NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TRI AGENCIES

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

**CIHR-CEPI Leadership Award for Vaccine Research**
*NOTE: ORS Deadline Change due to University closure July 2*
Application deadline: July 9, 2021
ORS Deadline: *July 5, 2021*, 4:30 p.m.
ORS Contact: Jackie Cooney-Birch, Research Grants Officer (CIHR), Jackie.Cooney-Birch@umanitoba.ca

**New Frontiers in Research Fund – Exploration Stream**
This program funds grants of up to $250,000 over two years (including $50,000 in indirect costs) to support high-risk, high-reward interdisciplinary research led by teams of at least two individuals. Potential applicants should note that proposals will be assessed on the following criteria: Interdisciplinarity; Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; High-Risk; High-Reward; and Feasibility, with Interdisciplinarity and EDI being assessed on a pass/fail basis. Proposals which could otherwise be submitted to a traditional Tri-Agency program are unlikely to succeed; successful projects will go beyond traditional collaborative approaches and demonstrate innovation and "out of the box" thinking.
Notice of Intent Deadline: August 10, 2021
ORS Notice of Intent Deadline: August 3, 202, 4:30 p.m.
Proposal Deadline: October 19, 2021
ORS Deadline: October 12, 2021, 4:30 p.m.
ORS Contact: Jackie Cooney-Birch, Research Grants Officer (CIHR), Jackie.Cooney-Birch@umanitoba.ca

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)

**NSERC Alliance Grants**
Alliance grants encourage university researchers to collaborate with partner organizations, which can be from the private, public or not-for-profit sectors. These grants support research projects that will generate new knowledge and accelerate the application of research results to create benefits for Canada. There is no deadline, applications may be submitted at any time throughout the year.
**Option 1:**
- Value: $20,000/yr (minimum annual request, not an average) to $1 million/yr
- No limit on number of applications per year for applicant or partner
- Cash match: 1:1 (50%) or 2:1 (67%)
Option 2: NEW (8 June 2021)
- Value: $30,000/yr (minimum; not an average) to $300,000/yr
- Limit of one (1) application within a 12-month period (as Principal Investigator or as Co-Applicant); **no application limit for partner organizations**
- Cash match: **90% or 100%** - This option does not require matching funds if your partners are exclusively not-for-profit or public organizations.

**Because of its additional considerations, please contact Andrea.Craig@umanitoba.ca or your Research Facilitator at an early stage before applying to this program Option.**

**Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)**

**Imagining Canada’s Future Ideas Lab: Canada and the Circular Economy**

**Stage 1:** This virtual workshop is the first stage of the Imagining Canada’s Future (ICF) Ideas Lab, a multistep funding opportunity. At this workshop, up to 30 researchers will participate in facilitated activities before organizing themselves into multidisciplinary teams to develop and pitch innovative project ideas. During the second stage of the ICF Ideas Lab, teams whose partnerships and project ideas successfully met the **evaluation criteria for workshop pitches** will be invited to apply for funding to further develop their projects.

**Call for Participants for Virtual Workshop dates:** October 18-29, 2021
**Expression of Interest Application Deadline:** July 16, 2021, 8:00pm EST
**ORS Expression of Interest Application Deadline:** July 5, 202 at 4:30pm CST
**ORS Contact:** Barbara Hewitt, Research Grants Officer (SSHRC & Misc)
Barbara.Hewitt@umanitoba.ca

**Stage 2:** Teams with project ideas that meet the evaluation criteria will be invited to submit fully developed funding applications for Stage 2 of the ICF Ideas Lab. Up to three grants of up to $250,000 will be awarded. Participation in the Ideas Lab workshop is no guarantee of funding.

