OADR Grant Development Office Weekly Digest

This message has been sent on behalf of the Office of the Associate Dean Research (OADR) Grant Development Office. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jenna Slobozian, Clint Westgard, Brandi Povitz, Paul Daniels or Sara Mahjor.

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CIHR-CFHI Pre-Funding Announcement

Pre-Funding Announcement: Implementation Science Teams – Strengthening Pandemic Preparedness in Long-Term Care Funding Opportunity

The Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement (CFHI) and the Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is pleased to pre-announce the partnership and launch of the Implementation Science Teams – Strengthening Pandemic Preparedness in Long-Term Care Funding Opportunity.

This funding opportunity will provide research funding to Implementation Science Teams to support evidence-informed implementation of a suite of promising practice interventions and policy options within and across Long-Term Care (LTC) and retirement homes in Canada, and to rigorously evaluate the process, outcomes and/or impacts of the interventions.

Note:

- In order to be eligible to submit a full application, all applicants are required to register their intent to apply by September 14, 11:59pm ET
- Registration and full applications will be uploaded and processed through the CFHI website.
• **Information webinar**: All potential applicants are invited to participate in an information webinar on September 9, 2020 at 12:00pm ET.

• **The opportunity is expected to be launched in early September 2020**

Contact: Gary Markoski.

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**CIHR Project Grant “Ask Me Anything” webinars**

CIHR is hosting “Ask Me Anything” sessions designed to answer the questions researchers have about the Fall 2020 Project Grant competition.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 9  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Calgary time  
**Connect:** Join Microsoft Teams Meeting / Ask a question using Sli.do (Sli.do event code: #pjt-ama-sept9)

**Date:** Friday, September 11  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Calgary time  
**Connect:** Join Microsoft Teams Meeting / Ask a question using Sli.do (Sli.do event code: #pjt-ama-sept11)

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**Opportunity for Early Career Researchers: Call for expressions of interest to the CIHR Fall 2020 Observer Program**

CIHR is pleased to offer an Observer program for Early Career Researchers (ECRs) for the upcoming Fall 2020 Project Grant competition. This program is designed as an opportunity for ECRs to observe peer review committee meetings and gain valuable insights on the review process. While in-person face-to-face peer review remains CIHR’s standard, it is not a viable option for this competition. The peer review process for the Fall 2020 Project Grant competition will therefore be delivered via synchronous video conferencing that mimics the in-person process.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible to participate in this Observer program, individuals must meet CIHR’s definition of ECR, as of the application deadline of the Project Grant competition, October 14, 2020. Please note that CIHR is currently consulting on its ECR definition and expects to announce any changes by August 31, 2020. Also
note that this program is only open to ECRs working at Canadian institutions. Postdoctoral fellows are not eligible to apply.

- Candidates who are submitting applications as a Nominated Principal Applicant or Principal Applicant in the current Project Grant competition are eligible for this opportunity, but cannot observe the committee that is adjudicating their submission.
- ECRs who previously participated in the Observer program for a Project Grant competition are not eligible to participate. ECRs who have submitted applications to past CIHR Observer programs are required to re-submit an application to be considered for this opportunity.

How to apply

To express your interest in participating in this Observer program, please click on the button, “Apply online” to fill out an application by September 21, 2020. The full details are now available on CIHR’s website, including what is needed to complete this application.

All individuals who express their interest will be informed of the results by November 17, 2020.

As part of the application you will need a letter confirming your appointment. If you are a member of the Cumming School of Medicine please contact Jenna Slobozian (j.slobozian@ucalgary.ca) for your letter no later than September 14th.

Note: Spring 2020 applicants do not need to re-apply: All eligible applicants to the Spring 2020 Observer Program were informed on July 6th, 2020 that their application was retained and transitioned to the Fall 2020 Observer Program. Spring applicants do not need to re-apply.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Anna LeMarquand, Senior Research Grants Officer in Research Services at asamuels@ucalgary.ca

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Research Services: Standard Deadline for Grants and Awards

Standard Deadline for Grants & Awards Reminder

The Grants and Awards Division in Research Services (RSO) has a standard internal deadline of noon, two business days before the funding agency deadline. This is a required step for all externally-funded grants administered by RSO.

The Grants and Awards standard internal deadline is designed to:
allow the maximum time for applicants to prepare their applications for external grants,
enable RSO to complete a basic review and secure the required institutional signatures, and
ensure equitable support is provided to all researchers.

**Deadline will be enforced**

During the university’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic between March-August, the internal deadline has been flexible. RSO staff have done a tremendous amount of work to support many new funding opportunities, shifting deadlines, and challenging workloads.

**Beginning September 1, the standard internal deadline will once again be enforced.**

**Process**

- All single-sponsor applications will go through RMS. If you are unsure if a program is single sponsor, please check the Funding Deadline Calendar or contact rsogrants@ucalgary.ca.
- Department and Faculty level approvals should be complete (via either RMS or the Research Funding Application Approvals Form) and the final complete copy of the application submitted to Research Services by the internal deadline.
- Earlier internal deadlines may be set on rare occasions for high volume competitions, or due to special requirements. These cases will be noted in the Funding Deadline Calendar.
- Please note that this standard internal deadline does not apply to most of the funding competitions administered by the Institutional Programs Division, such as CFI or the New Frontiers in Research Fund, as these programs typically involve multiple stages of review with separate deadlines.

**Late Applications**

From September 1, exceptions to the standard internal deadline will be made only for family or medical emergencies. Other exceptional cases will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will require the approval of the faculty Associate Dean (Research) (ADR) and the approval of the Associate Vice-President (Research) (AVPR), Dr. Robert Thompson.

It is the applicant’s responsibility to pursue late application approval from their Associate Dean (Research) with appropriate justification.

- If approved by the ADR, this confirmation should be sent to rsogrants@ucalgary.ca. Research Services will then forward the request to the AVPR for consideration.
- No action will be taken on the file until both levels of approval are received. If approved, the application will then be processed on a best-efforts basis.
- If the ADR does not approve the late submission, the AVPR will not overturn that decision.

Late applications generate risk to the institution and the applicant by reducing RSO staff's ability to offer equitable service and support to all applicants. We ask that you respect and adhere to these deadlines.

Questions or concerns can be sent to Dr. Robert Thompson, Associate Vice-President (Research) and Executive Director of Research Services at avpr@ucalgary.ca.