NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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September 20, 2021

TRI AGENCIES

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

Operating Grant: Cannabis Research in Longitudinal Studies
This call will support: 1) the addition of cannabis-related measures (including adding new data collection, biological sample collection, or analysis of existing samples) to existing longitudinal studies, and 2) the creation of a new longitudinal study related to cannabis use among Canadian Armed Forces veterans. Grants for existing studies are for up to $100,000/yr for five years; grants for the new study in veterans are for up to $150,000/yr for five years.

Registration Deadline: December 1, 2021
Application Deadline: January 12, 2022
ORS Deadline: January 5, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
ORS Contact: Jackie Cooney-Birch, Research Grants Officer (CIHR), Jackie.Cooney-Birch@umanitoba.ca

Canadian Funding Opportunities
The Canadian Field Crop Research Alliance (CFCRA) Call for Letters of Intent – for research in a new CFCRA Cluster as part of the next generation of Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) funding initiatives expected to be announced under the Next Policy Framework (NPF) (2023-2028). Find the following documents here to assist you in completing a Letter of Intent; Guidelines, LOI Template, Cluster Overview & Research Priorities, Sample Metrics, The Importance of a Treatment List. An information session is planned on Tuesday October 5, 2021 to highlight specific instructions and expectations when completing a Letter of Intent. The information session will be recorded and will be made available to those who cannot attend the session live. More details on the information session will be provided in 1-2 weeks. Contact Matthew Czerwinski, Project Manager, CFCRA at mczerwinski@gfo.ca with questions.

Agency LOI Deadline: November 10, 2021 – 11:50 p.m. EST
ORS LOI Deadline: November 3, 2021 – 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

Internal Funding Opportunities

2021 CIHR - Tri Agency Bridge Funding Grant Competition:
The Tri-Agency Bridge Funding (CIHR) provides funding for the further development of unsuccessful CIHR Project Grants applications, to ensure future success. (This program replaces the discontinued Research Manitoba Bridge Funding program).

Tri-Agency Bridge Funding Eligibility:
- All full-time academic faculty members with professorial or academic librarian rank, holding tenure or tenure-track appointments; and geographical full-time (GFT) academic faculty members, appointed for three years or longer and who have a minimum 40% protected time for research are eligible to apply to the Bridge Funding Program. *Contingent, nil-salary and adjunct professors are not eligible to apply for internal grants*
- Applicants must have held an active CIHR Project Grant for the same, similar or related project being applied for in this application, in the last 3 years as of this competition deadline.
- Must have applied in most recent CIHR Project Grant Competition.

**Application Deadline:** October 15, 2021 at 4:30pm
**ORS Contact:** Jenna Silva, Research Grants Officer Institutional Programs, jenna.silva@umanitoba.ca.

*Please note. FAAF’s are not required for internal grant applications.*
Visit the Internal Funding Programs webpage for Guidelines and Applications [here](#).

### International Funding Opportunities

**Uncle Kory Foundation – Seed Grant**

Funding available up to a maximum of $50,000 USD over one (1) year in the field of brain cancer. Application guidelines can be found [here](#).

**Application Deadline:** October 1, 2021
**ORS Deadline:** September 23, 2021, 4:30 pm
**ORS Contact:** Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and International), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca

**Alzheimer’s Association (ALZ) – AARG Research Grant**

Funding available of up to $150,000 USD over three (3) years. More information can be found [here](#). Applications must be submitted through proposalCENTRAL.

**LOI Deadline:** Oct 8, 2021, 5:00 p.m. EST
**Application Deadline (Upon Invitation):** November 19, 2021, 5:00 p.m. EST
**ORS Deadline:** November 12, 2021, 4:30 p.m.
**ORS Contact:** Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and international), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca

**Bright Focus Foundation – Alzheimer’s Disease Research Grant**

Funding available of up to $100,000 USD/year for three (3) years for research in Alzheimer’s disease. More information can be found [here](#). Applications must be submitted through proposalCENTRAL.

**Application Deadline:** November 1, 2021, 5:00 p.m. EST
**ORS Deadline:** October 25, 2021, 4:30 p.m.
**ORS Contact:** Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and international), Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca

### Manitoba Funding Opportunities

**Government of Manitoba - Enterprise Machine Intelligence and Learning Initiative (EMILI)**

**EMILI - Predictive Water Supply/Demand Tool**

Available Assistance: up to $150,000. Software development, AI and predictive analytics, training. Find instructions on how to apply [here](#).

**Proposal Deadline:** October 4, 2021 at 9:00am
ORS Proposal Deadline: September 27, 2021 at 4:30pm (CST)
ORS Contracts Coordinator: Camille Dixon at Camille.Dixon@umanitoba.ca

**EMILI - Online Water Knowledge Platform**
Available Assistance: up to $100,000. Website development, data management and processing, training. Find instructions on how to apply [here](#).
Proposal Deadline: October 4, 2021 at 9:00am
ORS Proposal Deadline: September 27, 2021 at 4:30pm (CST)
ORS Contracts Coordinator: Camille Dixon at Camille.Dixon@umanitoba.ca

**EMILI - Return on Investment in Irrigation Expansion within MB**
Available Assistance: up to $150,000. Quantitative and qualitative economic study, report development. Find instructions on how to apply [here](#).
Proposal Deadline: October 4, 2021 at 9:00am
ORS Proposal Deadline: September 27, 2021 at 4:30pm (CST)
ORS Contracts Coordinator: Camille Dixon at Camille.Dixon@umanitoba.ca

