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PROJECT & FOUNDATION UPDATES

Peer Reviewer Recruitment & Timeline for Project Competition

CIHR is recruiting reviewers based on a list of criteria developed in consultation with members of the research community. Recruitment of reviewers, who meet the criteria, has begun and will continue over the coming months. Note that if requested by CIHR, please complete your Reviewer Profile on ResearchNet. Additionally, if you meet the reviewer criteria and are interested in becoming a reviewer in the upcoming competitions, please contact CIHR at IIRGrants-RLSubventions@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

The estimated timelines (November 2016 to April 2017) for the two-stage Project Grant review process include time periods allocated to the following peer review tasks:

- Declaration of conflicts and reviewers’ ability to review: November - December 2016
- Assignment of applications to reviewers: January 2017
- Stage 1 review period: January - February 2017
- Final Assessment Stage review period: March 2017
- Final Assessment face-to face meetings: April 2017
- Anticipated Notice of Decision: May 15, 2017
CIHR is planning to have two Project competitions per year, with the next Project competition likely to have a deadline in June, 2017.

Please click here for more information on Project peer reviewer recruitment and timelines »

Stage 1 Reviewer Timeline for the 2016 Foundation Competition

Stage 1 Review

- Declaration of Conflicts and Ability to Review: October 27 - November 3, 2016
- Conduct Preliminary Reviews: November 21, 2016 - January 10, 2017
- Online Discussion of Applications: January 16 - 18, 2017
- Submit Final Reviews: January 23, 2017
- Anticipated Notice of Decision: February 2, 2017

Stage 2 Review

- Declaration of Conflicts and Ability to Review: March 2017
- Conduct Preliminary Reviews: April - May 2017
- Online Discussion of Applications: May 2017
- Submit Final Reviews: May 2017

Final Assessment Stage Review

- Face-to-Face Committee Meeting: June - July 2017
- Anticipated Notice of Decision- Final Assessment Stage: August 3, 2017

Please click here to read more about the Foundation Grant review process »

Implementation of Recommendations for the Project Competition

The adoption and implementation of the recommendations from the Peer Review Working group is under way. Many of these recommendations have been implemented in the Fall 2016 Project Grant Peer Review Manual.

Please click here to see a chart outlining actions taken to implement the recommendations »

A Personal Message from Dr. Paul Kubes for CIHR Peer Reviewers

In a personal video message, Dr. Paul Kubes, Executive Chair of the College of Reviewers, and Dr. Jeff Latimer, CIHR's new Associate Vice-President, thank volunteers who have agreed to take part in the review process for the current Foundation Grant and Project Grant competitions.

They also take the opportunity to reflect on the peer reviewer experience during the 2015 competitions, discuss the importance of the review process, and outline CIHR’s commitments to reviewers moving forward.

Please click here to watch the video »

CIHR Unconscious Bias In Peer Review Training Module

To help identify potential sources of unconscious bias and mitigate them, CIHR has developed a learning module. The full module is now available online and is mandatory for peer reviewers.

Please click here to try the 19 minute Unconscious Bias in Peer Review Training Module »

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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
Pre-Announcement: Catalyst Grants - Indigenous Ways of Knowing
The CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples’ Health (IAPH) and the Institute of Cancer Research (ICR) are pleased to announce an upcoming funding opportunity: Catalyst Grants - Indigenous Ways of Knowing.

The aim of this opportunity is to provide seed money to support research activities related to indigenous approaches to wellness that may lead to more comprehensive funding opportunities (e.g., operating grants). CIHR-ICR will fund a number of grants, which focus on wellness journey in cancer control.

The registration deadline is December 2016 with the full application due January 2017. More details will be available shortly.

Pre-Announcement: Team Grant: Global Alliance for Chronic Disease (GACD) Mental Health - Canada-China
The CIHR Institute of Population and Public Health (IPPH) in collaboration with the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) is launching the Team Grant: Global Alliance for Chronic Disease (GACD) Mental Health - Canada-China. The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $7,525,000 from CIHR and 35 million RMB from NSFC, enough to fund approximately seven team grants. Proposals must focus on mental disorders as defined by the World Health Organization.

Further details on the areas of research to be funded and review criteria will be available in ResearchNet in December 2016.

Please click here to read the full CIHR announcement with more details on funding, objectives, and eligibility »

Travel Awards for the ADVAC Advanced Course in Vaccinology
The CIHR Institute of Infection and Immunity (III) will provide three travel awards for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and investigators to attend the ADVAC Advanced Course in Vaccinology from May 8-19, 2017 at Les Pensieres, Veyvrier-du-Lac, France. The top three selected Canadians will be awarded a travel award of $3,500. The application deadline is November 15, 2016.

