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Updates to the CIHR Spring 2021 Competition

CIHR has announced some changes for the Project Grant Spring 2021 competition. These will be discussed during the upcoming information sessions being hosted by the Grant Development Office (details below). The updates are a result of feedback CIHR has received from the research community:

- Summary of Progress:
 - Last used in 2015 the Summary of Progress has been re-instated but with key changes to its purpose
 - It is mandatory for all Nominated Principal Applicants and can be a maximum of 2 pages
 - Allows you to describe how your applications fits into your overarching research program and should include:
 - Progress/Productivity
 - COVID-19 impact on your research
 - Early Career Researchers who have previously held a Foundation grant can contextualize your Foundation grant with your new application
 - Budget Request in relation to overall funding held currently or previously
- Applicant Profile CV:
 - No change is being made to the CV requirement for independent researchers located in Canada. However, international co-applicants,

knowledge users and Indigenous applicants can now use the [Applicant Profile CV](#) (modelled after the NIH Biosketch).

- Removal of Weighted Scores
 - Reviewers will now provide one score that reflects all 3 evaluation criteria (Significance & Impact of Research, Approaches & Methods, and Expertise, Experience & Resources). Previously applications were scored on all 3 criterion.
- Sex and Gender Based Analysis (SGBA)
 - Reviewers will be explicitly required to include their assessment of whether SGBA is appropriate for the research being proposed. If so, the overall application score and written evaluation will reflect if SGBA has been suitably addressed in the research proposed
- Entry of Foundation Grant-Holders
 - Starting with the Spring 2021 competition approximately \$50M will be added to each twice-yearly Project grant competition. These funds are a result of the sunsetting of the Foundation Grant program
- Ensuring Equitable Access to Research Funds
 - CIHR will continue to ensure that the proportion of applications submitted by Early Career Researchers (ECRs) is at least equal to the proportion of ECR grants funded. CIHR will extend these measures to ensure that the proportion of grants funded is at least equal to the proportion of applications submitted by female applicants and for applicants submitting applications written in French

To read the full announcement from CIHR visit: <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/52319.html>

Upcoming Grant Development Office Information Sessions:

To learn more about the Spring 2021 competition, including the new updates, please attend one of the following sessions. Content will be similar in both sessions:

Session 1

February 17th, 12:00pm-1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Session 2

March 4th, 11:00am – 12:00pm

[Register Here](#)

CIHR will also be hosting Ask Me Anything Sessions:

English Sessions:

When: Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 15:00 pm ET

When: Friday, February 5, 2021 at 13:00 pm ET

To register and learn more visit: <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/45096.html>

If you have any questions about these changes please don't hesitate to contact me at anytime.

Best,

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