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PROJECT & FOUNDATION UPDATE

Update on the Fall 2016 Project & Foundation Competitions

CIHR released an update on August 16, 2016 on the upcoming Fall 2016 Project & Foundation competitions.

One key point: applicants can either submit one application as Program Leader through the Foundation competition; or up to two applications as Nominated Principal Investigator through the Project competition.

Further competition details, will be described in the funding opportunity details for each competition.

Project Grant

The Project application and peer review process are being modified as per the recommendations of the Peer Review Working Group.

- Anticipated Funding Opportunity Details available: week of August 29, 2016
- Anticipated Registration period: September 8 to September 20
- Anticipated Application period: September 8 to October 18 (application available as soon as the registration is submitted)

- The new Project application will:
- Be expanded to 10 pages of unstructured text, and applicants will be able to decide how to use the 10 pages (figures and tables are to be included in the 10-page limit),
- Permit space for unlimited references,
- Allow an unlimited number of letters of support,
- Include a 1 page rebuttal section for resubmitted applications, and
- Be assessed on “significance and impact of the research” (25% of final score), “approaches” (50% of the final score), and “expertise, experience and resources” (25% of final score).
- The Project Common CV will permit inclusion of publications from the previous 7 years. Applicants who have taken a leave of absence in the previous 7 years will be able to provide further information on publications and grants beyond the 7-year limit.

Foundation Grant

The Foundation competition is proceeding without significant changes, as per the update from the Peer Review Working Group.

- Anticipated Funding Opportunity Details available: week of August 29, 2016
- Anticipated Registration period: August 30 to September 13
- Anticipated Application period – Stage 1: September 14 to October 13 (application available the day after the registration deadline)

Project & Foundation Workshops

We will organize Project & Foundation workshops early in September to occur after the Funding Opportunity Details for these two competitions have been released.

Project Application Feedback Processes
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For Internal Reviews, applicants provide a near-final version of their application to reviewers, and our program organizes a meeting for the applicant and reviewers to discuss the application. If you are interested in an Internal Review for your Fall 2016 Project application please email cihrgrants@ualberta.ca by Tuesday, August 23, 2016.

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2016 Foundation & Project Grant Results

Project Grant Competition: CIHR awarded a total of 491 research projects, as well as an additional 127 one-year bridge grants.

Foundation Grant Competition: CIHR awarded 120 Foundation Grants.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Pre-announcement: Population Health Intervention Research (PHIR) Competition
This funding opportunity will support New Investigators to conduct research on timely interventions (e.g. programs, policies, social enterprises and resource distribution approaches)
that have been initiated by others (e.g., policy makers, practitioners, communities). These interventions must have the potential to impact First Nations, Inuit and Métis health and health equity at the population level, and address one or more of the four identified exemplar areas (Suicide prevention, Obesity/Diabetes, Tuberculosis and Oral Health).

Available funding for this opportunity is $675,000, enough to fund approximately 3 grants. This amount may increase if additional funding partners participate. The maximum amount per grant is $225,000 for over a period of up to 2 years. This funding is non-renewable. This opportunity will be launched in August 2016 with an application deadline in the Fall of 2016. For more information, contact support@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

Pre-announcement: Addressing the Health Effects of the Alberta Wildfires Through Research

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research and Alberta Health – in partnership with Alberta Innovates Health Solutions – are pleased to announce the development of a funding opportunity to support research on the health effects of the Alberta wildfires.

The primary goal of this funding opportunity is to mitigate the harms and impact of the Alberta wildfires and evacuations by building on Canada’s expertise in disaster medicine and health research responses. It addresses issues applicable to health challenges Albertans are facing as a result of the wildfires, with emphasis on:

- Resiliency related to mental health and addictions in (a) child or (b) adult populations.
- Occupational health and safety for those living and working in the fire zone.

Proposals addressing other impacts will also be considered, including: disaster health services strategies; sex and gender-specific resiliency and effects; post-fire environmental issues and the long-term health consequences; and responding to the health and wellness needs of Indigenous communities living in the fire zone.

More information can be found here. For more information, contact Asimina Saikaley or Jennifer Raven

Application deadline: September 20, 2016

Pre-announcement: Improving Immunization Access & Uptake Initiative

The CIHR Institutes of Infection and Immunity (III) and Population and Public Health (IPPH), in partnership with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) are pleased to pre-announce a funding opportunity to support research to identify under- and un-immunized sub-populations in Canada, and the factors associated with lower immunization access and uptake in these groups. This initiative will examine the systemic barriers impacting immunization coverage in children and women of reproductive age, and will include support specifically for research focused on First Nations, Inuit and Métis populations, as well as recent newcomers to Canada.

