum of three nights)  
The application forms are available with the instructions:  
EN: <http://francecanadaculture.org/higher-education-gp/call-for-applications-2018-mobility-funding-for-researchers/>  
FR: <http://francecanadaculture.org/fr/higher-education-gp/appel-a-candidature-mobilite-de-chercheurs-2018/>

For any question related to this program, please contact Armelle CHATAIGNER :  
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**Application Deadline: March 18, 2018, 11:59 PM EST (Canada)**

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