OADR Grant Development Office Weekly Digest

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Grant Development "Micro"-Tip

Reviewers want to know upfront what exactly your grant is about. Don’t leave them wondering what you plan to do until page 5. Make sure your hypothesis and specific aims are clearly stated and easy to find on the first page of your proposal.

Funding Opportunities

**NSERC Alliance – UPDATE to cost-sharing options**

The **NSERC Alliance** is a currently active competition that encourages partnerships between academics and organizations to generate new knowledge and opportunities. Alliance grants can award between **$20,000 to $1 Million per year** over **1 to 5 years**. NSERC Alliance has a rolling intake, the final deadline for
2022 applications is **December 31, 2022**.

NSERC has simplified Alliance Option 2 to one single cost-sharing ratio of 100% from NSERC for proposals involving partners from any sector (private, public, or not-for-profit). Previously, if a partner was from the private sector there was a requirement to provide 10% of the project budget, this has now been removed. This would not preclude additional cash investments being made by partners from any sector to increase the scope of the project where applicable. Please see the announcement from NSERC at this [link](#).

*Please email Adam Kirkby if you are interested in this competition.*

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**Brain Canada – Cancer Research Society Translational Research Grant**

A [new joint initiative between Brain Canada and the Cancer Research Society](#) was recently announced supporting translation research in Brain Cancer. The funding program is intended to provide funding for multi-disciplinary collaborations between basic researchers and clinicians to translate basic research to novel approaches for the study, diagnosis and/or treatment of pediatric or adult brain cancer. The competition is open to research teams of two or more independent investigators from different institutions and at least one member of the team must be an early career researcher.

Projects should develop new translational solutions aimed at new diagnostics and novel modalities that:

- Advance our understanding of mechanisms that lead to brain cancer
- Create or test novel technologies, machine learning and artificial intelligence that improve brain cancer diagnosis and treatment
- Apply innovative solutions to target brain tumors at the primary, metastatic and relapsed stage
- Develop or refine precision medicine solutions to make better treatment decisions for patients

**Value and term:**

In total, this competition has an envelope of **$2 million**, designed to support up to **two grants** of **$1 million each**, over a duration of three years.

**Timeline:**
NFRF 2022 Special Call – Research for Postpandemic Recovery

The goal of this Special Call is to mobilize Canadian-led research efforts in support of a more equitable, sustainable and resilient post-pandemic reality. It will support a diverse portfolio of projects that directly address one or more of the research priorities outlined in the UN Research Roadmap for the COVID-19 Recovery. Eligible projects include short- and medium-term projects, as well as discrete phases of longer-range research programs. Projects are required to be interdisciplinary (combining elements from at least two disciplines) but are not required to cross the mandates of more than one tri-agency. Given the global focus of the Roadmap and the need to ensure that all countries are considered in the pandemic recovery, research projects are expected to include international members. Exceptions will be made for projects that address a uniquely Canadian context.

A webinar on the competition will be held on March 1, 2022, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm MST.

Value and Term: $200,000/year over 2 years

Eligibility:

- Teams must include at least one expert in social, economic or socio-economic research and/or implementation science (as an NPI or co-PI)
- Teams are expected to include international members (exceptions will be made for projects that address a uniquely Canadian context)

Timeline:

- Notice of Intent internal deadline: April 19, 2022, at 9:00 am MST
- Full Application internal deadline: August 2, 2022, at 9:00 am MST

For full details on the competition see the funding call.

Contact: Clint Westgard
To see other active funding opportunities, visit the Research Services Office (RSO) funding calendar.

**Funding Deadline Calendar**

**OADR Grant Development Webinar**

**Supporting Clinical Research From Start-Up to Close-Out**

The [Calgary Centre for Clinical Research](#) (CCCR) provides support services and guidance to investigators and their teams as they conduct clinical research. The [Clinical Trials Office](#) (CTO) is a new sub-unit of the CCCR, established to provide University research staff with centralized access to clinical trial services and resources. It serves as the initial point of contact for clinical trials by bringing together all expertise in one place: regulatory, financial and operational including system support through the OnCore clinical trial management system (CTMS). The OnCore CTMS is the University of Calgary's new institution-wide system for managing clinical trials and provides research teams with a central, comprehensive platform that streamlines study administration, enables operational efficiencies and enhances the way University research is conducted. Learn about the CCCR, CTO and the OnCore CTMS and the many free services we provide to investigators and their research teams by attending our webinar.

**Date:** March 16, 2022  
**Time:** 10:00 am - 11:00 am MST  
**Register**

**Speakers:**

*Mari Boesen; Provincial CTMS Project Manager*  
*Asim Nadeem; Clinical Research Finance Lead*  
*Jenna Dobry; Quality Assurance and Regulatory Compliance Specialist*  
*Shweta Patel; Clinical Trial Program Administrator*  
*Sabine Moritz; Director, Clinical, Health Services and Population Health Research*