1. Grant Development "Micro"-Tip

You can increase your chance of funding when submitting a CIHR Project Grant, sometimes dramatically, by applying to relevant Priority Announcements. Priority announcements offer additional sources of funding for highly rated applications that are relevant to specific research areas. For example, in the Spring 2022 Project Grant competition up to 5 additional grants worth $150,000 for 1 year are available only to nominated principal applicants based in Alberta who submit projects in the area of computer modeling and simulation to accelerate health research.
**Funding Opportunities**

**Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Health System (PRIHS) 7: Digital Health**

**Information Session:**
Thursday, January 27, 1-2 pm.

[Register Here](#)

The PRIHS, led by Alberta Innovates and Alberta Health Services, is designed to align research with the evidence needs of the health system through projects focused on the **implementation of promising solutions** to priority health system challenges in collaboration with Strategic Clinical Networks (SCNs). Projects should propose solutions that are aligned with SCN priority areas and improve healthcare quality, health outcomes, and overall value for Albertans in acute, primary/ambulatory, and/or community-based settings.

**Digital Health:**

The focus of the PRIHS 7 competition is on digital health, defined as the application of technologies to support the delivery of innovative care models that empower patients, families, and their healthcare teams to improve the quality of care. Technologies include virtual and augmented reality, mobile health applications, big data analytics, connected devices, sensors, wearables, 3D printing, and computer simulation and modeling. Digital Health can enable the health system to:

- Collect, sense, measure, connect, and distribute valuable information effectively and efficiently.
- Create, amalgamate, analyze, and apply highly complex information to improve decision-making.
- Complement and increase the value of existing e-health implemented solutions

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**Value and Term:** Projects are up to three years in length. There is no maximum budget. The funding pool is $7M.

For more information on the competition please see the [Program Guide](#).

**Contact:** [Clint Westgard](#)

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**Pre-Announcement: CIHR Canadian Pediatric (Hospital) COVID Vaccination Platform**

This funding opportunity is intended to support a Canadian Pediatric (Hospital) COVID Vaccination Platform that will form the Collaboration Centre in close collaboration with the 13 Collaborating Sites in pediatric hospitals across Canada. The Collaboration Centre will enable data management activities such as standardizing data collection, providing a cloud-based data management system, data analysis, and data sharing. It will also be the primary knowledge mobilization driver for the platform, in collaboration with the Collaborating Sites. These Collaborating Sites will be responsible for in-house collaboration, prospective and retrospective data collection, data cleaning, data transfer, and other related activities associated with specific platform studies. Together they will provide a coordinated system to monitor the health and wellness of children and youth as it relates to COVID infection and vaccination.

**Funds Available:**

- $6.7M over two years for the Collaboration Centre and Collaborating Sites
- $1.675M of which is available to support the Collaboration Centre, with the remainder supporting the Collaborating Sites

**Expected key dates**

Launch of funding opportunity: Week of January 24, 2022

Application deadline: Week of February 14, 2022

[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](mailto:brandi.povitz@utoronto.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
- 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**

**Session 2**
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
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 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 in for which you have the appropriate expertise to review
5. Apply via the portal no later than February 4, 2022, 9:59 pm 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.

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

NSERC/Dimensions Workshop: Building an EDI Action Plan

Office of Research Services - Start Here: Building and Presenting your EDI plan for Tri-Council Funding Applications

Friday, February 4th, 2022
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Register Here

Equity, diversity, and inclusion are increasingly recognized as central to research excellence. Careful consideration of each concept can augment the sophistication of research design, inform elevated practices in governance and supervision, and contribute to institutional and broader efforts to increase the representation and advancement of members of equity-deserving groups in the research ecosystem. This session is a compact primer, providing researchers from all disciplines and career stages with research and practice-informed tips to approach the design, implementation, and articulation of EDI actions in the context of research funding.

Participants in this session will gain:
1. An understanding of how EDI is tied to research excellence
2. Initial and essential learning to develop an authentic, high-impact EDI plan in their own research program/team
3. Skills to address EDI-related selection criteria and avoid common issues in Tri-council funding applications.

Facilitators:
Jaya Dixit, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Advisor
Caroline Morrison, Manager, Process Facilitation
Emma Koiston, Manager, External Grants