COVID-19 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND UPDATES:

- **COVID-19 Immunity Task Force**
  Request for Expression of Interest COVID-19 Hot Spots
  This request for expressions of interest is for population-based studies that will report on novel data relating to COVID-19 infection and immunity in three types of COVID-19 “hot spots”: 1) geographic areas, 2) long-term care facilities, 3) occupation groups.
  Following screening of the EOIs by the COVID-19 Immunity Taskforce (CITF) Secretariat, those deemed to have the most potential will be invited to a mandatory proposal preparation workshop on October 6, 2020. The CITF intends to fund multiple studies in each “hot spot” category that meet or exceed expectations related to scientific value, community/stakeholder engagement, and policy relevance. An overall funding envelope of up to $30 million is available. See full details here: [https://www.covid19immunitytaskforce.ca/research/funding-opportunities/](https://www.covid19immunitytaskforce.ca/research/funding-opportunities/)
  **Deadline for Expressions of Interest:** September 21, 2020
  **ORS Contact:** Barbara Hewitt, Research Grants officer (SSHRC and miscellaneous (non-health) grants, Networks of Centres of Excellence, Genome Canada)
  [Barbara.Hewitt@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Barbara.Hewitt@umanitoba.ca)
  **Note:** A FAAF is not required for submission of an EOI. Please notify Barb Hewitt of intention to submit EOI.

- **Work Safe BC**
  **2020 Specific Priorities – Impacts of COVID-19 Request for Proposals**
  Grant amounts are determined by WorkSafeBC, based on the proposed work plan and budget. Previous projects ranged from $50,000 to $150,000 (Canadian dollars). Project durations are one year, although exceptions may be warranted.
  **Agency Deadline:** October 31, 2020
  **ORS Deadline:** October 23, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.
  **ORS Contact:** Michelina Violi, Research Grants Officer (Health and International), [Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca)

TRI-AGENCIES

CANADIAN INSTITUTES OF HEALTH RESEARCH (CIHR):

- **AMED-CIHR Research Collaboration on Advancing Epigenetic Technologies**
  This program will support collaborations between early career researchers in Canada and Japan in the areas of epigenetics and epigenomics. An abbreviated application must be submitted to CIHR by the Canadian applicant at the same time as a full application is submitted to the Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED) by the Japanese PI. The value of the Canadian component of the grant is $300,000 over three years.
  **Application Deadline:** September 15, 2020
  **ORS Application Deadline:** September 8, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.
  **ORS Contact:** Jackie Cooney-Birch, Research Grants Officer (CIHR), [Jackie.Cooney-Birch@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Jackie.Cooney-Birch@umanitoba.ca)

- **Implementation Science Teams: Strengthening Pandemic Preparedness in Long-Term Care**
  This program, in partnership with the Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement, will support the implementation and sustainability of specific identified practice interventions to better prepare long-term care and retirement homes for future outbreaks of COVID-19, and to rigorously evaluate the outcomes and impacts of the interventions, with grants of up to
$150,000 over one year. An informational webinar will be held September 9th at 11:00 a.m.; potential applicants can register at the link above.

**Registration Deadline:** September 14, 2020  
**Application Deadline:** September 30, 2020  
**ORS Application Deadline:** September 23, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.  
**ORS Contact:** Jackie Cooney-Birch, Research Grants Officer (CIHR), Jackie.Cooney-Birch@umanitoba.ca

- **CIHR Fellowship**  
  CIHR Fellowships will provide support for highly qualified applicants in all areas of health research at the post-PhD degree or post-health professional degree stages to add to their experience by engaging in health research either in Canada or abroad. The maximum value of the award is $60,000 per year over 5 years. Please note that a FAAF (in the name of the applicant’s supervisor) along with a complete PDF of the application downloaded from ResearchNet should be submitted for the ORS deadline.
  
  **Application Deadline:** December 1, 2020  
  **ORS Application Deadline:** November 24, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.  
  **ORS Contact:** Jackie Cooney-Birch, Research Grants Officer (CIHR), Jackie.Cooney-Birch@umanitoba.ca

**CANADIAN GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Canadian Hemophilia Society (CHS) – Dream of a Cure Research Program**  
  Funding up to $150,000 available for up to three (3) years. Click [here](#) for more information including application form and guidelines.  
  **Application Deadline:** November 16, 2020  
  **ORS Deadline:** November 9, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.  
  **ORS Contact:** Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.

- **CHS/Pfizer Care Until Cure Research Program**  
  Funding up to $150,000 available for up to three (3) years. Click [here](#) for more information including application form and guidelines.  
  **Application Deadline:** November 16, 2020  
  **ORS Deadline:** November 9, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.  
  **ORS Contact:** Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.

- **CHS Novo Nordisk Psychosocial Research Program**  
  Funding up to $40,000 available for one (1) year. Click [here](#) for more information including application form and guidelines.  
  **LOI Deadline:** November 16, 2020  
  **Application Deadline (Upon Invitation):** January 18, 2021  
  **ORS Deadline:** January 11, 2021 – 4:30 p.m.  
  **ORS Contact:** Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.

- **CHS-Bayer ADVANCE Canada Research Program**  
  Funding up to $60,000 available for up to one (1) year. Click [here](#) for more information including application form and guidelines.  
  **Application Deadline:** November 16, 2020  
  **ORS Deadline:** November 9, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.  
  **ORS Contact:** Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.
Canadian Foundation for Dietetic Research
CFDR 2021 Research Grant Competition - The maximum amount of a CFDR grant is $20,000. This includes an allowance in the research project budget for dissemination/travel costs of up to $1,000.

