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COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 2016 Project Competition Update
3818 Project applications were received from a total of 3038 unique Nominated Principal Investigators. Project Competition applications will be evaluated via a two stage process (online adjudication by reviewers in mid-June, and a Final Assessment Stage in early July). Award decisions are expected by mid-July 2016.

Support for Fall 2016 Foundation Applications
The Grant Assist Program (Health Sciences) is currently organizing the following for Fall 2016 Foundation applicants:

- Program Vision Meetings are an opportunity for NEW Foundation applicants to discuss their research program vision with colleagues.
- Internal Reviews are an opportunity for NEW Foundation applicants to have their written Foundation application reviewed by colleagues.
- Feedback Debriefs are an opportunity for unfunded Foundation 2015 applicants to discuss with colleagues the Stage 1 Foundation 2015 comments they received from CIHR reviewers.

We would encourage applicants to contact us as soon as they have decided to apply to the Fall 2016 Foundation competition, as it becomes more difficult to recruit reviewers as the application deadline approaches.

Please contact Joanne Simala-Grant at jls24@ualberta.ca or 780-492-1566 for additional information.

Support for Fall 2016 Project Applications
The Grant Assist Program (Health Sciences) is currently organizing the following for Fall 2016 Project applicants.
• **Concept Discussions** are an opportunity for applicants to discuss their NEW research project idea with colleagues.

• **Internal Reviews** are an opportunity for individuals to have their NEW Project grant reviewed by colleagues.

We will also be organizing **Feedback Debriefs** for unfunded March 2016 Project applicants. Feedback Debriefs are an opportunity for applicants to discuss with colleagues the comments they received from reviewers at CIHR prior to writing.

We would encourage applicants to contact us as soon as they have decided to apply to the Fall 2016 Project competition, as it becomes more difficult to recruit reviewers as the application deadline approaches.

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**CIHR Funding Opportunities Posted Since May 1**

See [ResearchNet](#) for all current CIHR Funding Opportunities.

**Team Grant - Canada-Latin America-Caribbean Zika Virus Program**: Application due July 12, 2016

**Catalyst Grant - Analysis of CLSA Data**: Registration Due: July 16, 2016; Application Due August 30, 2016

**SPOR PIHCI Network: Comparative Program and Policy Analysis**: Application Due: August 9, 2016

**Operating Grant - Challenge of Dementia in Indigenous Populations**: Application Due: September 6, 2016

**Operating Grant - SPOR Innovative Clinical Trial Multi-Year Grant**: Application Due: September 27, 2016

**Catalyst Grant - SPOR Innovative Clinical Trials**: Application Due: October 25, 2016

**Researchers Invited to Analyze Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) Data**

Canadian researchers from all research areas are invited to submit health research projects that make use of available [CLSA](#) data. The data, collected from over 50,000 Canadians, covers various aspects of people’s lives, including biological, medical, psychological, social, lifestyle and economic aspects. Proposed research projects should help us understand how these factors, taken individually and in combination, have an impact in both maintaining health and in the development of disease and disability as people age.

This funding opportunity is restricted to the currently available alpha numeric data available from the CLSA. The selected projects will help find ways to improve the health of Canadians by better understanding the aging process and the factors that shape the way we age. Further information can be found [here](#).

**Registration Deadline**: August 16, 2016

**Application Deadline**: August 30, 2016

**WORKSHOPS / COURSES / WEBINARS**

**New Modules for the Course on Research Ethics (CORE)**

The [CIHR Institute of Gender and Health](#) has launched new online research competency training modules. These modules will help researchers and reviewers discover best practices for integrating sex- and gender-based analyses across health research disciplines. The following online modules are available:

• [Sex and Gender in Biomedical Research](#)
Each interactive module takes less than an hour to complete, and can be done in 15-minute segments over time. First, test your knowledge on the pre-test to see how well you do. Then take the course to evaluate if you can appropriately appraise sex and gender in real protocols and publications. When you are finished, download the CIHR certificate for your records.

Team Grant: Canada-Latin America-Caribbean Zika Virus Program Webinar
CIHR and International Development Research Centre (IDRC) will be hosting a webinar on Friday June 3rd, 2016 from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM EDT to discuss the Team Grant: Canada-Latin America-Caribbean Zika Virus Program funding opportunity. The Webinar will focus on:

- A review of the CIHR-IDRC funding opportunity
- Answering questions from participants

Note that this webinar will be bilingual. Participants can register here. For further information, please contact Jennifer Labelle.

As the funding opportunity will support teams of researchers with members from two different continents, a web-based tool has been created in order to help link researchers having an interest in the Zika virus. Researchers interested in using this tool should provide their research area of interest (pathogenesis, diagnostics, vector studies) and expertise here, and their information will be posted on a dedicated CIHR website.

RESEARCH SUPPORTS

Sign up for CIHR Institute E-bulletins
The CIHR Institutes send out e-bulletins that contain, in addition to other information, upcoming research funding details. Importantly, the CIHR Institutes may send in their e-bulletins pre-announcements with respect to CIHR funding opportunities BEFORE they are posted on ResearchNet. Please see the document located on the UofA Education and Research Archive for information on how to receive CIHR institute e-bulletins.

The CIHR Institutes support individuals, groups and communities of researchers for the purpose of implementing, within its mandate, the objective of the CIHR.

Knowledge Translation Platform: SPOR SUPPORT Unit
The Alberta SPOR Support Unit Knowledge Translation Platform has compiled a large list of knowledge translation related resources, which can be downloaded here.

CIHR NEWS

CIHR Announces Chairs of New Institutes Advisory Boards
CIHR has announced the appointment of the chairs of its five new Institutes Advisory Boards (IABs). The Nominating and Governance Committee reviewed the profiles of 453 applicants to identify candidates who embodied the highest standards of excellence across biomedical sciences, clinical research, health services and policy, and population and public health. The appointees are:

- IAB on Research Excellence, Policy and Ethics: Dr. Gustavo Turecki (McGill University)
- IAB on Health Innovation: Dr. Pamela Valentine (Alberta Innovates)
- IAB on Indigenous Peoples’ Health: Mr. Jeffrey Cyr (National Association of Friendship Centres)
- IAB on Health Promotion and Prevention: Dr. David Buckeridge (McGill University)
- IAB on Chronic Conditions: Dr. Eva Grunfeld (University of Toronto)
Over the coming weeks, chairs will be actively involved in selecting the members of their IABs, with a special emphasis placed on achieving diversity in terms of language, demography, geography, career stages and expertise. Each IAB will have two positions reserved for a member from the Indigenous community and an ethics expert on each IAB, respectively.

**STANDING ITEMS**

**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

**CIHR University Delegate News**
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)](mailto:cihrgrants@ualberta.ca) 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.

**Other Grant Assist Program Streams**
- Grant Assist Program (Natural Sciences & Engineering)
- Grant Assist Program (Social Sciences & Humanities) Click [here](mailto:cihrgrants@ualberta.ca) to subscribe to the GAP-SSH listserv

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