TRI AGENCIES

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Operating Grant: COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence
This opportunity will support support research that will inform effective strategies to improve COVID-19 vaccine confidence and uptake among populations experiencing systemic inequities, conditions of marginalization, Indigenous Peoples and/or among populations who are historically under-vaccinated. Proposals should integrate community-based research approaches, such as (but not limited to): participatory action research (PAR), Indigenous methodologies, empowerment evaluation approaches, community asset mapping, and citizen science. Grants are for $100,000/yr for two years.

Application deadline: August 10, 2021
ORS deadline: August 3, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.
ORS Contact: Jackie Cooney-Birch, Research Grants Officer (CIHR), Jackie.Cooney-Birch@umanitoba.ca

Canadian Funding Opportunities

Diabetes Canada – Research Grant Competition
Funding available up to a maximum of $100,000/year for three (3) years. Click here for guidelines and here for LOI template.

LOI Deadline: June 20, 2021, 7:59 pm EST
Application Deadline (upon invitation): September 2021
ORS Deadline: 5 business days prior to sponsor deadline, 4:30 pm
ORS Contact: Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca

Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI)
The next call for proposals to the Canada Foundation for Innovation’s (CFI) Innovation Fund (IF) competition is expected to be announced in the fall 2021. To prepare for this competition, we are inviting notices of intent (NOI) for infrastructure projects, due to ORS Birtukan.Gebretsadik@umanitoba.ca by 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

UM Notice of Intent (NOI)
Completed NOIs must be submitted by the ‘Lead’ Unit’s Associate Dean (Research)/Research Liaison Officer, to the Office of Research Services. NOIs
will not be accepted past June 30, 2021. Only select, exemplary NOIs will be requested to proceed to the proposal stage.

**The Expression of Interest breakdown:**

**Section 1:**
- Proposed project title
- Estimated total project costs
- Designated project leader
- Principal users (up to 10, must include the project leader) + CV
- ‘Lead’ Unit’s details

**Section 2:**
- Create a research proposal to outline your CFI request
- Max. 10 pages, 12 pt font size, 2 cm margins

1. **Research or tech development (30 points):** The research or technology development program(s) are innovative, feasible and internationally competitive.

2. **Benefits (20 points):** The team and its partners have a well-defined plan to transfer the results of the research or technology development program(s). The results are likely to lead to social, health, environmental, and/or economic benefits for Canadians.

3. **Team** (20 points): The diverse team comprises the breadth of expertise needed to conduct the proposed program(s).

4. **Research capacity (10 points):** The institutions and their partners have the necessary research capacity on which this proposal will build.

5. **Infrastructure (10 points):** The requested infrastructure is necessary and appropriate to conduct the proposed program(s). Explain how it builds upon existing infrastructure, if applicable. (10 points).

6. **Sustainability (10 points):** The infrastructure will be optimally used, operated and sustained over its useful life through tangible commitments. Include possible sources for 20% matching. (10 points).

**Diverse Team:** We encourage you to compose teams that include people who are at different stages of their career, with different backgrounds and from underrepresented groups, as appropriate for the proposed program(s). Also consider two team leads, if appropriate.

Link to video of Feb 18 and 24 information sessions:
https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/8de8162b-68d7-4ebe-8501-e4dd86eb09f4

**VPRIO Contact:**

Birtukan Gebretsadik (for questions or concerns related to your proposal)
Jocelyne Gaudet (for specific questions related to renovations, operations and maintenance, advanced research computing requirements, troubleshooting EOI/NOI forms, and submitting pitch presentations)

**Genome Canada - Genomic Applications Partnership Program (GAPP)**

This highly competitive program funds downstream research and development (R&D) projects that address real world opportunities and challenges identified by industry, government, not-for-profits, and other end users of genomics knowledge and/or technologies. GAPP projects are collaborations between academic researchers and end user organizations, and co-funded by the end users and impacted stakeholders.

Applicants can request up to 1/3 of the project budget from Genome Canada, from a minimum contribution of $100,000 to a maximum of $2 million. The remaining project funding must be secured from other eligible sources, with at least 1/3 provided by the
Receptor(s). The duration of GAPP projects should be a minimum of one year to a maximum of three years, but may be shorter or longer if justified.

