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PROJECT & FOUNDATION UPDATES

Peer Reviewer Matching for the Project Competition
For the Fall 2016 Project competition, CIHR is embarking on a new matching process for the Conflict and Ability to Review step. In a podcast, CIHR Associate Vice-President Jeff Latimer provides an overview of how the matching is done and what reviewers can expect from the process.

Please click here to listen to the podcast »

Clarification on Reviewer Eligibility for the Project Competition
As per the Peer Review Working Group recommendations, applicants who meet the peer reviewer criteria can participate Project review as long as they are not reviewing in the cluster of applications containing their own application.

Please click here to read the full announcement »
Dr. Dale Dempsey (Manager, Foundation Scheme, CIHR) provided a CIHR update. The presentation provided information on the Foundation, Project, Canada Graduate Scholarships, Vanier, and Banting Fellowship programs.

Please click here to view the presentation »

**Project Stage 2 Peer Review Guidelines Available**
The details of the Stage 2 Peer Review process for the Project Grant competition, developed in line with the recommendations of the Peer Review Working Group, have now been incorporated into the Peer Review Manual.

Please click here to access the Project Peer Review Manual »

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Pre-Announcement: Personalized Health Innovation Catalyst Grants**
The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support researchers to maximize and leverage previous collaborative investments in personalized medicine, e-health and data platforms by driving evidence-based implementation of personalized health solutions that can contribute to more cost-effective and sustainable health care. A webinar will be organized early 2017 to outline additional information.

**Funds Available:** The total amount available for this Funding Opportunity is $8,200,000 enough to fund approximately 41 grants. The maximum amount per grant is $100,000 per year for over a period of up to 2 years. Mitacs and CIHR are partnering together to provide additional funding and training for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows in personalized health projects.

**Anticipated deadlines:**
Launch - December 2016
Registration deadline - February 2017
Application deadline - June 2017.

Please click here to read the full pre-announcement »

**Pre-Announcement: Health System Impact Fellowships**
The Health System Impact Fellowship provides highly qualified individuals with a doctorate degree in health services and policy research or related fields a unique opportunity to apply their research and analytic talents to critical challenges in health system and related organizations outside of the traditional scholarly setting, and to develop professional experience, new skills, and networks.

**Important Dates:** Anticipated launch December 2016; Fellows (and their funding) will commence in September 2017.

**Funding Available:** CIHR contributes 70% of the total cost and the host partner organization contributes 30%

- One-year fellows: $70,000 stipend plus $10,000 for a professional development training and research allowance.
- Two-year fellows: $70,000 stipend/year plus a onetime professional development training and research allowance of $15,000.

If you are a health system or related organization interested in adding PhD talent to your team and contributing to the modernization of Canada’s HSPr training enterprise, or to learn more about the Health System Impact Fellowship program, contact Meghan McMahon, Project Director, CIHR-IHSPR, mmmcmahon.ihspr@mcgill.ca or 416-662-6344.

Please click here to read the full Pre-Announcement »

**Pre-Announcement: Institute of Community Support Planning & Dissemination Grants**
Planning and Dissemination Grants offered through the Institute of Community Support (ICS) are intended to provide support for planning and/or dissemination activities consistent with the mandate of CIHR and relevant to CIHR Institutes, or Initiatives.

Each of the participating Institutes/Initiatives has tailored this funding opportunity to meet the needs of their respective communities. Please view the "Sponsor Description" section of the funding opportunity for specific details and funds available.

**Anticipated launch date:** January 10, 2017 on ResearchNet
**Application deadline:** February 21, 2017

**Pre-Announcement: Institute of Community Support Travel Awards**

Through the Institute Community Support (ICS) Program, the CIHR Institutes are launching the ICS Travel Awards competition for students, postdoctoral fellows, new investigators and knowledge users to present their research at national/international meetings/conferences.

Please note that each of the participating Institutes will have their own relevant research areas, eligibility requirements, and funding levels, which will be outlined in the “Sponsor Description” section of the funding opportunity.

