Grant Development "Micro"-Tip

With registration now open for the Spring 2022 CIHR Project Grant competition, choosing the best peer review committee for your grant is critical to your funding success. Do your homework. Check the committee mandate, find out who reviews for the committee, talk to colleagues who have sat on the committee and look at what the committee has funded in the past. Finally, make sure you justify your choice. Learn more about [how to choose a peer review committee](#).

Funding Opportunities

**CIHR Planning and Dissemination Grants – ICS (Winter 2022)**
CIHR has extended the full application deadline to February 1, 2022.

Accordingly, RSO’s final internal deadline has been moved to Thursday, January 27, 2022.

**Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation Prevention Pipeline**

The ADDF seeks to support studies of cognitive symptoms due to health conditions, comparative effectiveness research, and epidemiological studies that probe whether the use or choice of drugs alters the risk for dementia or cognitive decline.

The Prevention Pipeline RFP supports:

1. **Studies of Cognitive Decline and Risk Reduction**
2. **Comparative Effectiveness Research**
3. **Studies Leveraging the Consortium of Cohorts for Alzheimer's Prevention Action (CAPA)**

Please note: Anti-amyloid approaches (e.g., anti-amyloid aggregation, beta-amyloid vaccines, beta- or gamma-secretase inhibitors) and cholinesterase inhibitor proposals will not be considered.

- Research Services’ final internal deadline for the Letter of Interest is noon on February 1, 2022

**Diagnostics Accelerator and Target ALS Foundation Biomarker Discovery RFP**

The Diagnostics Accelerator and Target ALS are joining forces to fund biomarker research targeting biomarkers that might be common to disease pathways or pathophysologies in Alzheimer's disease, FTD and ALS to facilitate biomarker discovery and validation. In doing so, the Diagnostics Accelerator and Target ALS aim to drive towards an improved understanding of the heterogeneity of these neurodegenerative diseases and offer potential solutions for differential diagnosis.

Biomarkers for neurodegenerative diseases have seen significant advances in recent years with substantial improvements in imaging and CSF-based assays. However, given the cost associated with imaging and the invasiveness of CSF-based approaches, there is limited feasibility in widespread screening and use. In addition to diagnosis, biomarkers are essential for guiding drug development in clinical trials, monitoring treatment efficacy and side effects, along with providing individualized
information on disease progression.

- Research Services' final internal deadline for the Letter of Interest is noon on February 25, 2022

**Funding Deadline Calendar**

**CIHR Project Grant**

**Spring 2022 Competition – Registration now open!**

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Project Grant program is designed to capture ideas with the greatest potential to advance health-related knowledge, health research, health care, health systems, and/or health outcomes. It supports projects with a specific purpose and a defined endpoint. The best ideas may stem from new, incremental, innovative, and/or high-risk lines of inquiry or knowledge translation approaches.

- The deadline to register via ResearchNet is **Wednesday, February 9, 2022**.
- Research Services' final internal deadline for the full application is **9:00 am on Monday, March 7, 2022**.

**Contact:** Brandi Povitz ([brandi.povitz@ucalgary.ca](mailto:brandi.povitz@ucalgary.ca))

**Resources**

A guide for registering is now available on the Internal Peer Review (IPR) site along with many other resources to help you develop your grant application:

- A place to register for your IPR committee, please take advantage of this so that your faculty and institute can best support your application development
- A library of successful applications
- A Guide for Registering (the Guide for Applying will be available on the IPR site soon)
- A list of review committee mandates and the names of individuals who have recently reviewed for each committee
- Past webinars: The Black Box of CIHR Peer Review Committees, Planning the Best Response to an Unsuccessful Grant and many more

**Project Grant Spring 2022 Faculty Info Sessions**
In an effort to assist applicants (and teams) prepare for the Spring CIHR Project Grant competition the Grant Development team will be providing 2 opportunities to learn more about the competition requirements. Please encourage any staff or trainees that will be assisting with your application to attend. Session 1 will cover both the registration and application requirements while Session 2 will cover only the application stage. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**Session 1**

Date: **Tuesday, January 25, 2022**  
Time: 10:30 a.m. – Noon  
[Register now](#)

**Session 2**

Date: **Monday, February 14, 2022**  
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
[Register now](#)

## CIHR Reviewer in Training Program

The [CIHR Reviewer in Training (RiT) program](#) offers Early Career Researchers (ECRs) a learning opportunity to gain a better understanding of the elements of high-quality review and the peer review process through direct participation in the Project Grant competition with the support of a Mentor. RiT participants will be assigned up to three applications to review and attend and present one review at the peer review meeting.

**Eligibility:** Individuals must meet [CIHR’s definition of an ECR](#) and be working at a Canadian institution as of the application deadline of the Project Grant competition, March 9, 2022. Please note that CIHR has [further extended ECR eligibility](#) (from 0-72 months to 0-84 months). ECRs who have previously participated in the RiT program, reviewed for the Project Grant competition, or are full members of the College of Reviewers are not eligible to apply.

**To Apply:**

1. You will need a CIHR PIN [https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/38201.html](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/38201.html)
2. A PDF of your CIHR Biosketch Common CV (draft CCVs are not accepted)
3. A letter confirming your eligibility as an Early Career Researcher. Please email Brandi Povitz (brandi.povitz@ucalgary.ca) prior to January 28th to obtain your letter.
4. The names of two [peer review committees](#) – in order of preference – that you would like to participate on for which you have the appropriate expertise to review
5. Apply via the portal no later than **February 4, 2022, 9:59pm Calgary time.**

If you applied to the Fall 2021 RiT program you do not need to re-apply. Full details on the program are available on the [CIHR website](https://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/).

### CSM Staff Excellence Awards

Across the Cumming School of Medicine (CSM), our staff and partner employees make an essential contribution every day to the success of the medical school. New CSM Staff Excellence Awards have been created to acknowledge and celebrate this important contribution.

Whether it is an individual who goes above and beyond in service to students and faculty, or a collaborative team who strives to improve processes and systems to be more efficient and effective, please nominate outstanding staff for these new awards. The deadline for nominations has been extended to **January 31, 2021** and winners will be recognized at the annual CSM Celebration of Excellence.

[Submit a nomination](#)

### OADR Grant Development Webinar

**Adventures in Research – Episode I**

**Wednesday, January 19th, 2022**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

[Register Here](#)

Drs. Ashley Harris and Dana Olstad will take us through their first years as independent researchers. They will discuss how they are establishing themselves as independent investigators and what they have done to obtain external funding and build their research programs. Early career faculty are especially encouraged to join the live discussion and share their own experiences. Questions can also be sent to brandi.povitz@ucalgary.ca prior to the webinar.

**Speakers:**

*Dr. Ashley Harris, Assistant Professor, Department of Radiology*

*Dr. Dana Olstad, Assistant Professor, Department of Community Health Sciences*

Our **Adventures in Research** series aims to provide faculty with a more informal and interactive forum to share experiences and learn from each other. As such, webinars in this series will not be recorded. Suggestions for future speakers and topics are always