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OADR Grant Development Office Weekly Digest

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Funding Opportunities

[The Drummond Foundation: Research Grants 2021](#)

The Drummond Foundation invites Applications for Research Grants from investigators working in Canada who are interested in ageing-related research and in improving the quality of life of socially, mentally, or physically disadvantaged older adults, their families, and caregivers.

Research Services LOI deadline is **May 11, 2021 at 12:00pm**.

Research Services full application deadline is August 31, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

[The Arthritis Society: 2021-2022 Innovation Grants](#)

The goal of the Innovation program is to support the development and testing of transformative, paradigm-shifting, concepts and approaches to address critical barriers to progress in arthritis research, challenge our understanding of arthritis and its management, and generate novel approaches to confront the challenges we face in defeating arthritis and delivering the best evidence-informed care possible. The program intends to foster novel, high-potential projects and ideas that could be expanded in the future through additional funding sources (i.e. successful operating grants, industry partnership programs, cross discipline funding opportunities, etc.).

Research Services LOI deadline is **April 28, 2021 at 12:00pm**.

Research Services full application deadline is June 25, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

[Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation: Accelerating Drug Discovery for Frontotemporal Degeneration](#)

There are currently no FDA approved disease-modifying treatments available for frontotemporal dementia (FTD) and symptomatic treatments only provide limited benefit for patients. Recent scientific advances have provided an increased understanding of pathogenic mechanisms underlying FTD and are driving the development of potential disease-modifying therapies. The Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF) and The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD) seek to accelerate this progress by supporting innovative small molecule and biologic (antibodies, oligonucleotides, peptides, gene therapy etc.) drug development programs for FTD through this request for proposals (RFP). Drug targets in the areas of inflammation and proteostasis will be considered high priority.

Research Services LOI deadline is **May 25, 2021 at 12:00pm.**

Research Services full application deadline is July 27, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

[Grand Challenges Canada: Stars in Global Health](#)

For this 11th Round of the Stars program, we seek bold ideas that will improve the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women, adolescents, children and LGBTQI+ people in Sub-Saharan Africa. The bold ideas are expected to improve the access, use and quality of comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education and services and to be resilient to pandemic control measures like those introduced to control COVID-19. Of particular interest to Grand Challenges Canada are innovations that improve responses to sexual- and gender-based violence.

Fluxx Account/Portal Registration deadline is **May 20, 2021 at 12:00pm.**

Research Services full application deadline is May 31, 2021 at 12:00pm.

[Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer: 2021 'A' Award Grant](#)

The purpose of the 'A' Award Grant is to advance ALSF's mission to find cures and better treatments for childhood cancers by providing support to early career scientists who want to establish a career in pediatric oncology research. The ideal applicant has an original project that is not currently being funded. Demonstration of a future commitment to pediatric cancer investigation as well as institutional support for the career development of the investigator are critical components of a successful application. A mentor is required, and a career development plan must be included. The 'A' Award is a four-year grant, with the possibility of a 5th year of funding.

Research Services full application deadline is **June 15, 2021 at 12:00pm.**

[Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer: 2021 Young Investigator Grant](#)

The Young Investigator grant is a three-year award designed to support early career researchers, such as postdoctoral, clinical fellows or instructors, pursuing promising childhood cancer research ideas. These grants aim to cultivate the best and brightest researchers of the future who demonstrate a commitment to a research career in pediatric cancer. A mentor is required, and a

career development plan must be included. The Young Investigator grant offers up to \$50,000 in direct costs per year for three years.

Research Services full application deadline is **July 7, 2021** at 12:00pm.

For more information on these and other Funding Opportunities, please visit the [Funding Deadline Calendar](#).

