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## OADR Grant Development Office Weekly Digest

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## Funding Opportunities

### [Encouraging Vaccine Confidence in Canada \(NSERC/SSHRC/CIHR\)](#)

The **Encouraging vaccine confidence in Canada** grants support organizations with strong track records of science and/or health promotion to deliver evidence-based, vaccine-promoting information to key communities and groups and/or to build capacity in the community to promote confidence in vaccines. It is expected that funded activities will mobilize knowledge to improve public understanding of vaccines and help Canadians to make evidence-based decisions, especially among populations that are hesitant about vaccines. All activities should be interactive and delivered to a relevant subset of the Canadian population, which you will define in your application. Collaboration with trusted community leaders is strongly encouraged to ensure activities are appropriate and designed to reduce and/or remove barriers, particularly in instances where the intended audience is an underserved or vulnerable group. Funds may be used for new activities, or for improvements (including increased scope) to content or delivery of existing activities. Through their proposed activities, organizations should aim to build on existing networks, infrastructures and relationships with Canadian and

international partners where possible. The activities may address specific diseases, including COVID-19, or may broadly address vaccination.

**RSO Internal Deadline:** March 31 at noon

**Value and Term:** \$50,000 over one year. Total budget for the competition is \$2.25M.

**Application:** Proposal (4 pages max) and Budget (2 pages max)

*For more information, please contact [Clint Westgard](#).*

**[CIHR Catalyst Grant: STBBI Research in Canada: Beyond HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C \(2021\)](#)**

The overall goal of this funding opportunity is to understand the current landscape of sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections (STBBI) research in Canada, and to build capacity and spur innovation in this field, with a specific focus on STBBI of public health relevance which have not previously received dedicated strategic investment by CIHR. Research Services' final internal deadline is **noon on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

**[CIHR/SickKids Foundation - 2021 New Investigator Research Grant](#)**

New Investigator Research Grants enable early-career researchers to make a meaningful contribution to the fight for children's health. They are jointly sponsored by SickKids Foundation and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health. Grant recipients may obtain up to three years of support for research in the biomedical, clinical, health systems and services, population and public health sectors.

This program provides support to child health researchers early in their careers so that they can compete with more senior investigators for research grants from other funders. We fund research that has the potential to have a significant impact on child health outcomes.

Research Services deadline is **April 15, 2021** at 12 p.m.

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**Strategic Clinical Networks - Connect Care Speaker Series**

*On behalf of Drs. Braden Manns (ACMO, AHS Strategic Clinical Networks), Neesh Pannu (UofA SCN Scientific Director Liaison) and Eddy Lang (UofC SCN Scientific Director Liaison)...*

We would like to extend an invitation to you and your research community to join us for a **Connect Care** speaker series. This three-part speaker series will focus on Connect Care as a research and quality improvement EMR system.

The first session will be focused on understanding how to access data and create reporting functionality within Connect Care for research and quality improvement. This session will be delivered via zoom on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm-5:30 pm MST. [Please click here to view the agenda for more details, including the Zoom link.](#)

Should you need further information, please contact Jatin Patel at [jatin.patel@ahs.ca](mailto:jatin.patel@ahs.ca).

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## **CSM Student Graduate Stipend Training**

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#### **Training: How To Set-Up and Maintain Graduate Student Stipends**

Need to pay a graduate student or modify an existing student stipend payment? "How to Set-Up and Maintain Graduate Student Stipend" training sessions are tailored to faculty, administrators, and other staff members responsible for initiating and continuing [graduate student stipend payments](#) as part of the [Cumming School of Medicine Graduate Funding Policy](#), applicable to all students enrolled in a [CSM Graduate Program](#). Training consists in a small group via Zoom meeting with the Scholarship and Stipend Officer within Graduate Science Education, in which a short "how-to" presentation will be delivered followed by ample time for Q&A and trouble-shooting. If you are not able to attend the training sessions on the mentioned date, 1:1 session can be scheduled for anytime from M-F 8:30am-4:30pm. All those new to graduate student stipend processing or those needing a refresher are welcome to request training.

**Contact:** [Barsha Rimal, Scholarship & Stipend Officer, Graduate Science Education for training session](#)

#### **Upcoming Training Offerings via zoom**

When: Apr 6, 2021 10:00-11:00 AM M.T

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://ucalgary.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0lc-muqjosGN0t3SdFmNr3qYxzTUxvFfVs>

## Now Launched: CIHR Online Discussion on Systemic Racism

Dear Colleagues,

On December 17, 2020, CIHR published a message from the Vice-President, Research Programs entitled [Online discussion on systemic racism in Canada's health research funding system](#).

We are pleased to inform you that the online discussion has launched and will be open until April 9, 2021. The content for the online discussion was developed in consultation with racialized and Indigenous researchers and stakeholder organizations. CIHR specifically invites the engagement of racialized and Indigenous communities with lived experience of systemic racism in the health research sector although the online discussion is open to all.

We look forward to hearing what you have to say, and, if you have the time, please share the link to [Let's Talk – CIHR](#) with your networks and on your social media channels.

- Social media: [https://twitter.com/CIHR\\_IRSC/status/1357380583857471490](https://twitter.com/CIHR_IRSC/status/1357380583857471490)

To participate in the online discussion, we invite individuals to visit the [Let's Talk CIHR](#) webpage, click on “REGISTER to get involved,” and follow the prompts to register for and join the online discussion.

Additionally, starting in spring/summer 2021, we will hold virtual small group listening sessions with racialized communities on systemic racism in the health research funding system that will build upon themes and suggestions from the online discussion. These sessions will be co-designed with and moderated by racialized communities.

We will also hold dedicated engagement activities with Indigenous communities to discuss how CIHR can supplement our [action plan](#) to build a healthier future for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples in a way that further recognizes and addresses systemic racism. We will share more details about these dedicated engagements in the near future. In the meantime, we also welcome Indigenous communities to participate in the current broader online discussion about systemic racism in Canada's health research funding system.

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