Agency Deadline for LOI: September 14, 2020
Agency Deadline proposal submission: March 1, 2021 (upon invitation)
ORS Deadline for proposal submission: February 22, 2021 – 4:30 p.m.
ORS Contact: Michelin Violi, Research Grants Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca

Ontario Pork – Call for Proposals 2021
All research projects that align with this objective will be considered, including, but not limited to, swine health, swine welfare, swine nutrition, swine husbandry, swine reproduction, barn design and management, employee health and safety, meat quality and safety, marketing and consumer trends and environmental and economic sustainability.

Letter of Intent Deadline: October 16, 2020, 12:00 pm (noon)
Application Deadline: January 25, 2021, 6:00 pm (upon invitation)
ORS Deadline: January 20, 2021, 4:30 pm
ORS Contact: Barbara Hewitt, Research Grants officer (SSHRC and miscellaneous (non-health) grants, Networks of Centres of Excellence, Genome Canada), Barbara.Hewitt@umanitoba.ca

Pfizer - Quality Improvement Grant – Request for Proposal
Optimal Early Therapy Management in CML
Individual projects requesting up to $150,000 will be considered. The estimated total available budget related to this RFP is $450,000.

Agency Deadline: October 1, 2020 – 11:59 EST
ORS Deadline: September 24, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.
ORS Contact: Michelina Violi, Research Grants Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca

INTERNATIONAL GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Johnson & Johnson – Nurses Innovate QuickFire Challenge in COVID-19 Patient Care
Nurses from around the world are invited to submit ideas aiming to improve COVID-19 patient care. The nurse innovators with the best idea(s) will receive up to $100,000 in grant funding.

Agency Deadline: September 29, 2020
ORS Deadline: September 22, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.
ORS Contact: Michelina Violi, Research Grants Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca

PCORI Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute
Phased Large Awards for Comparative Effectiveness Research – Cycle 3 2020
Investigators may request up to $2 million in direct costs for a feasibility phase up to 18 months in duration, with up to $20 million in direct costs for continuation to a full-scale study phase up to five years in duration. Total direct costs for the full proposal should not exceed $22 million.

Agency Deadline for LOI: September 29, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. ET
Agency Deadline Full Proposal: January 12, 2021 – 5:00 p.m. ET
ORS Deadline Full Proposal: January 5, 2021 – 4:30 p.m.
ORS Contact: Michelina Violi, Research Grants Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca

McKnight Brain Research Foundation
McKnight Clinical Translational Research Scholarship in Cognitive Aging and Age-Related Memory Loss
Each award will consist of a commitment of $65,000 per year for two years, plus a $10,000 per year stipend to support education and research-related costs for a total of $150,000.

**Agency Deadline:** October 1, 2020

**ORS Deadline:** September 24, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.

**ORS Contact:** Michelina Violi, Research Grants Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba

**American Epilepsy Society**

**Susan S. Spencer, MD Clinical Research Training Scholarship in Epilepsy**

Each award will consist of a commitment of $65,000 per year for two years, plus a $10,000 per year stipend to support education and research-related costs for a total of $150,000.

**Agency Deadline:** October 1, 2020

**ORS Deadline:** September 24, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.

**ORS Contact:** Michelina Violi, Research Grants Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba

**WORKSHOPS/EVENTS/MEETINGS:**

- **Webinar:** CIHR Fall 2020 Project Grant “Ask Me Anything” sessions

CIHR is hosting “Ask Me Anything” sessions designed to answer the questions researchers have about the Fall 2020 Project Grant competition. Attendees can send in their questions in advance using the Sli.do website (links below).

**English Session 1:** Wednesday, September 9, 2:00-3:30 p.m

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

Ask a question using Sli.do (Sli.do event code: #pjt-ama-sept9)

**English Session 2:** Friday, September 11, 12:00-1:30 p.m

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

Ask a question using Sli.do (Sli.do event code: #pjt-ama-sept11)

**French Session:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 1:00-2:30

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

Ask a question using Sli.do (Sli.do event code: #pjt-ama-8sept)

Due to COVID-19, NSERC is replacing live webinars with pre-recorded videos followed by live Q&A sessions. This series is meant to assist the research community on how to complete an application using the Research Portal and the NSERC Canadian Common CV (CCV). You will find below the pre-recorded videos as well as the dates for these upcoming live Q&A sessions. New Q&A session dates will be added as they become available on our website. **Please view the pre-recorded videos prior to attending a live Q&A session, as the material presented in the videos will not be repeated.**

In order to prepare, you are invited to familiarize yourself with the following documents:

- [Discovery Grant application program description](#) which includes the [Peer Review Manual](#) and the [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Instructions for Completing an Application](#)
- [Submitting an NSERC individual Discovery Grant application through the Research Portal](#)

Pre-registration is not required to attend the live Q&A sessions.

Considering the high attendance to the webinars, NSERC staff may not have time to respond to all individual questions during the session. Any additional questions should be directed to the support team at [NSERC Discovery](#).
Consult the Webinars page to learn about upcoming information sessions.

- **Workshop:** CIHR Project Grant Information Session  
  September 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. via MS Teams  
  Jackie Cooney-Birch (Research Grant Officer for CIHR programs) and Jodi Smith (Research Facilitator, Health Sciences) will present a virtual CIHR Project Grant information session. The session will go over the components and requirements of a Project Grant application and tips for a successful submission. First-time Project Grant applicants are especially encouraged to attend. Please send an email to jackie.cooney-birch@umanitoba.ca to RSVP for the session and receive an MS Teams link.

- **Webinars:** CIHR 2020 Info Sessions for Trainees in Health Research  
  CIHR is offering webinars (via MS Teams) to support students, postdoctoral fellows and institution staff regarding CIHR awards programs. Sessions will include an overview about relevant policies, tips for applicants, guidelines on how to submit an application and information on how award competitions have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and will allow time for Q and A.

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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