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OADR Grant Development Office Weekly Digest

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Funding Opportunities

COVID-19 Hot Spots

The federal [COVID-19 Immunity Taskforce](#) has announced a call for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) on projects related to COVID-19 hot spots. Most COVID-19 deaths in Canada have been in long-term care facilities. Cases have clustered in select neighbourhoods, and those working in jobs which require routine direct interaction with the public appear at greater risk of infection. Understanding the factors that give rise to these “hot spots” is critical to informing the design and assessing the effectiveness of efforts aimed at reducing disproportionate risk.

An overall funding envelope of \$30M is available from this funding opportunity for population-based studies.

For more info, and tips on what EOIs are expected to focus on, see [here](#).

Those invited to the full proposal stage will be invited to a mandatory proposal preparation workshop, to be held on Oct 6. Full proposals are expected to be 10-12pgs in length.

Key Dates

- **RSO Deadline for EOI: Noon, Sept 17**

- Funder Deadline for EOI: Sept 21
- RSO Deadline for full proposals: noon, Oct 7
- Funder Deadline for full proposals: Oct 12

Submission Process

Approvals for this opportunity is being managed by RSO through [RMS](#), rather than through the RFAA form. If you haven't yet used RMS, the RMS team is organizing a number of orientation and refresher sessions. You can sign up for a session by contacting the [RMS team](#).

Process:

1. Complete the Pre-Award record in [RMS](#) and “Submit for academic approvals” (Under Save & Progress) in good time to allow for approvals from your Dept Head and/or ADR prior to the RSO deadline. You do not need to attach a draft EOI to obtain ADR approval, but connect with your department head on timelines and requirements. Start the approvals process as soon as possible and ensure you receive all required approvals in advance of the RSO internal deadline of **noon on Sept 17, 2020**.
2. Complete the attached EOI form and submit it to the funder [here](#) by **Sept 21**.

Contact: [Paul Daniels](#)

2021 New Scientific Collaboration Support Program: The France-Canada Research Fund (FCRF)

The New Scientific Collaboration Support Program, financed by the France-Canada Research Fund (FCRF), aims to accomplish objectives such as: support developing new expert partnerships between France and Canada, promote the advancement of research and innovation, prepare and structure scientific cooperation between the two countries, promote researcher mobility, particularly for young researchers, and provide research training for young researchers. This program provides financing for new scientific projects jointly developed by French and Canadian team that have never worked together before. Research Services' final deadline for the application **via RMS** is **NOON on November 10, 2020**.

Contact: [Lisa Singh](#)

[Funding Deadline Calendar](#)

CIHR Project Grant “Ask Me Anything” webinar

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

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)

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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