**Anticipated launch date:** December 13, 2016 on ResearchNet
**Application deadline:** January 24, 2017

**Pre-Announcement: Joint Programming in Antimicrobial Resistance (JPIAMR) Prevention and Intervention Strategies**

The CIHR Institute of Infection and Immunity (III) is pleased to announce its participation in the 5th joint call for proposals of the Joint Programming in Antimicrobial Resistance (JPIAMR) on intervention and stewardship to be launched in January 2017. This call will involve over 13 participating countries and will support prevention, control, and intervention strategies research to prevent the development and transmission of AMR infections.

Please click here to read the full pre-announcement »

**Pre-Announcement: Human Immunology Initiative**

The CIHR Institute of Infection and Immunity (III), in collaboration with the Institute of Gender and Health (IGH), the Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis (IMHA) and the Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes (INMD), are planning to launch the Human Immunology Initiative: Standardization and its application in autoimmune diseases research. The overall goal of this initiative is to create a coordinated work force in human immunology research and build capacity to develop standardized methods to test novel therapeutic approaches to modulate the immune system in the context of autoimmune diseases.

**Funds Available:** $125,000 is available at the Letter of Intent stage for up to 5 development grants at $25,000 each. $1,500,000 is available at the Full Application stage for one standardization core grant at $300,000 per year over a five year period.

**Anticipated launch date:** March 2017

Please click here to read the full pre-announcement »

**Sugar & Health Information Operating Grant Webinar**

The CIHR Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes (INMD) and Health Canada have launched Operating Grants in Sugar and Health opportunity. The aim of this funding opportunity is to support research to examine sugars and health outcomes, as well as population level approaches that contribute to reduced consumption of free sugars. The intent is to generate evidence that will inform nutrition policies and programs aimed at reducing dietary free sugar consumption to improve the health of the Canadian population. The application deadline is **January 17, 2017**.

Interested applicants are invited to participate in a webinar on December 2, 2016 (English 1:30-2:30 pm MT; French 12:00 - 1:00 pm MT). To register, email inmd.comms@sickkids.ca. Only registered participants will be sent a WebEx invite prior to the webinar.
CIHR Institute of Health Services Policy Research Awards

Article of the Year
Nomination deadline: February 24, 2017
Funding: one $10,000 award
This award is intended to recognize published research in a peer-reviewed journal that has significantly contributed to the advancement of the field of health services and policy research in Canada.

Rising Star Award
Application deadline: February 24, 2017
Funding: Up to three $1,000 awards
The Rising Star Award is dedicated to supporting graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, and to recognizing the research excellence and knowledge translation initiatives of these emerging health services and policy researchers at an early stage in their career.

Barer-Flood Prize in Health Services and Policy Research
Application deadline: May 1, 2017
Funding: one $25,000 prize
CIHR Barer-Flood Prize for Health Services and Policy Research is a career achievement award that honours and recognizes an exceptional researcher in the area of health services and policy research who has created a seminal body of work that has had a substantial impact on health services and policy research, policy and/or care delivery.

CIHR Funding Opportunities Posted Since Nov 2, 2016
See ResearchNet for all current CIHR Funding Opportunities

Catalyst Grant: Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis (application deadline January 10, 2017)
CIHR-Institute of Population & Public Health Trailblazer Award (application deadline January 10, 2017)
Operating Grant: Sugar and Health (application deadline January 17, 2017)
Canada Graduate Scholarships – Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement 2016-17 (application deadline February 2, 2017)
Operating Grant: Optimizing the VSV Vector towards an HIV Vaccine (application deadline February 7, 2017)

CIHR NEWS

CIHR takes Concrete Steps to Strengthen Indigenous Health Research in Canada
CIHR has announced new steps to strengthen its relationship with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and, ultimately, improve Indigenous health outcomes in Canada.

This includes increasing its investments in Indigenous health research to a minimum of 4.6 per cent of its annual budget – approximately $46 million per year. This amount is proportional to Canada’s Indigenous population. (First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples make up approximately 4.6 per cent of the Canadian population).