**EMILI – Improving Water Conservation and Efficiency in Manitoba**
Available Assistance: up to $150,000. Quantitative and qualitative research/analysis, report development. Find instructions on how to apply [here](#).
Proposal Deadline: October 4, 2021 at 9:00am
ORS Proposal Deadline: September 27, 2021 at 4:30pm (CST)
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**Research Manitoba - Master’s Studentships**
Awarded on a competitive basis and are valued at $12,000 (Partnered studentships may receive up to $17,850.00) for a one year term.
University of Manitoba contact – Sara Sealey, Faculty of Grad Studies, Graduate.Awards@umanitoba.ca
Application Deadline: November 15, 2021 4:00 pm CST
Assessor Letters and Transcripts Deadline: November 29, 2021, 4:00 pm CST
STUDENT APPLIES DIRECTLY TO SPONSOR

**PhD Health Research Studentship Award**
Awarded on a competitive basis and are valued at $17,850 ($35,000 CHI affiliated students only) for a one year term.
University of Manitoba contact - Sara Sealey, Faculty of Grad Studies, Graduate.Awards@umanitoba.ca
Application Deadline: November 15, 2021, 4:00 pm CST
Assessor Letters and Transcripts Deadline: November 29, 2021, 4:00 pm CST
STUDENT APPLIES DIRECTLY TO SPONSOR

**Health Research Postdoctoral Fellowship**
Awarded on a competitive basis and are valued at $36,750 (plus benefits) for a one year term.
Application Deadline: November 15, 2021, 4:00 pm CST
Assessor Letters and Transcripts Deadline: November 29, 2021, 4:00 pm CST
STUDENT APPLIES DIRECTLY TO SPONSOR – A FAAF will be required if awarded
CIHR has launched a call for expressions of interest to join the External Advisory Community on Accessibility & Systemic Ableism. CIHR encourages individuals who have diverse experience with disability or accessibility, including health researchers living with disabilities, leaders from disability communities, accessibility advocates, and experienced allies, to submit an application.

CIHR’s goal, as outlined in the CIHR Strategic Plan, is to create an equitable and barrier-free health research ecosystem and to support the diverse and inclusive culture that is known to promote world-class research. This committee will provide CIHR with guidance on the identification of barriers to accessibility within the funding system, including systemic ableism, and will help to inform the development of a CIHR accessibility action plan that aligns with the requirements stipulated in the Accessible Canada Act (2019).

Read the full Call for Expressions of Interest: External Advisory Committee on Accessibility & Systemic Ableism for more information, including details on how to apply.

You are also invited to read the message from CIHR’s Vice-President Research - Learning Health Systems and CIHR Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Champion about this important work and to share the news through your channels:

- Social media

The deadline to apply is October 28, 2021. Contact edi@cihr-irsc.gc.ca if you have questions.

Mitacs Academic Webinar - will share some new and ongoing initiatives that may be of interest to faculty and students. The webinar will provide an overview of the following topics:

- Updates to participant eligibility
- Virtual interaction guidelines
- Mitacs’s flagship Accelerate and Elevate programs
- Indigenous Pathways funding opportunities
- Business Strategy Internship

French webinar
Monday October 4, 2021  12:00 p.m.  ET
Registration link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7649800890817704973

English webinar
Monday, October 4, 2021   3:30 p.m. ET
Registration link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6714711331190526479

Recently, the NIH has made changes to its grant application requirements (including the formatting of Biosketch and Other Support pages) as well as introducing a multi-factor authentication requirement to the log-in of its on-line platforms of eRA Commons and ASSIST. Other US government application platforms such as grants.gov and eBRAP will follow shortly.

Starting Sept. 15, 2021, all registered users of eRA Commons and ASSIST will be required to use a multi-factor authentication process in order to log in by using
The easiest way to complete this change is to create a Login.gov account and link your existing on-line platform accounts to it. You can do this for all of your US application platform accounts. It is recommended to choose the option of registering your cellphone for text message codes to avoid having to download another application to your phone.

NIH has updated its application forms and instructions to provide full transparency and disclosure of all research activities, foreign and domestic. In particular, the Biosketch and Other Support forms have been reformatted and the new format must be used for NIH applications starting May 25, 2021. Click here for the NIH notice with a summary of the changes. For more detailed information and instructions on completing these forms, consult the NIH resource pages as follows:
Biosketch forms: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm
Other Support forms: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/othersupport.htm
Other Supprt FAQ’s: https://grants.nih.gov/faqs/#/other-support-and-foreign-components.htm?anchor=question56450

To assist researchers with preparing their NIH applications (whether UM researchers are leading the application or are a Co-applicant being lead at another institution) ORS has created the attached checklists. The checklists are useful resources which contain the list of required documents for the application, indicate person responsible for creating each document (PI or ORS) and include links to additional NIH resource pages. Please contact Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca for the checklist documents and with questions regarding any of this information.

➢ Best Practices in Research Management
The Office of the Vice-President (Research and International) will be offering the workshop series “Best Practices in Research Management”. This workshop series covers a range of important administrative topics such as financial management, grant and contract compliance, and intellectual property protection amongst others. The workshop series is optional and has been designed to support individual researchers with the administrative requirements that are being imposed by funding agencies and partners to ensure they have a basic understanding of their requirements, and most importantly, which service units to contact for further support when questions arise. The workshop series includes four core workshops and three optional workshops. Participants who choose to complete all the core workshops and one of the optional workshops will receive a letter of recognition for that effort. The 2021-22 series will be offered via videoconference. Find further details and registration links 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

➢ 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 (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

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**INOVAIT EVENTS**

**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.
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.

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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**Links and passwords (if required)**
Live Q&A for September 29, 2021 | Live Q&A for September 28, 2021
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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](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:

The lift your spirit on Monday box–Why did the Biologist break up with the Physicist? They had no chemistry 😊