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Funding Opportunities

**Canadian Blood Services Summer 2021 Blood Efficiency Accelerator Program**

Canadian Blood Services is pleased to announce its **Summer 2021 Blood Efficiency Accelerator Program** competition. The objective of the Canadian Blood Services' Blood Efficiency Accelerator Program is to improve the efficient and appropriate utilization of blood products, while maintaining the safety of the blood system. To achieve this objective, the Program will support innovative research projects that seek new knowledge or accelerate the application of existing knowledge. In the context of this competition, blood product is defined as a therapeutic product derived from the donation of blood or blood components and includes red blood cell and platelet concentrates, plasma and plasma derivatives (including plasma protein products), and hematopoietic stem cells (including those derived from cord blood). The current competition encourages applications addressing COVID-19 related transfusion challenges while meeting the objective of the Program.

While all applications aimed at improving the efficient and appropriate utilization of Canadian Blood Services' blood products are encouraged, the current competition will give priority to projects focused on improving procedures and protocols at Canadian hospitals or at Canadian Blood Services that will result in improved utilization of red blood cells, platelets, and plasma products. These improvements may be realized at any point from vein to vein, that is, from the point of blood collection, through the manufacturing, distribution, and blood banking processes, to clinical utilization. Projects with a defined knowledge translation strategy to accelerate the uptake of the study findings or of existing knowledge by the knowledge user group will also be prioritized.

For detailed information about the Blood Efficiency Accelerator Program competition, please refer to [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca). The deadline to submit completed application packages is July 15, 2021.

- [Competition Guidelines - PDF](#)
- [Application Form – Word](#)

**Pre-announcement: CIHR Healthy Cities Implementation Science Team Grants**

Launching this spring, the Healthy Cities Implementation Science (HCIS) Team Grants is a $27 million+ funding opportunity designed to support interdisciplinary teams implement and evaluate interventions in diverse urban contexts with the goal of improving health and health equity.

The HCIS Team Grants are being launched as part of the CIHR Healthy Cities Research Initiative (HCRI) and in partnership with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC).

**Thematic Areas**

The HCIS Team Grants funding opportunity will support one research project in each of the six thematic research areas described below. Proposed research projects can be relevant to multiple thematic areas. The six CIHR thematic research areas are:
Healthcare Systems, Services and Policies
Healthy Aging
Musculoskeletal Health, Mobility or Prevention (including skin and oral health)
Type 2 Diabetes Prevention
Urban Indigenous Health
Population and Public Health

Funding

This funding opportunity has two stages: a Letter of Intent (LOI) stage where up to 18 successful applications will receive $25,000 development grants to support the development of their applications, and a full application stage where a minimum of six successful applications will each receive $3 million over six years to fund their research.

For more information, please see CIHR’s webpage.

Research Services will send out more information, once the competition is launched in ResearchNet.

For more information on these and other Funding Opportunities, please visit the Funding Deadline Calendar.

SSHRC Insight Grant (IG) Session in Arts

The SSHRC IG session will be hosted by Dr. Kinga Olszewska, Senior Research Advisor in the Faculty of Arts, and Dr. George Colpiits, Arts’ ADR. They will be joined by two panelists, current or recent members of the adjudication committees, who will share their insights and advice based on their experience as both applicants and adjudicators. The session will focus on: overview of the application and processes, discussion of strategies for different sections of the grant, and supports available.

Date: May 26, 2021
Time: 10:00am - 11:30am MDT
Online via Zoom

Please follow this link to read more and to register: https://events.ucalgary.ca/arts/#!view/event/event_id/322987.

Only those who register will receive Zoom details.

OADR Grant Development “Making Friends in Science” Webinar Series

Research is often a team endeavor. Complex problems may require multiple disciplines, approaches and stakeholders to solve. In our “Making Friends in Science” webinar series we will explore different types of collaborations and partnerships, how they contribute to successful research projects and the challenges associated with working as a team. Speakers will share how they built, managed and sustained successful collaborations within and outside academia.

Collaborating outside the academy
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
1:00 - 2:30 pm

Collaborating with other academics
Friday, June 4, 2021
2:30 - 4:00 pm

Funding opportunities frequently require knowledge users, decision makers and patients as part of the research team and for good
reason. These types of collaborations can increase the relevance of your research and its impact by enabling knowledge translation and exchange. Our speakers will share how they created rewarding partnerships with community organizations, patients, physicians, corporations and others outside the academy and how these partnerships have strengthened their research. They will share their advice for working together and keeping partners engaged through the ups and downs of research and grant funding, as well as how these relationships differ from their academic collaborations.

Dr. Paul Fairie, Associate Director of Patient Engagement, Alberta SPOR Support Unit, MacKinley Darlington, Manager of the University of Calgary’s Knowledge Engagement Team and Shayla Scott from the Indigenous Research Support Team will be on hand to discuss their teams’ services and answer questions.

Speakers:
Dr. Sonia Butalia
Associate Professor, Medicine and Community Health Sciences
Scientific Director, Diabetes, Obesity and Nutrition Strategic Clinical Network, Alberta Health Services

Dr. Katrina Milaney
Associate Professor, Community Health Sciences

Dr. Reed Beall
Assistant Professor, Community Health Sciences

Dr. Turin Chowdhury
Assistant Professor, Family Medicine and Community Health Sciences

Speaker Bios
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Sometimes you can answer a research question on your own, but what do you do when you need help from your peers and how do you decide when to work together? This webinar will focus on examples of local, national and international collaborations between academics, including multidisciplinary teams and the unique challenges each situation presents. Our speakers will share what they have learned about building a team and working effectively with other researchers from project conception and grant writing through to publication and subsequent projects.

Speakers:
Dr. Marie-Claire Arrieta
Assistant Professor, Physiology and Pharmacology and Pediatrics

Dr. Francois Bernier
Professor and Head, Medical Genetics

Dr. Stephen Freedman
Professor, Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine

Dr. Deborah Marshall
Professor, Community Health Sciences

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Questions about these webinars? Contact Brandi Povitz (brandi.povitz@ucalgary.ca)