**Application Deadline:** January 20, 2022, 8:00pm EST
**ORS Application Deadline:** January 6, 2022, 4:30pm CST
**ORS Contact:** Barbara Hewitt, Research Grants Officer (SSHRC & Misc)
Barbara.Hewitt@umanitoba.ca

**Insight Grant**
- Stream A: $7,000 to $100,000
- Stream B: $100,001 to $400,000
- Duration : 2 to 5 years

**Webinars available see complete information below in announcements.**
**SSHRC Deadline:** October 01, 2021 – 8:00 pm EST
**ORS Deadline:** September 17, 2021 at 4:30 pm CST
**ORS Contact:** Barbara Hewitt, Research Grants Officer (SSHRC & Misc)
Barbara.Hewitt@umanitoba.ca

**Partnership Engage Grants**
Partnership Engage Grants are expected to respond to the objectives of the Insight program and the Connection program. They provide short-term and timely support for partnered research activities that will inform decision-making at a single partner organization from the public, private or not-for-profit sector. The small-scale,
stakeholder-driven partnerships supported through the Partnership Engage Grants are meant to respond to immediate needs and time constraints facing organizations in non-academic sectors. In addressing an organization-specific need, challenge and/or opportunity, these partnerships let non-academic organizations and postsecondary researchers access each other’s unique knowledge, expertise and capabilities on topics of mutual interest.

**Application deadline:** September 15, 2021, 8:00 p.m. EST

**ORS deadline:** September 01, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. CST

**ORS Contact:** Barbara Hewitt, Research Grants Officer (SSHRC & Misc)
Barbara.Hewitt@umanitoba.ca

### Internal Funding Opportunities

**Small Research Equipment Funding Program (SREF)**

The SREF Program provides support to purchase, repair or fabricate research equipment. The Office of the Vice-President (Research and International) will provide a maximum of $25,000 to researchers who have specific, lower-cost equipment needs required to support their research program.

**Application Deadline:** July 31, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

*If this date falls on a weekend or statutory holiday, the deadline moves to the next business day, which would be Tuesday, August 3rd @ 4:30pm.*

ORS contact for further inquiries and/or assistance: Jenna Silva, Research Grants Officer (Institutional Programs);
Jenna.Silva@umanitoba.ca

**Please note:** FAAFs are **NOT** required for Internal Grant Programs.

***Internal Grant Applications can be found here***

** Faculty of Graduate Studies - GETS (Graduate Enhancement of Tri-Agency Stipends) Program. If you are a recipient of Tri-Agency Funding you may be eligible for funding from the GETS Program. Guidelines can be found here. Application form can be found here. Questions, please contact GETS@umanitoba.ca.

### Canadian Funding Opportunities

**CIFAR – Global Call for Ideas: The Future of Being Human**

CIFAR invites bold proposals from researchers at universities or research institutions that ask new questions about our complex emerging world. Confronting challenging problems that require a diverse team incorporating multiple disciplines (potentially spanning the humanities, social sciences, arts, physical sciences, and life sciences) to engage in a sustained dialogue to develop new insights, and change the conversation on important questions facing science and humanity.

**Registration Deadline:** August 17, 2021

**LOI Deadline:** January 26, 2022, 11:59pm PST

**ORS LOI Deadline:** January 12, 2022, 4:30pm CST

**LOI’s invited to Full Proposal:** Spring 2022

**Full Proposal:** Fall 2022

**ORS Deadline:** 10 business days prior to sponsor deadlines, 4:30pm

**ORS Contact:** Barbara Hewitt, Research Grants officer (SSHRC and miscellaneous (non-health) grants, Networks of Centres of Excellence)
Barbara.Hewitt@umanitoba.ca
Manitoba Medical Services Foundation – Operating Grant
A maximum of $35,000 available for one (1) year. Additional information including guidelines can be found here. **Note: This is a highly subscribed to competition and therefore ORS requires the application 10 business days prior to the agency deadline in order to complete all reviews in a timely manner.

