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OADR Grant Development Office Weekly Digest

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CIHR Project Grant Spring 2021

With many applicants to the CIHR Spring 2021 Project Grant beginning to pull their Internal Peer Review (IPR) committees together I wanted to remind everyone that we have a listing of review committee mandates and the names of individuals at the UofC who have recently reviewed for each committee. This list has been updated with reviewers from the Spring 2020 competition. You can find the list [here](#). The Spring competition has not officially launched but we are expecting some changes to the application. As soon as they are confirmed I will send out broadly. Remember that you can access a number of resources via our IPR site (<http://cumming.ucalgary.ca/internal-peer-review>) including a library of successful applications to help in the development of your application(s).

Please stay tuned for information sessions related to this competition coming in early 2021.

Expected Spring 2021 Timeline:

- *Registration*: March 4th, 2021
- *Internal Application Deadline*: March 30th, 2021 (TBC)

- *CIHR Application Deadline:* April 1st, 2021
- *Anticipated Notice of Decision:* July 22nd, 2021
- *Funding Start Date:* October 1st, 2021

New NSERC Alliance Option 2 Resource

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) has released a new two-page overview for the Alliance Option 2 program. [Please click here to access the new resource](#). Option 2 is partially open. NSERC is accepting requests of \$30,000 to \$100,000. Once fully rolled out, this option will support applications of \$20,000 to \$200,000.

Please be aware that there is a limit on the number of applications for this option. Researchers can submit one application as an applicant or co-applicant in a 12-month period. Partner organizations can only be part of two Option 2 applications in a 12-month period, with all academic institutions in Canada.

We strongly recommend that you confirm with your partners that they have not already reached their limit, before you start developing the Option 2 application. This may be a challenge for large, multi-department organizations like municipalities. In the case of The City of Calgary as a partner, please contact Urban Alliance Coordinator Barry Phipps (bphipps@ucalgary.ca) as early as possible to help with this and other logistics.

For more information on Option 2, please visit the [NSERC Alliance webpages](#). Visit the NSERC Alliance pages for competition information for Option 1 and other [resources](#) as well.

For internal deadlines, intake processes and other resources please consult the NSERC Alliance [funding calendar](#) entry.

Funding Deadline Calendar

Upcoming CIHR Online Discussion on Systemic Racism in Canada's health research funding system

Message from the Vice-President, Research Programs, Dr. Tammy J. Clifford:

In October 2020, I released a [statement](#) about CIHR's commitment to enhancing equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in the health research funding system and to

announce upcoming community engagement activities. While we originally intended to begin this community engagement in the fall, upon consultation with partners, we are taking the time needed to ensure our approach is co-developed with individuals with lived experience and is grounded within existing knowledge.

The first series of engagement activities will be focused on systemic racism in the health research funding system. In addition, we plan to host community engagement activities on other topics next year, including how CIHR can address inequities experienced by researchers and trainees with disabilities.

Starting in January 2021, CIHR will host an online discussion to hear from racialized and Indigenous communities about the barriers they face in Canada's health research funding system and their perspectives on what can be done to address systemic racism within this setting. CIHR specifically invites the engagement of racialized and Indigenous communities with lived experience of systemic racism in the health research sector although the online discussion will be open to all.

Starting in spring 2021, we will hold virtual small group listening sessions with racialized communities on systemic racism in the health research funding system that will build upon themes and suggestions from the online discussion.

In recognition of the distinct history, experiences and rights of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples, we will also hold dedicated engagements with Indigenous communities to discuss how CIHR can supplement our [action plan](#) to build a healthier future for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples in a way that further recognizes and addresses systemic racism.

Following the engagement activities, CIHR will develop, implement and monitor an action plan, or plans, to address systemic racism in the health research funding system. The action plan(s) will be informed by the insights gained through these community engagement activities, along with learnings from previous feedback, literature, and international best practices.

Many of our valued partners, universities, and other research institutions across Canada are also taking steps to invite dialogue with individuals and communities affected by systemic racism in the health and/or research ecosystems. We invite those who have already participated in or led other public dialogues on systemic racism to share the outcomes with us to help shape our thinking. To foster collaboration, reduce duplication and burden on the research community, and amplify collective impact, we are extending an offer to promote dialogues on systemic racism being hosted by other organizations. Please contact edi@cihr-irsc.gc.ca and let us know if there are opportunities where we can learn from

and/or support your activities, as a way for us to move forward together in addressing systemic racism in the health research funding system.

We invite you to monitor our newsletter and social media channels for additional information on how to participate in the upcoming engagement activities.

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