OADR Grant Development Office Weekly Digest

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NSERC Alliance Session

Strategies for Success

As indicated in the recent Alliance Latest News, there have been several updates to the Alliance literature.

Natural Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) is organizing webinars for applicants to provide information on Alliance grants and to share best practices when preparing an application.

Please find below dates and instructions for the NSERC Alliance webinars. The webinars will all cover the same material and will be offered using Cisco Webex.

The webinars will take place on the following dates:

English sessions

- **Webinar No. E1: November 17, 2020; 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)**
- **Webinar No. E2: November 24, 2020; 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. ET**
- **Webinar No. E3: November 26, 2020; 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET**
- **Webinar No. E4: December 2, 2020; 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET**
- **Webinar No. E5: December 3, 2020; 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET**
Contact: Danielle Demiantschuk

Funding Deadline Calendar

Funding Opportunity

CIHR Operating Grant – Network of Clinical Trials networks: Collaboration to Evaluate COVID-19 and Intervention Strategies

The Government of Canada has made an unprecedented investment in both the domestic and global response to COVID-19, particularly to fast-track the development and availability of effective tests, diagnostic tools, vaccines and therapeutics. In response to this investment, the research community mobilized to propose and carry out innovative and important research to address COVID-19 and related issues. There are, however, important gaps in Canada’s response that have become evident; gaps that need to be addressed rapidly and in a sustained manner to respond effectively to the pandemic.

To date, the Government of Canada’s research investments in COVID-19 have spanned a variety of areas including medical (i.e., vaccine, therapeutics, clinical management interventions) as well as public health and social/policy countermeasures. At this stage of the pandemic, the gap in Canada’s clinical trials coordination infrastructure has once again been noted as an area in need of improvement (Cheng, Lee, Tan & Murthy, 2020).

Coordination of research capacity and activities through a “network of networks” model is one proposed organizational solution. With sufficient oversight, such networks not only provide access to specialized research expertise, but also ensure that research activities are not duplicative. This has been a consistently identified gap in COVID-19 where, for example, clinical settings have been working to accommodate research requests alongside patient care or where studies are being conducted in similar areas, without the requisite coordination. In addition, creating opportunities for researchers to develop strong relationships (with other academics, industry partners, decision makers, patients, and community partners) is critical to effective research mobilization during health emergencies.

The Network of Clinical Trials Networks research funded through this call must expand existing national and international networks, infrastructures and relationships with partners in order to leverage efforts and increase timeliness, efficiency, and impact of research on response and recovery from COVID-19.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

Expression of Interest – Monday November 16, 2020 at 6:00pm (Calgary-time)

Full Application: RSO Final Internal Deadline: November 25, 2020 at 12:00pm

CIHR Deadline: November 27, 2020

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