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OADR Grant Development Office Weekly Digest

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Funding Opportunities

Department of National Defence IDEaS COVID-19 Challenge: Moral Trauma on the Frontline

While the risk of moral injury is typically associated with warfare and conflict, evidence from the front line of the COVID-19 pandemic suggests otherwise. Healthcare workers and first responders are showing similar signs of having suffered extreme psychological, cognitive, and emotional responses, including guilt and shame as they make life and death decisions that on occasion go against their own moral beliefs and standards. This can leave them in a state of anxiety and distress on top of being overworked and overwhelmed. In collaboration with Canada's defence, security and public safety communities, DND is looking for state-of-the-art research on moral injury and cutting edge prevention models and treatment strategies, in support of DND/CAF personnel, healthcare workers and First Responders at the front lines of the current pandemic, in order to provide for the long-term mental health of these populations.

IMPORTANT: Given the rapidly approaching deadlines **ALL** interested applicants are asked to contact [Clint Westgard](#). The Grant Development Office will work with applicants to ensure they complete all necessary tasks and meet both agency and internal deadlines.

Timeline:

Deadlines

RSO Internal Deadline	July 28 at noon	RFAA and Complete Application
DND Application Deadline	July 30 at noon	
Anticipated Notice of Decision	Within 2 months of deadline	

Types of Proposals:

- Evidence-based methods for the prevention of moral injuries and/or treatment therapies;
- Research and strategies for helping individuals to make difficult, stressful and emotive decisions in complex moral contexts and emergencies, including but not limited to COVID-19, in order to reduce the potential impact of moral dilemmas on their mental health;
- Identification of factors that are proven to moderate and mediate the potential for long-term psychological trauma and impairment associated with ethical conflicts and moral violations;
- Means to identify events and circumstances that have the potential to cause “moral injury,” and to measure its severity, in First Responders and primary healthcare workers;
- Diagnostic criteria reflecting the cluster of features and symptoms of “moral injury” that may be linked to but separate from PTSD that can be used to accurately identify those affected;
- Empirical research methods and proposals for measuring stress-related physiological response (e.g., inflammation) that will characterize the effects of population-level prolonged stress exposure on brain structure and function and on patterns of physiological response;
- Development of models that would assist in predicting and responding to risks associated with “moral injury” during the next Phase of the pandemic or in the future, including, but not limited to development of critical models of disease prevention and psychological, neurological, and endocrine intervention models for responding to risks.

Value and Term:

- Up to **\$200K over six months** for Phase 1 applications.
- Phase 2 will be available to successful Phase 1 applicants and is up to **\$1M over one year**.
- There is \$15M in funding allocated for the IDEas COVID-19 Challenge Competitions

Application:

- [Proposal form](#)
- [Applicant Guide](#)

For more information, please contact [Clint Westgard](#) in the Grant Development Office.

NSERC DG Workshop - Subject Matter Eligibility for NSERC DGs

On **July 14, 2020 from 10:00 am – 11:30 am**, the Cumming School of Medicine will host a session geared at navigating subject matter eligibility for applications to Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Discovery Grants. We will hear from a faculty member with experience on evaluation committees about some of the key subject matter eligibility concerns, and how best to address these concerns for individuals who also have a health research program.

Zoom Details: Everyone is welcome. To join this session, please email [Danielle Demiantschuk](#) in Research Services by **July 9th to register**. You will receive the Zoom link and password on the 13th to join on the 14th.

During the meeting, please mute yourself and turn off your video for the duration of the call to ensure stability for the call. Questions can be sent in advance to Danielle or asked in the chat box and the moderator will present them to the panelists during the Q&A period.

Contact: [Jenna Slobozian](#)

[Funding Deadline Calendar](#)

Alberta SPOR Support Unit's Patient Engagement Platform invites you the information session on

PATIENT ENGAGEMENT IN HEALTH RESEARCH



- What is patient engagement in research ?
- Why should I engage patients as partners in my research ?
- How can I meaningfully engage patients as partners ?
- Who can be a patient partner for my project?
- When is the right time to engage patients as partners ?
- Where can I find patient partners ?
- What type of services can Patient Engagement Platform provide me ?



Join us virtually to get answers to all these questions or bring your own questions !

**Tuesday, July 28th 2020
11:00 AM - Noon**

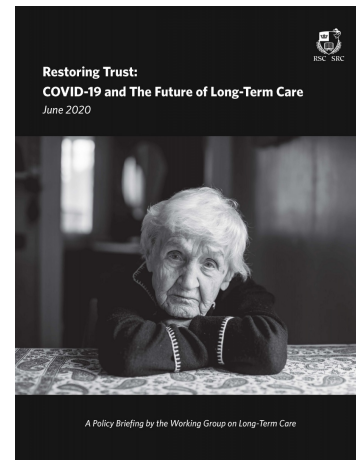
Register @: <https://pep-services.eventbrite.ca>

PS: Zoom meeting link and teleconference number will be sent to you after registration



RSC Policy Briefing - Restoring Trust

RSC has released a Policy Briefing called Restoring Trust: COVID-19 and the Future of Long-Term Care. The report, available [here](#), has been peer-reviewed and consists of an evidence base used by experts in developing urgent recommendations and principles for actions.



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