Please click here for more information and to apply »

Canadian Health Measures Survey (CHMS) Biobank - Call for Proposals
From November 1 to December 31, 2016, Statistics Canada is inviting researchers to apply for access to blood, urine and DNA samples from the Canadian Health Measures Survey (CHMS) Biobank for use in health studies. Further details about the application and review process may be found by visiting the Biobank section of the CHMS website or by contacting the CHMS biobank coordinator.

CIHR Funding Opportunities Posted Since October 7, 2016
See ResearchNet for all current CIHR Funding Opportunities

- Collaborative Centres of HIV/AIDS Community-Based Research - Application Deadline February 7, 2017
- Joint Canada-Israel Health Research Program (2017) - Registration Deadline January 17, 2017; Application Deadline February 7, 2017

CIHR NEWS

Scheduled Maintenance of CIHR, Banting, Vanier and Common CV Websites on Saturday, November 19
Please note that the CIHR, Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship, Vanier, and the Canadian Common CV websites will be unavailable on **Saturday, November 19 from 6:00 am to approximately 9:00 pm MDT** due to scheduled maintenance by Shared Services Canada. ResearchNet will not be affected.

In order to allow enough time to apply for competitions closing soon after the scheduled maintenance, CIHR has extended the application deadline for the following funding opportunities until November 23, 2016 at 6:00 pm MDT:

- Other: Health Services and Policy Research (HSPR) Training Modernization Start-Up Grant
- Catalyst Grant: Health Services and Economics Research in Cancer Control

**Seeking Public Comment on the Proposed Revisions on the Tri-Council Policy Statement (TCPS) 2nd Edition**

[Please click here for more information on how to submit your comments »](https://www.cihr-irh.gc.ca/e ic_131981.html)

**Tri-Agency Research Training Award Holder’s Guide**
Recipients of research training awards by the three federal granting agencies — the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) — can now refer to a new harmonized Tri-Agency Research Training Award Holder’s Guide. The guide, which is effective immediately, supersedes previous training award holder’s policy documents.

[Please click here to read the new guide »](https://www.cihr-irh.gc.ca/e ic_130575.html)

**New Agreement with European Research Council to Provide Research Opportunities for CRCs and Banting Fellows in Europe**
The Canada Research Chairs Programs Steering Committee is pleased to announce that the European Commission and the Canadian Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat (TIPS) have partnered to provide research opportunities in Europe for Canada Research Chairholders (CRC) and Banting Fellows. This arrangement will allow them to pursue collaborations with European researchers already supported through EU-funded European Research Council grants.

[Please click here to read more »](https://www.cihr-irh.gc.ca/e ic_128035.html)

**The CIHR Institute of Cancer Research (ICR) 2015-2020 Strategic Plan**
The CIHR Institute of Cancer Research (ICR) 2015-2020 Strategic Plan can now be viewed online [here](https://www.cihr-irh.gc.ca/e ic_118949.html).

**Save the Date: CIHR Institute of Aging Summer Program in Aging (May 15-19, 2017)**
The CIHR Institute of Aging is collaborating with Concordia University’s PERFORM Centre for the 2017 Summer Program in Aging. The training program will take place **May 15-19, 2017 in Montreal, Quebec**. Graduate students and post-doctoral fellows working in, or interested in learning about, research related to the area of physical activity and aging are encouraged to apply. The program will be launched on ResearchNet in December 2016.

[Please click here to read the full CIHR announcement »](https://www.cihr-irh.gc.ca/e ic_117999.html)

**WORKSHOPS**

**University of Alberta Library Workshops and Training**
The University of Alberta libraries host a variety of free, hands-on workshops valuable for researchers looking to measure their research impact using citations and other metrics. Other
workshops offered focus on Web of Science and Scopus for advanced searching, searching for systematic review, and scholarly communication and ID.

Please click here for more information on upcoming workshops and to register »

**ORCID Identifier: Connecting Research and Researchers**

Pulling accurate data is difficult when measuring research impact. Authors often have similar/same names or an author's name may change during their career. An ORCID identifier provides a persistent digital identifier. Through integration in key research workflows, such as manuscript and grant submission, ORCID supports automated linkages between researchers and their professional activities.

Please click here for more information and to easily register for your ORCID identifier »

**STANDING ITEMS**

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**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) 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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**Other Grant Assist Program Streams**

Grant Assist Program (Natural Sciences & Engineering)
Grant Assist Program (Social Sciences & Humanities) Click here to subscribe to the GAP-SSH listserv

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