NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TRI AGENCIES

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

Operating Grant: Addressing the Wider Health Impacts of COVID-19

This call will support one-year projects that generate new evidence on the extent and impact of the indirect and wider health consequences of COVID-19, identify effective interventions (policy, practice and/or models of care) to ameliorate the wider impacts of COVID-19 and improve preparedness for future health emergencies and pandemics, and generate evidence related to one or more marginalized population(s). Grants are for up to $1M over one year for clinical trials and $500,000 over one year for all other forms of research.

Registration Deadline: October 18, 2021
Application Deadline: November 8, 2021
ORS Deadline: November 1, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.
ORS Contact: Jackie Cooney-Birch, Research Grants Officer (CIHR), Jackie.Cooney-Birch@umanitoba.ca

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) has launched a Knowledge Synthesis Grants funding opportunity to assess the state of research knowledge on the topic of “The Emerging Asocial Society”, under SSHRC’s Imagining Canada’s Future initiative.

This call for proposals focuses on the state of knowledge from research on issues related to the growing sense of disconnection, isolation and loneliness in Canadian society. The resulting syntheses will identify roles that the academic, public, private and not-for-profit sectors may play in promoting more connected and resilient communities, and may inform the development of effective tools, robust policies and sustainable practices required to support the transition to a more equitable, healthy and prosperous future. For more information on the call for proposals, please contact: ksg-ssc@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca.

Application Deadline: December 17, 2021
ORS Deadline: December 10, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.
ORS Contact: Barbara Hewitt, Research Grants Officer (SSHRC and miscellaneous (non-health) grants, Networks of Centres of Excellence) Barbara.Hewitt@umanitoba.ca

FYI - Research funds are automatically set up under the awardees primary department. A researcher may request that the funds be set up in their secondary department by submitting the Request to Change the Organization (ORG) on a New or Continuing AURORA Fund form found on the ORS website under the Forms/Contact Us tab.
**Canadian Funding Opportunities**

**Canadian Asthma, Allergy and Immunology Foundation (CAAIF) – CAAIF Immunodeficiency Research Fellow/Early Investigator Award in Immunodeficiency**
Funding in the amount of a minimum of $10,000 to support early career investigators doing research in primary immunodeficiency as well as breakthroughs in novel treatments for these conditions. Click here for more information.

**Application Deadline:** October 15, 2021  
**ORS Deadline:** October 8, 2021, 4:30 pm  
**ORS Contact:** Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca

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**CAAIF - Avir Pharma Early Investigator Research Grant in Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE)**
Funding in the amount of $10,000 is to support early career investigators doing research relevant to Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE). Click here for more information.

**Application Deadline:** November 15, 2021  
**ORS Deadline:** November 8, 2021, 4:30 pm  
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**International Funding Opportunities**

**Pfizer Global Medical Grants – Addressing Knowledge Gaps in Atopic Dermatitis and Alopecia Areata RFP**
Funding up to $300,000 USD available. Click here for more information.
Application to be submitted through the Pfizer online portal found here.

**Application Deadline:** October 4, 2021, 11:59 pm EST  
**ORS Deadline:** September 27, 2021 – 4:30 p.m CST  
**ORS Contact:** Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca

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**WORKSHOP/EVENTS/MEETINGS/OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

➢ **The DAAD Alumni Association Canada** and the **Humboldt Association of Canada** invite you to take part in an online event with Her Excellency Sabine Sparwasser, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Canada, on Tuesday, September 14th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm EST to reflect with Ambassador Sparwasser on the 50th anniversary of the German-Canadian Science and Technology Agreement, the relationship between the two countries in these areas, what has been achieved and how this collaboration is evolving. After words from Ambassador Sparwasser, she will take part in a discussion of the event theme with attendees. This event will take place in English. To receive the event link, register online by clicking here.
DAAD German Academic Exchange Service – have several upcoming deadlines for different DAAD programs. Find the summary of all programs and their deadlines below:

- **September 27**: Study Scholarship - Music
- **September 30**: Study Scholarship - Architecture
- **October 15**: Research Stays for Faculty
- **October 15**: Re-Invitation Grant for DAAD Alumni
- **November 1**: German Studies Research Grant
- **November 1**: Group Study Visit
- **November 4**: Research Grants (Short-Term and One-Year)
- **November 4**: Study Scholarship (All Disciplines)
- **November 30**: Study Scholarship - Fine Art, Design, Visual Communication and Film

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for the New Frontiers in Research Funding (NFRF) Program –
Responding to requests from the research community and research administrators, SSHRC will be hosting two webinars on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Below are the dates, times and links to the webinars **REVISED DATES**.