What is a GAPP project?
A GAPP project develops or applies a genomics-derived or genomics-enabled solution (i.e., tool, product, process) to an opportunity or challenge clearly defined by the end user.

What is not a GAPP project?
Discovery research, commercial launches, projects led by industry with an academic in a supporting or service role, projects, or project components (e.g., certain types of clinical trials) that would typically fall within an end user’s responsibility.

Process
The GAPP takes project teams through a stage-gate process with decision points at every stage. Intake begins with an Expression of Interest, and if successful, the project team (academic and end user team) will be invited to a Pitch session. If successful at the Pitch, the team will be invited to submit a Supplementary Proposal. The GAPP is highly competitive. EOI intake is expected to begin as early as July 2021.
If you have a project you are interested in bringing forward for a GAPP application, please direct enquiries to Lisette Mascarenhas, Chief Scientific Officer (Genome Prairie) lmascarenhas@genomeprairie.ca
ORS Contact: Andrea Craig, Research Grants Officer (NSERC suite of programs, Genome Canada) Andrea.Craig@umanitoba.ca

PHAC – The Intersectoral Action Fund
Available Assistance: between $25,000 and $250,000 per project. This fund supports communities to build capacity for intersectoral action on the conditions into which we're born, live, grow, work, play and age - the social determinants of health.
Application Submission Deadline: July 21, 2021 at 3:00pm (EDT)
ORS Application Deadline: July 14, 2021 at 4:30pm (CST)
ORS Contracts Coordinator: Camille Dixon at Camille.Dixon@umanitoba.ca

International Funding Opportunities
American Academy of Implant Dentistry – Student Research Grant
Funding available up to a maximum of $2,500 USD over one (1) year for new investigators, post-graduate students or those resuming research careers. Application guidelines can be found here. Applications must be submitted through the online portal.
Application Deadline: June 15, 2021
ORS Deadline: June 9, 2021, 4:30 pm
ORS Contact: Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca

Large Research Grant
Funding available up to a maximum of $25,000 USD over two (2) years. Application guidelines can be found here. Applications must be submitted through the online portal.
Application Deadline: June 15, 2021
ORS Deadline: June 9, 2021, 4:30 pm
ORS Contact: Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca
Pfizer – Quality Improvement Grant RFP- Understanding Healthcare Disparities in IBD Patients in Underserved Communities
Funding up to $250,000 available. Clinical Research projects are not allowed. Click here for more information including application form and guidelines. Applications must be submitted online here.

**Application Deadline:** June 29, 2021, 23:59 pm EST
**ORS Deadline:** June 22, 2021 – 4:30 p.m
**ORS Contact:** Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.

WORKSHOP/EVENTS/MEETINGS/OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Call for nominations: Recruitment of additional TGMS External advisory board members
The Tri-Agencies are seeking additional members for the Tri-agency grants management solution (TGMS) External advisory board. There is a particular need for individuals with expertise in Indigenous research as well as individuals with expertise in accessibility and accommodations for persons with disabilities in the research community. Advisory board meetings will be held virtually on a monthly basis. Please see the link above for full Terms of Reference and documents required to nominate/self-nominate.
**Deadline to apply:** June 25, 2021
**Research Administration System (RAS) Training Materials for Phase I**

We are pleased to announce that all Research Administration System (RAS) Training Materials for Phase I – Human Ethics Fort Garry are now available in UM Learn. 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](#).

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](#).

Welcome Sessions are scheduled for May 31st - June 4th. This 1 hour session will cover Logging in, Profile Set-up, System Navigation and Basic System Overview. If you haven’t had a chance to sign up for this session or any of the following sessions you can do so here.

During the Welcome Session, attendees will be uploading their CORE/PHIA certificates to their RAS Profiles so please have them available for upload at that time. The RAS UM Learn course includes documents outlining how to download your CORE/PHIA certificates.

If you have any questions about the training please contact: RAS_Support@umanitoba.ca

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**NSERC Discovery Horizons**

Slides and Recordings from last week webinars - Please note that the recordings will expire 30 days from May 26th.

- [French session](#)
- [English session](#)

**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](mailto: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, and the Social Sciences and Humanities 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-Donneesderecherche@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

NSERC: ResearchData-Donneesderecherche@nserc-crsng.gc.ca

SSHRC: ResearchData-Donneesderecherche@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca
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