**Application Deadline:** August 16, 2021
**ORS Deadline:** July 30, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.
**ORS Contact:** Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and interim CIHR), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca

**International Funding Opportunities**

**National MS Society – Mentor-Based Postdoctoral Fellowship in Rehabilitation Research**
The salary levels requested for each year of the fellowship award must be based on the Society’s salary scale plus a maximum of 25% for fringe benefits. Click here application submission instructions and here for policies, procedures and guidelines. Applications must be submitted through the online portal found here.

**Pre-Application Deadline:** August 11, 2021, 5:00 pm EST
**Application Deadline:** August 18, 2021, 5:00 pm EST
**ORS Deadline:** August 13, 2021, 4:30 pm CST
**ORS Contact:** Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca

**MS Clinician-Scientist Development Award**
The MS Clinician-Scientist Development Award supports 3 years of research training in an environment. Click here application submission instructions and here for policies, procedures and guidelines. Applications must be submitted through the online portal found here.

**Pre-Application Deadline:** August 11, 2021, 5:00 pm EST
**Application Deadline:** August 18, 2021, 5:00 pm EST
**ORS Deadline:** August 13, 2021, 4:30 pm CST
**ORS Contact:** Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca

**Barancik Prize for Innovation in MS Research**
The Barancik Prize for Innovation in MS Research is $100,000 USD to be used at the discretion of the researcher. Click here application submission instructions and here for policies, procedures and guidelines.

**Nomination/Application Deadline:** July 16, 2021, 5:00 pm EST
**ORS Deadline:** July 9, 2021, 4:30 pm CST
**ORS Contact:** Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca
SSHRC Insight Grant Webinars:
SSHRC will be holding two webinars for applicants and research administrators to provide information and answer questions about the upcoming IG October 2021 competition via WebEx. Advance registration is not required.
Detailed information of the webinars is below:

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For any questions, please contact by email at: insightgrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca.

Public Safety Canada – Research Security Information Update

Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) – Major Science Initiatives Fund (MSI)
The release of the draft call for proposals for the 2023 competition of the Major Science Initiatives (MSI) Fund.
We welcome feedback from the Canadian research community and other stakeholders. We will consider the input we receive when we prepare the official call for proposals, which we will post in early July.
Please send your comments to MSI-ISM@innovation.ca by June 30, 2021.
See the draft call for the full competition schedule and details.

Visit our website for examples of facilities currently supported through the Major Science Initiatives Fund.

Information sessions
Following the launch of the competition with the posting of the official call for proposals in early July, we will hold information sessions for researchers, research administrators and other interested parties on July 14, 2021, in English, and on July 15, 2021, in French.
Both sessions will occur from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.
Use the links below to register for a session to learn more about the competition and have your questions answered:
Register for the English session, July 14, 2021 at 1 p.m. EDT
Register for the French session, July 15, 2021 at 1 p.m.
Recordings will be available on the CFI’s website for those unable to attend.
ORS contact: Jocelyne Gaudet, CFI Liaison and Projects Coordinator [Jocelyne.Gaudet@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Jocelyne.Gaudet@umanitoba.ca)
We are pleased to announce that all Research Administration System (RAS) Training Materials for Phase I – Human Ethics Fort Garry will be going live **Monday, June 28th**. The remaining stages will follow later throughout the year (Animal Care, Grants & Contracts, Human Ethics – Bannatyne). You may have heard about developments regarding the RAS through Faculty or previous UM Today articles. You can learn more about the RAS on the [project webpage](#).

On June 28th, you will be sent the link for RAS Production. You can log in using your UM Email and Password.

Once we go live, you will need to upload your CORE/PHIA certificates to your profile, even if you have done so in the Training environment. This is very important as it required to complete a new submission. Instructions on where to access your certificates and how to upload can be found in UM Learn.

**Note:** When you log in to RAS Production you will have access to all previously approved Human Ethics - Fort Garry protocols.

For Human Ethics - Fort Garry protocols, this is now where you will submit any new submissions as well as amendments, adverse events, renewals, and personnel changes for projects that were approved outside the system.

