CANADIAN INSTITUTES OF HEALTH RESEARCH (CIHR):

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- Repurposing Research in Rare Diseases – Pre-announcement

  The “Repurposing Research in Rare Diseases” program, sponsored by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and Cures Within Reach (CWR), with the additional contribution of the MindSet Foundation and Mitacs, was pre-announced on November 9. This international program will involve multiple clinical sites located both in Canada and the United States of America and offer researchers with the opportunity to develop projects that translate rare disease research into therapeutic approaches that are aligned to real unmet healthcare needs. CWR and CIHR will fund research projects with well-defined near-term applications deemed to significantly impact the rare disease research landscape. It will build upon the extensive initiatives and multiple rare disease projects funded as part of the CIHR Personalized Medicine Signature Initiative. “Repurposing Research in Rare Diseases” plays a role in CWR’s 100 Projects 100 Days Challenge, which is a call for researchers and clinicians to share new projects and ideas to prove to the world that repurposing existing drugs for health care needs is a critical piece of the healthcare puzzle. This funding opportunity will soon be launched.

  Each research proposal will need to meet the following requirements: generate clear deliverables with immediate applications, including off-label use, for rare diseases management; propose novel (evaluation criteria to lower projects that have been done) proof of concept clinical trials involving, multiple clinical sites in Canada and the United States of America, and; propose an adequate development plan to ensure the realization of the expected benefits.

  **Agency letter of intent deadline:** early 2016  
  **Agency application deadline:** Spring 2016  
  **ORS deadline:** January 5, 2016  
  **ORS Contact:** Nancy Klos, Associate Director (Research Grants), Nancy.Klos@umanitoba.ca

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FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **KRESCENT program Post-Doctoral Fellowship Award**
  
  A KRESCENT program Post-Doctoral Fellowship is an “in-training” award intended for applicants with a PhD, MD or equivalent degree. The objective is to attract and foster young investigators to initiate and/or continue training in kidney research.
  
  **Agency deadline:** February 15, 2016
  
  **ORS deadline:** February 1, 2016
  
  **ORS Contact:** Nancy Klos, Associate Director (Research Grants), Nancy.Klos@umanitoba.ca

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HEALTH RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Cancer Research Society – Operating Grants**
  
  The Operating Grants competition is the principal means by which the Cancer Research Society fulfills its mission to support fundamental, early translational and Environment-Cancer research on all types of cancer in order to contribute to the advancement of science aimed at preventing, detecting and treating this disease.
  
  **Letter of intent deadline:** December 7, 2015
  
  **Agency full application deadline:** February 17, 2016
  
  **ORS deadline:** February 1, 2016
  
  **ORS contact:** Nancy Klos, Associate Director (Research Grants), Nancy.Klos@umanitoba.ca

- **Hospital for Sick Children – New Investigator Research Grants**
  
  This program provides support to child health researchers early in their careers. It is intended that New Investigator Research Grants will enhance the grant recipient's capacity to compete with more senior investigators for research grants from other funders. We fund research that has the potential to have a significant impact on child health outcomes.
  
  **Agency deadline:** April 20, 2016
  
  **ORS deadline:** April 6, 2016
  
  **ORS contact:** Nancy Klos, Associate Director (Research Grants), Nancy.Klos@umanitoba.ca

- **KRESCENT program - New Investigator Award**
  
  This is awarded to individuals who have clearly demonstrated excellence during their pre-doctoral and post-doctoral training in kidney disease. The Award provides salary support for up to three years of the faculty appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor or its equivalent at a Canadian University.
  
  **Agency deadline:** February 15, 2016
  
  **ORS deadline:** February 1, 2016
  
  **ORS Contact:** Nancy Klos, Associate Director (Research Grants), Nancy.Klos@umanitoba.ca
Weston Brain Institute – Transformational Research 2016
Provides funding for preclinical translational research that will accelerate the development of therapeutics for neurodegenerative diseases of aging. Funding maximum is $1,500,000 over 3 years. All the Institute’s neurodegenerative diseases of aging are covered by this program with the exception of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Program information session to be held on Tuesday, November 17th.
Agency letter of intent deadline: January 14, 2016
ORS Contact: Nancy Klos, Associate Director (Research Grants), Nancy.Klos@umanitoba.ca

NETWORKS OF CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (NCE):

Cardiac Arrhythmia Network (CANet) – 2016 Major Industry-Partnered Research Grant (MIRG)
CANet is a network dedicated to transforming Canada’s arrhythmia healthcare system through integrated, multidisciplinary research and development. The 2016 MIRG competition will support new transdisciplinary industry-partnered research projects which are primarily industry focused.

Projects must:
- Be related to sudden cardiac death, atrial fibrillation or syncope;
- Include a Knowledge and Technology Exchange and Exploitation plan;
- Include a robust development plan for Highly Qualified Personnel (HQP);
- Not be focused on the prevention and/or management of cardioembolic stroke;
- Match every $1 of CANet funding with $4 in support from partner organizations ($3 of which must be cash).

This competition is open to CANet Network Investigators. Interested researchers can apply to this competition concurrently with an application for CANet membership. More information regarding joining CANet as a Network Investigator can be found at the link above.

Submission Deadline: January 14, 2016 (3 pm Central)
ORS Deadline: January 7, 2016
ORS Contact: Robert Senkiw, Special Projects Officer (Institutional Programs): Robert.Senkiw@umanitoba.ca.

Cardiac Arrhythmia Network (CANet) – 2016 Meeting Grant Program (MGP)
The 2016 MGP provides CANet Network Investigators with up to $10,000 for meeting and planning activities aimed at forming new multidisciplinary, multi-sectoral research partnerships in heart rhythm disturbances research with other investigators and Canadian industries, governments, and patients.

Interested researchers can apply to this competition concurrently with an application for CANet membership. More information regarding joining CANet as a Network Investigator can be found at the link above.
Submission Deadline: None – Applicants must register with CANet before proceeding with the development of a detailed application, to ensure sufficient funds are available.
ORS Deadline: Two weeks in advance of submission to CANet.

ORS Contact: Robert Senkiw, Special Projects Officer (Institutional Programs):
Robert.Senkiw@umanitoba.ca.

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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.

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