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Test Your Concept Sessions: SSHRC Partnership Grant/Partnership Development Grant (PG/PDG)

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

SUPPORT is hosting TYC sessions to engage with researchers interested in applying for major partnership funding competitions and to provide feedback and guidance early in the development process. Any faculty members interested in receiving feedback on a potential SSHRC Partnership Development Grant (PDG) or Partnership Grant (PG) 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:

- [SSHRC Partnership Grants](#) (PG)
- [SSHRC Partnership Development Grants](#) (PDG)

Current Opportunities:

SUPPORT Committee	Reviewing	Date of Session	Deadline to Confirm Interest
Partnerships & Major Grants	SSHRC PG, PDG (TYC #1)	Tuesday, June 1, 10:00am-12:00pm	Tuesday, May 18 by 9:00am
Partnerships & Major Grants	SSHRC PG, PDG (TYC #2)	Wednesday, June 16, 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Wednesday, June 2 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 by **9am May 18 (TYC #1)** or **June 2 (TYC #2)**. You will receive an email confirmation of your assigned timeslot; and
- Provide a half-page Concept Summary by **9am May 25** if your assigned timeslot is **for the TYC #1** session on June 1, or by **9am June 9** if your assigned timeslot is **for the TYC #2 session** on June 16. This will ensure that the Test Your Concept panel can effectively engage and provide constructive feedback during the session. If your project has previously

been submitted as a PDG or PG to SSHRC, OR has been previously discussed with the SUPPORT committee, please include an additional half-page (both sections should not exceed one-page total) discussing how the project has been further developed.

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 area and an overview of the proposed project/program
- A list of any potential partners/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

SSHRC 2021 PDG and 2022 PG Competitions:

Both TYC sessions are open to researchers interested in applying for a PDG or PG. The [2021 PDG timeline is linked here](#), as this program will launch in May; the 2022 PG competition will launch in September of 2021.

OADR Grant Development Office Webinar

Finding research success as a clinician-researcher

Friday, April 30th, 2021

1:00 – 2:30 pm

[Register](#)

Dr. Nowell Fine, Clinical Director, Libin Cardiovascular Institute will provide a brief overview of how Libin is supporting clinician-researchers through their new academic mentorship program.

This will be followed by a panel discussion about the challenges and opportunities clinician-researchers face, particularly as they relate to grant development. Our panel will also discuss how clinicians can turn clinical questions into research projects and answer questions from the audience.

Moderator: Dr. Sofia Ahmed, Professor, Medicine

Panelists:

- Dr. Carla Coffin, Associate Professor, Medicine
- Dr. Zahra Goodarzi, Assistant Professor, Medicine
- Dr. Satish Raj, Professor, Cardiac Sciences
- Dr. Bryan Yipp, Associate Professor, Critical Care Medicine

Questions for our panelists or about this webinar? Contact Brandi Povitz (brandi.povitz@ucalgary.ca).

Missed a webinar? View it on our [Internal Peer Review Website](#).

Register for Upcoming Navigating Partnered Research Sessions

Navigating Partnered Research is a digital series hosted by the [Knowledge Engagement](#) team in [Research Services](#) to provide support and guidance for faculty members interested in pursuing partnered research projects in the social sciences and humanities.

This [multi-part series](#) will cover a variety of support topics and supports ranging from identifying exploring different funding opportunities for partnered research initiatives, engaging with community, building partnerships for research, mobilizing partnered research knowledge and workshopping your concept and research plans with experts from across campus.

Introduction to Research Ethics | May 4, 10 a.m. MT

- Join the Chair of the Conjoint Faculties Research Ethics Board, Dr. Jenny Godley for an introduction to research ethics. She will discuss the history and fundamental principles of ethical practices for research involving human participants and provide an overview of the ethics application, review and renewal processes at UCalgary. This session will focus on key considerations related to community partnered research including developing collaborative relationships and agreements with partners in advance of submitting an ethics application and obtaining ethics approval in multiple jurisdictions.
- Register [here](#)

Papering Partnerships | May 11, 10 a.m. MT

- Co-presented by the Knowledge Engagement team and the Research Services Legal & IP team, this session will help you develop an understanding of the relationship maintenance practices for keeping your partnerships strong. This session will also explore the variety of research collaboration scenarios available, the benefits/trade-offs of each and the agreements required.
- Register [here](#)

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