- **September 17th – 2021**: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion – French
  - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Eastern Time
  - Meeting link: [NFRF webpage](https://nfrf-nsfrch.gc.ca) – Please click on “join webinar”

- **September 17th – 2021**: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion – English
  - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Time
  - Meeting link: [NFRF webpage](https://nfrf-nsfrch.gc.ca) – Please click on “join webinar”

Webinars will be recorded and they will be made available along with the presentation slides to research administrators after the sessions. For more information, please contact: [NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaires.gc.ca](mailto:NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaires.gc.ca).

ORS NSERC Discovery Grant Information Session(s)  Two 1-hour **live** sessions (via MS Teams) will cover the same/similar information as in the 2020 recording (with updates as appropriate, especially to EDI), but will allow for discussion and questions specific to the session topics. The full 2-hour 2020 recording sessions can be found at this link: [https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/df0c120b-e1d5-44a5-9e36-0505226ec879](https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/df0c120b-e1d5-44a5-9e36-0505226ec879) (UManitoba login required). 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, are strongly encouraged to watch.

UM ORS – NSERC Discovery Info/Q&A – EDI considerations and HQP focus
**Date and Time**: Friday, 17 September 2021 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
**Hosted by**: Andrea Craig, Research Grants Officer (NSERC & Genome Canada)
**Guest expert**: Dr Annemieke Farenhorst (Assoc. VP (Research), NSERC Chair for Women in Science & Engineering Prairie Region (2011-2021), EG 1506 Geosciences)
If you have questions in advance, please feel free to send them with your RSVP. RSVP is critical to receive an invite link to this session: Andrea.Craig@umanitoba.ca

UM ORS – NSERC Discovery Info/Q&A – Budget, Excellence, Delays, Other

Date and Time: Monday, 20 September 2021 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Hosted by: Andrea Craig, Research Grants Officer (NSERC & Genome Canada)
Guest expert: Dr Sean McKenna (Assoc. Dean Science (Undergraduate), EG 1501 Genes, Cells & Molecules)

If you have questions in advance, please feel free to send them with your RSVP. RSVP is critical to receive an invite link to this session: Andrea.Craig@umanitoba.ca

SSHRC will be holding a series of webinars for applicants and research administrators on upcoming competitions. The webinars will be held via WebEx at the following dates and times:

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If you have technical questions, contact: Helpdesk   Tel.: 613-995-4273

➢ **INOVAIT EVENTS**

**Part 2 of INOVAIT’s Lecture Series on Artificial Intelligence & Image-Guided Therapy, Current Challenges and Further Directions**

**September 16, 2021   1:00 – 2:00 PM ET**

**Guest Speaker** - Geralyn Ochab, Chief Executive Officer, Imagia, will provide an overview of the current state of artificial intelligence in image-guided therapy, highlighting current challenges and opportunities, as well as future trends and directions for advancing image-guided therapy.

[Register here](#)

**Image-Guided Therapeutics & Diagnostics Symposium - Call for Abstracts Extended**

The Image-Guided Therapeutics and Diagnostics committee is inviting authors to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations, to be delivered virtually at the **Image-Guided Therapeutics and Diagnostics Symposium** (IGTD) on **November 17th and 18th, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (PST)**

IGTD will bring together clinicians, researchers, students, and industry organizations who are interested in emerging diagnostic and therapeutic health technologies.

Why should you get involved?

- IGTD will provide an opportunity to communicate your research to a diverse group of people;
- Let you meet potential research and industry collaborators, and network with peers from across Canada;
- IGTD has over $900 in prizes for the top 3 abstracts (1st: $500, 2nd: $250, 3rd: $150)

Abstract submissions are due **October 4th, 2021**. More details and submission instructions can be found on the website: [https://bmiai.ubc.ca/image-guided-therapeutics-and-diagnostics-symposium](https://bmiai.ubc.ca/image-guided-therapeutics-and-diagnostics-symposium)

INOVAIT is pleased to offer its members and project partners limited complimentary tickets to this event. **Contact** INOVAIT to get your promo code.

**INOVAIT Lecture Series: Regulation of AI in Healthcare**

**Guest Speaker:** Michaela Shaw

**October 14, 2021   1:00-2:00PM ET**

[Register here](#)
CIHR recognizes the need to engage a broad range of voices to inform future areas of focus in patient-oriented research and to contribute to the achievement of the CIHR Strategic Plan 2021-2031. CIHR are grateful to the many partners and stakeholders who have already shared their ideas on future priorities for patient-oriented research.

CIHR would like to remind all that the survey continues to be available on the CIHR Let’s Talk website until September 17, 2021. You are encouraged to participate and share the link within your community if you have not already done so. They are open to receiving responses by phone, e-mail or mail as indicated in the survey. If you are unable to complete the survey online, you may call toll free at 1-888-603-4178 (press 1) or email SPORConsultationSRAP@cihr-irsc.gc.ca and CIHR will ensure your voice is heard.

Following the survey, an online discussion forum will take place starting on September 27. At that time CIHR will share more information about the forum. Finally, a “What We Heard” report summarizing the results will be shared with the community in 2022.

