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OADR Grant Development Office Weekly Digest

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Upcoming OADR Grant Development Webinar: Making the Most of Your Significant Contributions

Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Presenters:

Cam Teskey, Professor, Cell Biology & Anatomy

Jenna Slobozian, Manager, Grant Development

[Register](#)

Learn how to effectively highlight your expertise, contributions and impact to maximize your chances of success at CIHR, NSERC and other funding agencies.

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SSHRC

[SSHRC: Partnership Grants](#)

Partnership Grants provide support for formal partnerships that advance research, research training and/or knowledge mobilization in the social sciences and humanities through mutual cooperation and sharing of intellectual leadership, as well as through resources as demonstrated by cash and/or in-kind contributions. Faculty members who would like to participate in the 2021 competition must inform RSO of their intent to apply (ipd@ucalgary.ca) and provide a half-page overview of the proposed project by November 4, 2020.

Funding Deadline Calendar

The Alzheimer Society of Canada has launched its 2021 Alzheimer Society Research Programs

Funding Available:

New Investigator Operating Grants are designed to help launch the careers of outstanding researchers who are within the first 4 years of their initial academic appointment

- **Amount:** \$200,000
- **Duration:** Up to 4 years
- **Eligibility:** Within the first 4 years of initial faculty position

Proof of Concept Grants are designed to fund established researchers in conducting innovative, high-risk and high-reward approaches to dementia research. Please do not submit existing hypotheses.

- **Amount:** \$100,000
- **Duration:** Up to 5 years
- **Eligibility:** Principal investigators must hold a faculty position at a Canadian university or affiliated institution

Important dates:

Competition Launch: September 11, 2020

Application Deadline: November 6, 2020, 11:59 EST.

Results Announced: May 2021

For more information please visit: <https://alzheimer.ca/en/Home/Research/Alzheimer-Society-Research-Program/How-to-apply>

For more information please about the internal process for applying to this competition, please visit the [funding calendar](#) or contact [Gary Markoski](#)

CIHR Update on resuming strategic funding opportunities

CIHR announced in the spring that they would be temporarily pausing most of their strategic funding opportunities, in order to redeploy their resources to deliver a rapid research

response to COVID-19 and ensure the delivery of the Project Grant competition.

CIHR is pleased to advise that they are now ready to start resuming strategic competitions.

They will begin by resuming the 12 competitions that had already been launched and were put on hold when the pandemic struck. CIHR will be emailing applicants who opened an application in the system directly to provide them with key details.

Over the next year, new opportunities will be brought online in a staggered fashion with a goal of no more than four FO launches and no more than four application deadlines in any given week.

As noted previously, competition timelines will be confirmed and updated in ResearchNet, and applicants will be provided with at least two months' advance notice to allow them to prepare their applications. Applicants will be able to:

- work on a previously started application(s);
- review and edit their previously submitted application(s) prior to resubmitting;
- withdraw their previously submitted application(s); and
- start a new application(s).

The full communication is available on CIHR's website at <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/52156.html>.

Test Your Concept Sessions: NSERC CREATE and SSHRC PG/PDG

Opportunity: Interested in applying for a major funding opportunity but don't know where to start? Participate in a Test Your Concept session this fall!

SUPPORT Committees are hosting TYC sessions to engage with researchers interested in applying for major funding competitions and to provide feedback and guidance early in the development process. Any faculty members interested in receiving feedback on a research proposal are encouraged to participate. TYCs are constructive sessions, helpful for applications at any stage of the development process.

Session Information:

SUPPORT Committees review numerous major funding opportunities such as:

- **NSERC Collaborative Research and Training Experience Program (CREATE)**
- **SSHRC Partnership Grants (PG)**
- **SSHRC Partnership Development Grants (PDG)**

Current Opportunities:

SUPPORT Committee	Reviewing	Date of Session	Deadline to Confirm Interest
Training and Professional Development	NSERC CREATE	Monday, October 19 , 9:00am-11:30am	Thursday, October 9 by 9:00am
Partnerships & Major Grants	SSHRC PG, PDG	Monday, October 26 , 1:00pm – 3:30pm	Friday, October 16 by 9:00am

If you would like to participate in one of the Test Your Concept sessions, please:

- RSVP to ipd@ucalgary.ca indicating a preliminary project title and your preference of committee by **October 9th** or **16th** (depending on the competition for which you are preparing). You will receive an email confirmation of your assigned timeslot; and
- At the same time (by October 9th or 16th) provide a half-page Concept Summary. This will ensure that the Test Your Concept panel can effectively engage and provide constructive feedback during the session. If your project is a re-submission, please submit an additional half-page (both sections should not exceed one-page total) outlining how the project has evolved since its first submission.

Please note that Test Your Concepts are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. It is strongly recommended that you register early as sessions tend to fill up quickly.

For additional information on these Test Your Concept opportunities, please contact ipd@ucalgary.ca or visit the [Test Your Concept](#) website.

What is a Test Your Concept session?

Test Your Concept sessions provide an opportunity for researchers to connect, engage and receive constructive feedback at any stage of the grant development process, from early concept to well-developed proposal. Test Your Concepts provide a forum for faculty members to pitch proposed research projects and receive feedback from the multidisciplinary TYC panel comprising researchers who have led or participated in funded projects falling under the programs, have experience on the funders' review panels for these programs, or have other similar experience. Also in attendance are representatives from the Office of the Associate Vice-President(s) Research and the Research Services Office. The intent is to support prospective applicants in the project and application development process. Participants will have 3-5 minutes to pitch their proposed research project followed by approximately 15 minutes for discussion and feedback. Participants will come prepared to deliver a 3-5-minute pitch outlining their project, including:

- A statement describing the research (or training) area and an overview of the proposed project/program
- A list of any potential collaborators at UCalgary and elsewhere
- An environmental scan of similar programs in Canada and abroad

Benefits of participating in Test Your Concept include:

- Engaging the perspective of members of SUPPORT regarding what makes a strong application
- Gaining insight into the feasibility of the proposed project from a variety of perspectives
- Obtaining assistance in performing an “environmental scan” (identify individuals across campus who might be strong collaborators and what equipment may already exist)
- Receiving feedback on how to expand upon ideas and target them toward specific competitions

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