**How to Access Training Information:**
To access the information, please login to [UM Learn](#) and select the **Self Registration** tab. This will bring you to the Self Registering Course Offerings, please select **Research Administration System** from the list and click **Register**. Once you have registered, you will be able to access all course material. For additional assistance with Self Registration click [here](#).

For any login issues to the system, please contact IST Service Desk: servicedesk@umanitoba.ca

If you have any other questions, please contact: RAS_Support@umanitoba.ca

**NSERC Discovery Grants (2022-2023) – How to submit a Notification of Intent (NOI):**
- Links to pre-recorded videos [here](#).
- Live Q&A sessions for 2021:
  - English: 8 July (12:00pm to 1:00pm Central/Winnipeg Time)
  - French: 6 July (12:00pm to 1:00pm Central/Winnipeg Time)
Pre-registration is not required to attend the live Q&A sessions. The session will be open 15 minutes in advance for you to review existing questions and submit your questions in advance.
Consult the [Webinars page](#) regularly to learn about upcoming information sessions.

**Grant applications submitted to NSERC’s Research Partnerships funding opportunities:** The Government of Canada recently released a [Research Security Policy Statement](#), which underlines that Canada’s world-class research, and its open and collaborative research environment, are increasingly targeted by espionage and foreign interference activities. To tackle this situation, the Government of Canada has asked the members of the [Government of Canada–Universities Working Group](#) to develop specific risk guidelines to integrate national security considerations into the evaluation and funding of research partnerships, with the aim to enable researchers, research institutions
and government funders to undertake consistent, risk-targeted due diligence of potential risks to research security.

NSERC is assessing the implications of the new due diligence process on the delivery of its Research Partnerships funding opportunities. As a result, delays are affecting the intake and review of some Research Partnerships grant applications. Your understanding and patience are greatly appreciated. Questions, contact (RPP@NSERC-CRSNG.GC.CA).

- CIHR video series called *Ask a Scientist*. In the first video, Dr. Strong answers a question that has been in the media in recent months and has persisted online in some social media circles: Was the COVID-19 vaccine research rushed? This 7-minute video is now available online.

- **US Department of Defense Application Resources – Informational Webinars**
  Are you considering applying for a US DoD research grant? The Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) presents a webinar series on types of funding opportunities offered and strategies to increase the success of applications submitted to different CDMRP programs. Click here to view available webinars.

- **NIH UPDATES**
  Equity, Diversion and Inclusion in Peer Review – read about the upcoming changes here. Read about upcoming changes to the NIH biosketch effective May 25, 2021 here.

- **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) plans now required by many funding agencies.**
  - How will you recruit a diverse team and create an inclusive culture in your lab/team?
  - Learn about existing barriers in your field and any EDI priorities, targets and programs in your unit
  - Get involved in initiatives promoting representation of marginalized groups
  - Take training opportunities and offer them to your research group
  - Have plans for recruitment (advertising/interviewing) that considers diversity broadly (beyond racialization and sex/gender)

- **Best Practices in EDI resources:**

- The Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada announced the launch of the *Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy* (the *Tri-Agency RDM Policy*). Frequently Asked Questions about the policy and associated requirements for institutions and researchers are now available online, along with links to resources. Andrea.Szwajcer@umanitoba.ca, Research Services Librarian, is available to make presentations to units to advise Faculty members, graduate students, PDFs, RAs, of this policy. If you have any questions, please contact the agencies via the e-mail addresses noted below. You are also invited to monitor agency communications to learn more about upcoming webinars on the policy and its implementation.

  CIHR: ResearchData-Donneesdercherche@cihr-irsc.gc.ca
  NSERC: ResearchData-Donneesdercherche@nserc-crsng.gc.ca
  SSHRC: ResearchData-Donneesdercherche@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca
The lift your spirit on Monday box:

"Near, far, wherever you are... make sure you're practicing social distancing!"
— Celine Dion 😊