Government of Canada - Canada’s defence policy, Strong, Secure, Engaged commits to $1.6 billion of investment in innovations for defence and security over the next 20 years. But IDEaS is more than just a funding program. It is accelerating concepts and propelling solutions forward, building a defence innovation ecosystem. Join us for an informative session and learn how you can bring your IDEaS to life! Join Kris Ruiter, Chief Stakeholder Engagement – Procurement Assistance Canada in the following session:

- September 15, 2021
  12:00 – 1:00 MST
  https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpcGgqjMuHtUOOcxWZHw63tShMBibB4fx

NSERC Live Q&A Webinars- How to complete a RTI application:
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). Find links below to 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 the NSERC website.

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:

- RTI program description which includes the Peer Review Manual and Frequently Asked Questions
- Instructions for Completing an RTI Application

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.
Considering the high attendance to our webinars, NSERC staff may not have time to respond to all individual questions during the session. Any additional questions should be directed to the NSERC support team at NSERC Discovery.

Consult the Webinars page to learn about upcoming information sessions.

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➢ CIHR Ask Me Anything summary
CIHR held four Ask Me Anything webinars related to the Fall 2021 Project Grant in July – a summary of the questions and answers has now been posted.

➢ CIHR video series called Ask a Scientist. A second video now released!
Dr. Charu Kaushic, Scientific Director of the CIHR Institute of Infection and Immunity, stars in this new video. In just six minutes, she outlines the benefits of vaccination and explains the concept of herd immunity. Find the video and all the supporting materials here.

➢ Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF)
The next competition will be launched in the fall of 2021 with deadlines for the Letter of Intent in early 2022 and the full application in late summer 2022. In its two inaugural competitions, the CFREF funded 18 projects, for a total investment of $1.3 billion dollars. The first CFREF program evaluation report and the management response and action plan are now available online. More information will be released in the fall, including the details of the funding opportunity, eligibility, application timelines and information on upcoming webinars.
For all questions or comments, you are invited to contact the program’s senior managers at the Tri-Agency Institutional Programs Secretariat (TIPS):
• Valérie Laflamme, Associate Vice-President: Valerie.Laflamme@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca
• Dominique Lalonde, Director, Institutional Programs: Dominique.Lalonde@chairs-chaires.gc.ca

➢ NSERC - Discovery Accelerator Supplements (DAS) program
As of competition year 2022, the Discovery Accelerator Supplements (DAS) program will be suspended until further notice. Although no new DAS awards will be made, ongoing DAS awards will continue to be honored.
This comes as NSERC re-directs the DAS budget to support investments in Discovery research and training awards, including the funded one-year extensions for Discovery Grants.

NSERC will continue to monitor and assess the future role and objectives of the DAS program as it relates to NSERC’s commitment to funding excellence in discovery research and training.

➢ CSIS: National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships
Find the latest updates to the Government of Canada website (https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_97955.html and several sub sections) on research security.

➢ Canada Excellence Research Chairs Program (CERC)
The next competition of the CERC program will be launched in the fall of 2021 with application deadlines in Spring 2022. A news item will be posted in July to the CERC website which will provide high-level information on the launch. Program changes to the upcoming competition are based on the feedback and analysis of past competitions, including the Canada 150 Research Chairs Program, as well as feedback received to date from governance committees, institutions and the tenth-year program evaluation. More information will be released in the fall including the details of the funding opportunity, eligibility, application timelines and information on upcoming webinars.

➢ Join the Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation IBD Virtual Conference: November 18-19, 2021 – Register today and see what’s on the horizon in IBD discoveries! Early Bird discount now available for a limited time!

➢ Public Safety Canada – Research Security Information Update

➢ Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) – Major Science Initiatives Fund (MSI)

➢ Research Administration System (RAS) Training Materials for Phase I
All Research Administration System (RAS) Training Materials for Phase I – Human Ethics Fort Garry is live as of 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.

Access the live RAS today. For more information visit the RAS Home Page.

Note: any work that was done in the RAS training page did not migrate over into the current RAS page. If you submitted a protocol in the training page, the
office will not receive it. Ensure you are logging into RAS through the link above.

If you did not have the opportunity to attend training for Human Ethics – Fort Garry you can access training materials and information by logging into UM Learn and select the Self Registration tab. This will bring you to the Self Registering Course Offerings. Select Research Administration System from the list (or type Research_Administration_System_112020 in the search bar) 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 information regarding further training session opportunities contact: RAS_Support@umanitoba.ca

➢ NSERC Discovery Grants (2022-2023) – How to submit a Notification of Intent (NOI):
Links to pre-recorded videos here. 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).

➢ 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:**
https://www.nserc-crsng.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/EDI-EDI/Action-Plan_Plan-dAction_eng.asp **NEW**

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The lift your spirit on Monday box –

Have you heard about the two guys who stole a calendar?

They both got 6 months.