NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Canadian Funding Opportunities

Government of Canada National Defence (IDEaS) – Green Heat: Low Carbon Energy Generation for Heating Existing Buildings *REVISED Deadlines*

Proposal Deadline: *Extended to September 28, 2021 (2pm EST)
ORS Deadline: * Extended to September 21, 2021 (4:30pm CST)
ORS Contracts Coordinator: Holly Musto at Holly.Musto@umanitoba.ca

CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars program
- $100,000 CAD in unrestricted research support
- A two-year term in a CIFAR research program, a global, interdisciplinary network of top-tier research leaders
- Mentorship from a senior researcher within a CIFAR research program
- Opportunities to network, collaborate, and form a community with peers from diverse disciplines across CIFAR’s research programs
- Specialized leadership and communication skills training, and support to put skills into action.

Application Deadline: October 27, 2021 at 11:59pm PDT
ORS Deadline: October 20, 2021 at 4:30pm CST
ORS Contact: Barbara Hewitt, Research Grants Officer (SSHRC and miscellaneous (non-health) grants, Network of Centres of Excellence)
Barbara.Hewitt@umanitoba.ca

Scleroderma Manitoba – Research Grant
Funding available up to a maximum of $20,000 for one (1) year. Click here for more information including the application form.

Application Deadline: October 1, 2021
ORS Deadline: September 24, 2021 4:30 pm
ORS Contact: Micheline Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and International), Micheline.Violi@umanitoba.ca

Professional Development Grant
Applicants (open to graduate students, post-medical school resident/fellows, and members of allied health based in Manitoba) can apply for up to $2,000 to support travel to conferences and workshops related to Scleroderma. Click here for more information including the application form.

Application Deadline: October 1, 2021
ORS Deadline: September 24, 2021 4:30 pm
ORS Contact: Micheline Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and International), Micheline.Violi@umanitoba.ca

FYI - Have you received research funding while ethics and/or biosafety approval are pending and you need access to funds to: hire research personnel/support, supplies/equipment, travel, etc. You can submit the Request for Preliminary Access to Grant/Contract Funding before Activity Requiring Ethics/Compliance Approval is Undertaken (RPA) found on the ORS website under the Forms/Contact Us tab.

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Manitoba Funding Opportunities

**Research Manitoba - Innovation Proof-of-Concept (IPoC)**
Research Manitoba Innovation Proof-of-Concept Expression of Interest (EOI) - *NEW* Quarterly Deadlines. Industry partners are eligible to partner on a maximum of two (2) grants per fiscal year (April 1 – March 31). Guidelines found [here](#). Application consists of a two-stage process:

**Stage 1**
**Expression of Interest Deadline:** September 15, 2021 (*No FAAF required for this stage*)
**ORS Deadline:** September 8, 2021 at 4:30pm

**Stage 2**
**Full Proposal Deadline:** Submitted by invitation only following the EOI stage. A specific deadline, approximately 6-8 weeks, will be given when invited to submit a full proposal.
**ORS Deadline:** 4:30pm (5 business days prior to agency deadline).
**ORS Contact:** Jenna Silva, Research Grants Officer (Institutional Programs), [Jenna.Silva@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Jenna.Silva@umanitoba.ca)

**International Funding Opportunities**

**National Multiple Sclerosis Society - John Dystel Award**
The award provides $15,000 US for one (1) year for outstanding contributions to research in the understanding, treatment and prevention of multiple sclerosis. Click [here](#) for more information. Applications must be submitted through the online portal found [here](#).
**Application Deadline:** October 28, 2021, 5:00 pm EST
**ORS Deadline:** October 21, 2021, 4:30 pm
**ORS Contact:** Michelina Violi, Research Grant Officer (Health and International), [Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Michelina.Violi@umanitoba.ca)

