Current Funding Opportunities Weekly Update  
(January 12, 2018)

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. While we continue to work on effective means to communicate information to researchers within our University community, we welcome your comments.

As a reminder, below are the ORS deadlines for submitting research proposals and FAAFs (Funding Application Approval Form):

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):

To get more CIHR news, please follow our CIHR University Delegate, Dr. Yvonne Myal. To subscribe to her CIHR University Delegate email list-serve, please send an email to Yvonne.Myal@umanitoba.ca.

- Webinars on the Project Grant: Spring 2018 Application

CIHR is holding a series of webinars on the Project Grant: Spring 2018 application. These Question and Answer webinars are designed to complement the Project Grant: Spring 2018 Applicant Learning Module, which will be available on January 19th, 2018 on the Learning for Applicants web page. Together, the module and webinars will give applicants an insightful understanding of the recent changes to the Project Grant competition and the application submission process.

The Project Grant: Spring 2018 webinars will be held between January 26th and February 28th, 2018.

Register for a webinar now.
Webinar: Canadian Microbiome Initiative 2: Research Core

Interested applicants are invited to participate in a webinar on January 16th from 3-4 pm EST. Only registered participants will be sent a WebEx invite prior to the webinar. The Webinar will be delivered in English; however, slides will be available in English and French, and participants will be able to ask questions in both official languages. After the webinar, slides and an updated questions and answers document will be made available. For copies, please send an email to support@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

Other: Indigenous Component of Healthy Life Trajectory (I-HeLTI):

The objectives of the Development Grants for the Indigenous component of HeLTI (I-HeLTI) are to:

- Enable First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and Urban Indigenous communities to determine readiness, priority areas of interest, and capacity within relevant communities to undertake a research project;
- Inform the design of I-HeLTI through community engagement to identify community readiness, assess research priorities, and understand research capacity, relationships with other groups, sex and gender considerations, data capacity considerations, and governance; and
- Enable self-determination of Indigenous community-based intervention research by supporting relationship-building within and between Indigenous communities and among other groups

This funding opportunity will support interested communities to prepare for and attend a workshop to better gauge community readiness, build capacity, and identify priorities relevant to all of the following research areas:

- a Developmental Origins of Health and Disease (DOHaD)/life trajectory approach and;
- a focus on non-communicable disease prevention; and
- an intervention cohort design

Funds Available

The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $1,000,000, enough to fund approximately 10 development grants. The maximum amount per grant is up to $100,000 per year for one year.

Application Deadline: February 6, 2018
ORS Deadline: January 30, 2018
ORS Contact: Bryn Jones Square, Research Grants Office (CIHR), bryn.jonessquare@umanitoba.ca
Update on the Spring 2018 Project Grant Competition

This a reminder that the **registration deadline** for the Spring 2018 Project Grant competition is **February 6, 2018** (registration is mandatory). The **internal deadline** for submission of the Project Grant application to the Office of Research Services is **Tuesday, February 20, 2018**, and the final submission deadline to CIHR is **Tuesday, March 6, 2018**.

CIHR has made some minor yet important changes to the application process for the 2018 Project Grant competition:

- **Institute-specific Priority Announcements have been added to the Project Grant:**
  - **Spring 2018 competition:**
    - Priority Announcements (PAs) are additional sources of potential funding for highly ranked applications that were not funded through the Project Grant competition. For information about the PA mechanism and how it works, please refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the CIHR’s website.
    - Applicants must identify their PAs of choice (up to three) at the Application stage. The steps involved in this process will be outlined in the [updated Application Instructions](#), which will be available in mid-January.
    - The complete list of available PAs is now accessible through the "Description" section of the RFA on ResearchNet.

- **Applicants will be required to provide a brief justification (rationale) for their panel choice:**
  - As with the Fall 2017 competition, applicants must indicate the peer review panel(s) whose mandate is most relevant to the research being proposed in the application. Applicants may indicate up to two panels at the Registration stage.
  - A **new feature for the Spring 2018 competition** is a textbox, to be completed at the Registration stage, requiring applicants to provide a brief justification for their primary and secondary panel suggestions. This information will help the Chairs and Scientific Officers to determine which panel best fits each application.
  - An applicant’s suggested panel(s) and the corresponding justification will **remain unchanged between Registration and Application**. Applicants are encouraged to [read through the panel mandates](#) to weigh their options before registration opens on January 16, 2018.
  - The panel mandates will be largely unchanged from the Fall 2017 competition. CIHR is gathering and analyzing feedback on the mandates based on surveys and panel discussions and plans to work with the community to consider mandate changes for the Fall 2018 competition.