Increased funding is just one way that CIHR is re-engaging in a dialogue with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. Based on advice received from Indigenous communities, CIHR is taking other concrete actions to strengthen Indigenous health research.

Please click here to read the full announcement »

Elder-Youth Dialogue on Indigenous Health Priorities
The CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples’ Health (IAPH) strives to advance the research agenda to improve the health of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people in Canada. To further this goal, IAPH is seeking applications for Elder/youth dyads to participate in a dialogue on priority areas of Indigenous health and wellness. The purpose of this dialogue is to inform the IAPH
Operational Plan, and to ensure that the voices of Elders and youths are privileged when considering IAPH’s future directions.

**Who Can Apply:** Youth must be between the ages of 16-30, and demonstrate a past experience and/or a strong interest in Indigenous health and wellness. They must have a close working and/or mentored relationship with the Elder and/or Traditional knowledge holder they plan to attend with.

**Dates & Location:** The Dialogue will be in Ottawa on Algonquin Territory for 2 days the week of March 13-17, 2016. CIHR-IAPH will book and pay for all travel, accommodation, and meal expenses.

**Important Dates:** November 21, 2016 - application opens; January 13, 2016 - deadline to submit; January 27, 2016 - notice of decision.

For more information please contact Joanne Nelson (joanne_nelson@sfu.ca) or Taylor Fleming (taylor_fleming@sfu.ca).

**Health System Transformation through Research Innovation: Healthcare Papers Special Issue**

To promote the CIHR Institute of Health Services and Policy Research’s (IHSPR) new Strategic Plan "2015-2019: Transformation through Research Innovation", a Special Issue in Healthcare Papers was developed.

This publication highlights the IHSPR’s four strategic priorities:

1. The creation of learning health systems and the next generation of researchers;
2. eHealth;
3. Healthy aging in the community;
4. Health system financing, funding, and sustainability.

**WORKSHOPS**

**Gender Intersections "Connect Cafe" (Dec 8, 2016)**

If you are a researcher who works at the “intersections of gender” by way of feminist, diversity, and/or social justice research (broadly conceived), and are interested in meeting with other UofA colleagues, you are invited to attend The Kule Institute for Advanced Study’s next Kule Connect Cafe. This is a casual networking event open to all faculty members, post-doctoral fellows and grad students to discover people with mutual research interests. The session will take place Thursday, December 8 at 3pm in Education North 2-111 (Research Innovation Space in Education).

**RSVP with a three-sentence description of your research at:** www.bit.ly/2aZQj2C

**Research Impact for Early Career Scientists (Jan 18, 2017)**

In this hands-on workshop, participants will be introduced to using citations and other metrics to highlight research impact. This session will cover the following: h-index, journal level metrics including Journal Impact Factor, identifying top journals in your research area for future publications, journal level metrics (views, downloads, and social media shares), and tips and tricks on how to increase the exposure of your research and allowing the world to see it.

This workshop is offered:

December 1, 2016 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm in ECHA L1-250
January 18, 2017 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm in ECHA L1-250

**Effective Searching in the Health Sciences (Feb 15, 2017)**
This session, hosted by the University of Alberta libraries, will provide tips and tricks to help participants structure an effective search strategy. Participants are asked to come with a research question but it is not required.

This session will take place **February 15, 2017 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in ECHA L1-250.**

Please click here for more information and to register »

**RESOURCES**

**Grant Support Resources at the University of Alberta**
This document contains information and links to UofA groups that provide support services to researchers applying for grants.

Please click here to download the resource »

**STANDING ITEMS**

**Support for CIHR Applications**
We wanted to remind everyone that the Grant Assist Program (Health Sciences) offers support for applications to all competitions at CIHR (except trainee competitions).

If you are submitting an application to an upcoming CIHR competition we would be pleased to work with you. Are you interested in a Concept Discussion, Feedback Debrief or Internal Review? Please contact us to engage at cihrrgrants@ualberta.ca

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The most recent minutes from the monthly University Delegate Teleconference with CIHR are available for download.

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