**Mitacs**

**Mitacs Globalink Research Award**
Senior undergraduate and graduate students as well as postdoctoral fellows will receive a **$6,000 award** to conduct a **12- to 24-week** research project in a partner country.
**Sponsor Deadline:** December 1, 2021 at 5:00pm PST
**Internal Contact:** Darren Fast, Director, Partnerships & Innovation [Darren.Fast@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Darren.Fast@umanitoba.ca)

**WORKSHOP/EVENTS/MEETINGS/OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Government of Canada - Canada’s defence policy, *Strong, Secure, Engaged* commits to $1.6 billion of investment in innovations for defence and security over the next 20 years. But IDEaS is more than just a funding program. It is accelerating concepts and propelling solutions forward, building a defence innovation ecosystem. Join us for an informative session and learn how you can bring your IDEaS to life! Please join Kris Ruiter, Chief Stakeholder Engagement – Procurement Assistance
Canada in one of the two following sessions:

- September 8, 2021
  12:00 – 1:00 CST
  https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvemorjwrHtAHmp7vERAELyGcJVUBpI3

- September 15, 2021
  12:00 – 1:00 MST
  https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEp-cGqjMuHtU0OCxWZH63tShMBibB4fx

➢ 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). You will find below 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 our website.

Please 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, we invite you 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 our support team at NSERC Discovery.

Consult the Webinars page to learn about upcoming information sessions.

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The Arthritis Society (AS), Canadian Rheumatology Association (CRA), and CIHR-IMHA are co-hosting the third annual Canadian Arthritis Research Conference
CARC), virtually **February 7-8, 2022.** The conference will feature a range of presentations, discussions, and networking opportunities with experts, researchers, consumers and emerging leaders who make up the arthritis community. An invitation is extended to attend as a keynote speaker and symposia for February 7 and 8, 2022. Specifically, invitations are open for 20 minutes keynote (two individuals) and 90 minutes symposia (3-speaker panel). Given that CARC 2022 will be virtual there is an opportunity to have a mix of national and international speakers. All speakers must be available to present virtually on February 7, 8, 2022, 11:40 a.m. – 16:30 p.m. ET. Submissions will be evaluated by the CARC Scientific Committee. They will consider the importance and impact of the topic, stakeholder involvement, principles of equity, diversity, inclusivity and indigenous rights, and in the case of symposia, a panel composed of multiple disciplines.

Guidelines for applications can be found [here](https://example.com). Submissions should be through CARC’s [online system](https://example.com). **All applications must be received by August 31, 2021 – 11:59 p.m. ET.**

**SSHRC Partnership Development Grant Workshop**

September 10th, 2021 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. via Zoom - To register for this event, please RSVP to Dr. Erik Magnusson ([erik.magnusson@umanitoba.ca](mailto:erik.magnusson@umanitoba.ca)) or Dr. Elyssa Warkentin ([elyssa.warkentin@umanitoba.ca](mailto:elyssa.warkentin@umanitoba.ca)).

**CIHR** has issued a pre-announcement for an additional COVID-19-related competition ("Operating Grant: Addressing the Wider Health Impacts of COVID-19") to be held in early November 2021, with registration required in mid-October. This is in addition to the previously announced COVID-19 Gaps and Priorities Competition to be held in September. Details can be found on [CIHR’s webpage](https://example.com). Focus areas will include: the impact of deferred/displaced care on health; the impact of the pandemic on social, economic and population issues as well as the public health outcomes; and exacerbation of existing disparities among marginalized populations. Grants will be for up to $1M over two years for clinical trials and $500k over two years for all other types of projects. The competition launch is expected in early September.

**Agency and ORS deadlines will be posted in our weekly newsletter when they become available.**

**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](https://example.com).

**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.

- **New Frontiers in Research Fund – Exploration Stream**
  The recording of the webinar to support applicants in preparing a Notice of Intent is available here:
  - English Recording: https://youtu.be/dQu2xKIpHTY
  - French Recording: https://youtu.be/MgDjyt_X3p4

- **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 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-CRNSNG.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:

**NEW**

The lift your spirit on Tuesday box –
What is a computer’s favorite snack? Computer chips! 😊