New Funding Opportunities - Weekly Update  
(October 26, 2020)

Please search for all CURRENT funding opportunities at:  
http://pasweb.cc.umanitoba.ca/extapp/ors/pubapp/umfo.php

CANADIAN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **IRCC – Service Delivery Improvements**  
  Funding Available: approx. $30M per fiscal year. The goal of these projects is to find ways to improve IRCC’s high-quality Settlement Program so that it’s more effective and better equipped to adapt to the needs of newcomers and support them in their integration journey.  
  **Application Deadline:** November 24, 2020  
  **ORS Application Deadline:** November 17, 2020 by 4:30 PM  
  **ORS Contracts Coordinator:** Elke Schattka (elke.schattka@umanitoba.ca)

- **NRC/ECC/HC – Innovative Solutions Canada: COVID-19: Recycling technologies for disposable (single-use) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) used in healthcare sector**  
  Available Assistance: Phase 1: $300,000. Phase 2: $1,000,000. Aim is to develop efficient and cost-effective recycling technologies which will enable the conversion of waste PPE into valuable products and divert them from landfills.  
  **Submission Deadline:** November 6, 2020 at 14:00 (EST)  
  **ORS Application Deadline:** October 30, 2020 at 4:30pm (CST)  
  **ORS Contracts Coordinator:** Holly Musto at Holly.Musto@umanitoba.ca

- **NRC/ECC/HD – Innovative Solutions Canada: COVID-19: Compostable disposable surgical masks and compostable disposable respirators used in the Canadian healthcare system**  
  Available Assistance: Phase 1: $300,000. Phase 2: $1,000,000. Seeking solutions for the manufacture of compostable disposable surgical masks and respirators to be used by healthcare workers.  
  **Submission Deadline:** November 17, 2020 at 14:00 (EST)  
  **ORS Application Deadline:** November 10, 2020 at 4:30pm (CST)  
  **ORS Contracts Coordinator:** Holly Musto at Holly.Musto@umanitoba.ca

INTERNATIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Global Grand Challenges Gates Foundation – Balance the Equation - A Grand Challenge for Algebra 1**  
  Available Assistance: up to $100,000 USD. Seeking to disrupt the deeply imbalanced system against this generation – and previous generations – of Black, Latino, English Learners (ELs), and students experiencing poverty in the US, referred to as priority students, as it relates to their Algebra experience in 7th, 8th, or 9th grade, in-class or online.  
  **Submission Deadline:** November 6, 2020 at 12:00pm (PST)  
  **ORS Application Deadline:** October 30, 2020 at 4:30pm (CST)  
  **ORS Contracts Coordinator:** Holly Musto at Holly.Musto@umanitoba.ca

- **Templeton World Charity Foundation – Grand Challenges for Human Flourishing**  
  Available Assistance: approx. $40,000,000 over 5 years. Priority will go to interdisciplinary scientific research on humanity’s cognitive, affective, social, and spiritual well-being.  
  **Submission Deadline:** November 11, 2020 at midnight (PST)  
  **ORS Application Deadline:** November 4, 2020 at 4:30pm (CST)  
  **ORS Contracts Coordinator:** Elke Schattka at Elke.Schattka@umanitoba.ca
NATO Innovation Hub Challenge
Similar to IDEaS, the NATO Innovation Hub is a community where experts from around the world collaborate to tackle NATO challenges and design solutions. The Hub has recently launched a challenge seeking innovative solutions that address how trust in autonomous systems can be established and strengthened. Solutions can include any combination of methodologies, concepts, techniques and technologies. These challenges are open to all, including the Canadian innovation community. Submit your solutions by November 17, 2020: https://www.innovationhub-act.org/challenge-intro
Questions - Contact the NATO Innovation Hub: contact@InnovationHub-act.org
ORS Contact: Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health & International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca

Compute Canada’s Resource Allocation Competitions
WestGrid Webinar: RAC 2021 Best Practices
Tuesday October 27th 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. PDT Click here to register.
Considering applying to Compute Canada’s 2021 Resource Allocation Competitions? This webinar will share key best practices for submissions. Contact info@westgrid.ca for additional information.

SSHRC’s new strategic plan: Momentum 2020-2022
You will find the PDF and online versions of the strategic plan on the SSHRC website. Also developed infographics, a one-pager and social media that will help you communicate the plan to your networks.

The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) are looking for reviewers to provide advice on proposals. Interested volunteers to contact reviewers@innovation.ca. Click here for more information and additional CFI updates.

NSERC Discovery Grant Basics Information Session
The Office of Research Services held a virtual workshop (via Microsoft Teams) on the NSERC Discovery Grants Program (Basics). The workshop was held on Friday 25 September. Presenters were Andrea Craig, ORS, Research Grants Officer (NSERC) and Dr. Sean McKenna (Chemistry), DG Evaluation Group Expertise. The NSERC Discovery program and best practices for writing an application with greatest chance of success was covered in detail. This was of interest to researchers interested in applying to this program, especially: Early Career Researchers, researchers new to NSERC Discovery, and those who are primarily in a health discipline. This is a link to the recording of the information session https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/df0c120b-e1d5-44a5-9e36-0505226ec879.

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 FAAFs.

For large, complex grant applications (e.g., Tri-agency major programs, NIH, US Department of Defense and 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, for assistance in strategic research planning and proposal review.
For more information on ORS procedures and who to contact, please visit the ORS Website at http://www.umanitoba.ca/research/ors