- **Applicants responding to previous reviews:**
  - Applicants who respond to previous reviews will be required to attach the reviews being addressed.
  - Applicants will have 2 pages to respond to reviews (this is the same as the previous competition).

**Registration Deadline:** February 6, 2018  
**Application Deadline:** March 6, 2018  
**ORS Deadline:** February 20, 2018  
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Project Grant: Spring 2018 Priority Announcement (Specific Research Areas):
Priority Announcements offer additional sources of funding for highly rated applications that are relevant to specific research areas. Applications are submitted through the "201803PJT" competition of the Project Grant: Spring 2018 funding opportunity.

CIHR Research Priority Areas

- Aboriginal Peoples' Health
- Aging
- Antimicrobial Resistance
- HIV/AIDS
- Infection and Immunity
- Musculoskeletal, Skin and Oral Health: Clinical Research
- Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction
- Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes
- Sex, Gender & Health Research - Integration & Innovation

Registration Deadline: February 6, 2018
Application Deadline: March 6, 2018
ORS Deadline: February 20, 2018
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Team Grant: DSEN: SEARCH-PREVENT (2018): The purpose of this directed funding opportunity is to provide funding to the Drug Safety and Effectiveness Network (DSEN), Active Surveillance and Evaluation of Adverse Reactions in Canadian Healthcare Team (SEARCH), and the Pharmacogenomics of Adverse Events National Team (PREVENT). These teams, which will merge, are a major component of DSEN's core capacity of linked research excellence.

This funding opportunity will support a project relevant to both of the following research areas:

1. Active Surveillance

Within this research area, it is expected that the Team may undertake, but is not limited to, studies on the following:

- Active safety and/or effectiveness surveillance of post-market drugs using valid epidemiologic study designs
- Working with established disease or patient registries to assess the benefits, harms, and uncertainties for drugs of interest in a "real world" context
- Active surveillance by gender in different patient subpopulations such as ethnic and racial minority population, children, or seniors

2. Pharmacogenomics

Within this research area, it is expected that the Team may undertake, but is not limited to, studies on the following:
• Assessments on the potential role of pharmacogenomics relating to the impact on reduction of incidence of adverse drug reactions (ADRs) and/or the impact on effectiveness
• Compare drug response by gender in different patient subpopulations such as ethnic and racial minority population, children, or seniors
• Identification and validation of predictive genomic biomarkers of drug benefits as well as harms

Funds Available

The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $2,250,000, enough to fund one grant. The maximum amount per grant is $750,000 per year for up to three years.

Application Deadline: January 23, 2018
ORS Deadline: January 18, 2018
ORS Contact: Bryn Jones Square, Research Grants Office (CIHR), bryn.jonessquare@umanitoba.ca

HEALTH RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

➢ Research Manitoba 2018 research competition:

While Research Manitoba traditionally launches their Trainee, New Investigator, and Mid-Career Investigator Health Competitions December 1st, the launch of the 2018-2019 competition has been postponed. Please be aware that with their recent budget cut and current strategic planning process, there could be significant changes for, and possible cancellations of, existing programs. Research Manitoba is currently working through this process and will share more information in the spring, 2018. Please check their website in the spring for more information.

For further information please contact:
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NETWORKS OF CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (NCE):

➢ Canadian Frailty Network (CFN) – 2018 CFN Interdisciplinary Fellowship Program

The Canadian Frailty Network (CFN)’s Interdisciplinary Fellowship Program goes beyond traditional academic and clinical training opportunities by offering enriched experiential learning and interdisciplinary collaboration.

CFN will contribute a maximum of 50% of the Fellowship funding and applicants must confirm within their application a partner that has agreed to provide at least matching funds in cash. All funding must be paid as Fellow stipends only.

Funding levels are:

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**Intent to Apply Deadline (required):** January 29, 2018  
**Full Application Deadline:** February 15, 2018  

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- **Canadian Frailty Network (CFN) – 2018 Summer Student Awards**
  The Canadian Frailty Network (CFN)’s CFN's Summer Student Program has been designed to provide students with an interdisciplinary summer experience, which that will allow participants to develop a frame of reference for examining health and social care experiences for Canada's older adults living with frailty.

  Funding of up to $4,000 each is available, with at least 100% in guaranteed matching funds required from the student's supervisor. Both must be paid as student salary and benefits only. Up to 10 students will be funded in this competition.

  Undergraduate students are eligible to apply if they are enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree program at an eligible Canadian university at the time of application. Applicants must have completed all of the course requirements of at least the first year of study in their programs (two academic terms), and must be in good academic standing with their universities.

  **Intent to Apply Deadline (required):** January 29, 2018  
  **Full Application Deadline:** February 12, 2018  
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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)