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## OADR Grant Development Office Weekly Digest

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## Funding Opportunity

### CIHR - Indigenous COVID-19 Rapid Research

This funding opportunity is part of the Government of Canada's continued rapid response to address the health challenges of the viral COVID-19 pandemic. The Government of Canada will provide funding for research focused on addressing the impact of COVID-19 on the health and well-being of Indigenous Peoples. This funding opportunity will provide research funding for Indigenous communities, Indigenous organizations and researchers of Indigenous ancestry (or researchers who provide evidence of having meaningful and culturally safe involvement with Indigenous Peoples) in Canada who are responding to the unique health and well-being needs of Indigenous Peoples as they relate to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This funding opportunity will provide funds for two streams of research: Knowledge Synthesis Grants (up to \$100,000 for 1 year), and Evaluation and Assessment Grants (up to \$200,000 for 1 year).

Registration is required and is due on **November 10, 2020**. Research Services' final internal deadline for the full application is **noon on December 4, 2020**.

### Funding Deadline Calendar

*This competition will run through the **RMS online system**.*

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## CIHR Policy Update

### [Doubling of leave credits for early career researchers applying to Project Grant competition](#)

There has been a recent change in CIHR policy. Starting with the Fall 2020 Project Grant competition, eligible leaves will be credited at twice the amount of time taken when determining early career researcher (ECR) status.

For example, a researcher who, within the first five years of work, took five months for parental leave would benefit from a 10-month credit, thus extending their ECR status.

Only leaves taken during the first five years of work will be used towards determining ECR status. An applicant may not use leaves to return from mid-career researcher status to ECR status.

In effect, this means that these ECRs will have a longer time during which they can benefit from CIHR programs and policies such as the [Observer Program](#) and the [equalization process](#) in the Project Grant competition.

Eligible leave types include the bereavement, medical and parental categories found in the Canadian Common CV. Administrative, sabbatical and study leave do not qualify. The “other circumstances” category can be used, where necessary, provided an applicant explains how the leave impeded career progress in a manner beyond their control.

View [CIHR's entire announcement](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Anna LeMarquand, Senior Research Grants Officer in Research Services at [asamuels@ucalgary.ca](mailto:asamuels@ucalgary.ca)

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