

A monthly newsletter brought to you by the Office of Research and Innovation



Natural Sciences and Engineering Grants



Social Sciences and Humanities Grants



Health Sciences Grants



Other Grants (all disciplines)



Internal Grants (all disciplines)

**Note: Applications must be received by the Office of Research and Innovation a minimum of 5 business days in advance of the funding agency deadline unless otherwise stated. Please allow enough time for Chair and Dean approval in Romeo.**

## Natural Sciences and Engineering Grants Update

- **NSERC Discovery Grants** support ongoing programs of research in the natural sciences and engineering with long-term goals rather than a single short-term collection of projects.  
Notice of Intent to apply deadline (mandatory): August 2, 2021      Application deadline: November 1, 2021
- **PICS Opportunity Projects Program** supports new and emerging leaders to pursue bold and impactful climate solutions research.  
Application deadline: August 4, 2021

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## Social Sciences and Humanities Grants Update

- **SSHRC Connection Grants** support events and outreach activities geared toward short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization initiatives.  
Application deadline: August 1, 2021

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## Health Sciences Grants Update

- **IURC/MoH BC Interior Region Seed Grant Research Fund** aims to encourage inter-institutional research, in health-related areas, between researchers at Thompson Rivers University, the University of Northern British Columbia, and the University of British Columbia (Okanagan) and foster collaboration with the BC Ministry of Health on specific research-related program areas.  
Application deadline: July 19, 2021
- **CIHR Health Research Training Platform Grants** support the development of interdisciplinary, inter-jurisdictional, and intersectoral research training platforms for trainees and ECR's in specific established or emerging areas.  
Full application deadline: July 20, 2021 (note that a mandatory registration was due in April)
- **CIHR Project Grants** support projects or programs of research proposed and conducted by individual researchers or groups of researchers in all areas of health.  
Registration deadline (mandatory): August 18, 2021      Full application deadline: September 15, 2021
- **MSFHR Health Professional—Investigator** supports health professionals who are actively involved in patient care to conduct and apply research relevant to health and/or the health system.  
Full application deadline: August 20, 2021 (note that a mandatory Letter of Intent was due in June)

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## Other Grants and Scholarships Update

- **Douglas R. Colton Medal for Research Excellence** is a prestigious award for graduate researchers in the field of microsystems of nanotechnologies.  
Internal nomination deadline: July 15, 2021      Full application deadline (candidates must be nominated by UNBC): August 27, 2021
- **Imagining Canada's Future Ideas Lab: Canada and the Circular Economy (Stage 1)** is a call for participants to take part in a virtual, interactive and interdisciplinary research design workshop taking place over two weeks at the end of October 2021. This virtual workshop is the first stage of the Imagining Canada's Future (ICF) Ideas Lab, a multistep funding opportunity which will consider what the circular economy might mean in the Canadian context from an interdisciplinary perspective.  
Virtual workshop application deadline (Stage 1, mandatory): July 16, 2021      Funding opportunity application deadline (Stage 2, by invitation only): January 20, 2022
- **Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships** provide support for Canadian and International postdoctoral fellows. Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships are Canada's most prestigious and highest valued award for postdoctoral researchers.  
Internal Expression of Interest deadline (mandatory): July 22, 2021      Full application deadline (by invitation only): September 22, 2021

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## A Look Ahead

- **SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants** Deadline: September 15, 2021
- **SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship** Deadline: September 16, 2021
- **SSHRC Insight Grants** Deadline: October 1, 2021
- **NSERC Research Tools and Instruments (RTI) Grants** Deadline: October 25, 2021
- **NSERC Alliance Grant Program—Options 1 and 2** (Continuous Intake)
- **Mitacs Accelerate** (Continuous Intake)
- **Mitacs Globalink Research Award** (Continuous Intake)
- **FHSS Awards to Scholarly Publications Program** (continuous intake)

## Workshops and Webinars

- **NSERC Discovery Grant NOI Live Q&A**  
July 8, 2021 10:00am–11:00am  
[Link to Webex event](#)
- **NSERC Alliance and Mitacs Accelerate Joint Grant Program Information Session**  
July 14, 2021 1:00pm–2:15pm  
[Link to Join Zoom meeting](#)  
Meeting ID: 693 3907 8195    Passcode: 642786
- **CIHR 2021 Information Session for Trainees in Health Research**  
September 7, 2021 10:00am–11:00am  
September 9, 2021 7:00am–8:00am



### Why is it so important to submit your grant application to the Office of Research and Innovation early?

Although it can seem difficult to finish grant applications well in advance of the funding agency's deadline, doing so is essential if you hope to be successful in receiving funding.

- ◆ Once you have completed a first draft of your grant proposal, it is always a good idea to ask a trusted peer to review it for before submission to the Office of Research and Innovation via ROMEO. If you would like the ORI to arrange a peer review of your proposal, we can do so, but need at least six weeks notice.
- ◆ Applications submitted to ROMEO must be approved by your Department Chair and Faculty Dean prior to being received by the Office of Research and Innovation. It is important to allow enough time for these approvals prior to the internal application deadline, which is generally set at a minimum of 5 business days before the external funding agency's deadline.
- ◆ Once applications are received by the Office of Research and Innovation, they will be reviewed by an ORI staff member for completeness and alignment with the funding agency's requirements, as well as for editorial issues such as grammar, punctuation, sentence clarity, and formatting. If changes are required or there are suggestions for improvement, your application will be sent back to you for revisions.
- ◆ It is critical that ORI staff have enough time to complete a thorough review of your application, as this will result in the best possible proposal submitted to the funding agency, and the highest likelihood of success.
- ◆ Once all changes have been made to the draft proposal, the ROMEO file will be sent for VPR approval. Once approval has been granted, you are free to submit to the funding agency. Adequate time is needed for all steps, so it is important to pay attention to internal deadlines so that everything can be completed in time to meet the external deadline.