Objectives

The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are to:

1. Support research to:

   - Identify sub-population groups where children and youth, and/or women of reproductive age are under or un-immunized in Canada and characterize their socio demographic status.
   - Characterize the extent of the under and un-immunization rates among identified sub-populations.
   - Determine the systemic barriers associated with lower immunization access and uptake.

3. Facilitate the consideration of new evidence in decision-making to improve vaccine access and uptake.

**Funds Available**

The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $1,200,000 enough to fund approximately 6 grants. The maximum amount per grant is $ 100,000/year for up to two years.

**Important Dates**

Anticipated Funding Opportunity launch: September 2016
Full Application deadline: December 6, 2016
Notification of Decision: March 15, 2017

**Launch of the SPOR Innovative Clinical Trials Initiative**

CIHR is launching a new initiative to support the conduct of innovative trials in Canada under Canada’s Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR). This initiative will fund researchers to develop and/or adopt innovative methods for carrying out clinical trials as alternatives to traditional randomized controlled trials.

Funding opportunities under this initiative will provide funding for:

- **catalyst grants**
- **multi-year grants**, and
- **mentorship chairs**

**Analyses of Existing Canadian Cancer Cohorts & Databases Competition**

The CIHR Institutes of Human Development, Child and Youth Health (IHDCYH) and Cancer (ICR) are sponsoring a new funding opportunity focusing on analyses of existing Canadian cohorts and databases related to reproductive, child and maternal health and to Cancer Control. The total dollar amount available for this funding opportunity is $1,500,000, enough to fund approximately 20 grants. More information can be found [here](https://www.mailoutinteractive.com/Industry/View.aspx?id=831060&q=0&qz=03ace3).

Registration Deadline: September 13, 2016
Application Due: September 27, 2016

**Funding Opportunities Posted Since July 1, 2016**

See [ResearchNet](https://www.mailoutinteractive.com/Industry/View.aspx?id=831060&q=0&qz=03ace3) for all current CIHR Funding Opportunities

**Operating Grant : Analyses of Existing Canadian Cohorts & Databases** - Registration Deadline: September 13, 2016. Application Due: September 27, 2016

**Operating Grant : Social Inclusion of Individuals with Dementia and Carers** - Application Due: September 20, 2016

**Catalyst Grant - Health Services and Economics Research in Cancer Control** - Registration Deadline: September 26, 2016. Application Due: November 22, 2016.

**Catalyst Grant - Work Stress and Wellbeing Hackathon** - Application Due: October 18, 2016.

**SPOR Mentorship Chair in Innovative Clinical Trials** - Application Due: November 15, 2016

**OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

**CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal Health & Arthritis Research Ambassadors**

The Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR – IMHA), is seeking applications from enthusiastic suitably-qualified individuals.
to fill four vacancies in the CIHR – IMHA Research Ambassadors group. We specifically need candidates who represent:

- young adults
- men
- vulnerable populations
- disease groups falling under our research mandate including conditions affecting bone, connective tissue, joint, muscle, oral health and skin.

Research Ambassadors are members of the public who either live with a condition that falls under CIHR – IMHA's research mandate (see above) or who are advocates for those living with such conditions, such as family or community members. Research Ambassadors meet twice yearly to share information with the Institute and to learn new Institute information to share with their respective organizations and communities. The Research Ambassadors bridge the gap between researchers, and the ultimate beneficiaries of research, addressing the different stages of the research process. CIHR traditionally identifies these stages as Basic Biomedical Science, Clinical Science and Knowledge, and Clinical Practice and Health Decision Making.

More information on the IMHA Research Ambassadors can be found [here](#). The application deadline is August 26, 2016.

### STANDING ITEMS

**CIHR University Delegate News**
The most recent minutes from the monthly University Delegate Teleconference with CIHR are available for [download](#).

**Support for CIHR Competitions**
The Grant Assist Program (Health Sciences) offers support for applications to all competitions at CIHR (except trainee competitions). Please contact us to engage [cihrgrants@ualberta.ca](mailto:cihrgrants@ualberta.ca)

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**About the Grant Assist Program (Health Sciences)**

**Overview**
The [Grant Assist Program (Health Sciences)](mailto:Grant Assist Program (Health Sciences)) supports applicants as they apply to CIHR through the delivery of feedback processes, workshops, resources, bridge funding, editing and general assistance. This initiative is jointly supported by the Office of the Vice-President Research, Office of the Provost, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, Alberta Innovates-Health Solutions, and the Women & Children's Health Research Institute.

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