

Weekly WHRI Community Update – June 19, 2020

*Sent on behalf of Dr. Lori Brotto, Executive Director, WHRI*

Dear WHRI community,

You will have received our C&W campus-wide email on June 18 about the great news regarding resumption of onsite research!

Stage 1 involved an extensive review process and more than 125 applications were reviewed-- two thirds of these which were requests to resume wet and dry lab research in non-clinical areas received approval to return. Those who have requested resumption of clinical research will be prioritized next. WHRI research management will be working alongside clinical operations directors to ensure alignment between clinical research and clinical activities resumption.

It's important to remember that this is only our first step. In Stage 2, we plan to further increase the number of people onsite. While we are looking forward to moving ahead, the timing for Stage 2 is dependent on directives from the PHO, WorkSafeBC, PHSA and UBC; the severity of the current COVID-19 pandemic in B.C.; and incidents of COVID-19 in the Oak Street campus research community.

I again want to extend my gratitude to the Working Group and the Review Committee for their dedication to this process and extra hours.

Please do reach out with questions if you have any. You can connect with us at [WHRI.Communications@cw.bc.ca](mailto:WHRI.Communications@cw.bc.ca).

Sincerely,  
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### Updates from Jun 13<sup>th</sup> – Jun 19<sup>th</sup>

#### RESUMPTION OF RESEARCH GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FROM THE C&W REB

The UBC C&W Research Ethics Board has put together a document that should help guide researchers through the process of research resumption:

<http://www.phsa.ca/researcher/Documents/CW%20Guidance%20for%20Resumption%20of%20Research.docx>

You can find it on our website (<http://www.phsa.ca/researcher/ethics-approvals/research-ethics-approval/ubc-bc-childrens-and-womens-research-ethics-board>) in the COVID-19 drop down tab.

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## TRAINEE SURVEY – A REMINDER

Dr. Lori Brotto and Dr. Angela Kaida have launched a survey to **understand the direct and indirect impacts of COVID-19 on women’s health research trainees**. The survey will close on **June 30, 2020**.

Thank you to the over 100 trainees who have completed the survey to date!

As a reminder, we are offering TEN \$100 gift card random draw prizes to WHRI trainees who complete the survey. Only trainees who are members of WHRI or whose supervisors/primary mentors are members of WHRI are eligible for this prize.

Please share this link with students and trainees on your teams:

<https://rc.bcchr.ca/redcap/surveys/?s=NMC4P4WCCF>

For more information: <http://whri.org/our-research/covid19-trainee-survey/>

## FUNDING AGENCY UPDATES and OPPORTUNITIES

### New and updated COVID-19 WHRI Funding Updates

Follow our webpage for all the latest news, COVID-19 funding opportunities, latest updates for deadlines and official statements from funding agencies regarding grant programs.

For updated list of funding opportunities and deadline changes, click [here](#)

For any questions regarding grant applications or grant writing assistance, reach out to Eric Lussier, [eric.ducharmelussier@cw.bc.ca](mailto:eric.ducharmelussier@cw.bc.ca).

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## NEWS

### 2020 PROJECT GRANT COMPETITIONS

CIHR has announced 3 additional “Ask Me Anything” webinar sessions regarding the 2020 Project Grant competitions. Participants are invited to send questions in advance using the “Ask questions” link below.

#### Monday, June 22: 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

[Ask questions](#) in advance: code pjt-ama-june22

#### Thursday, June 25: 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

[Ask questions](#) in advance: code pjt-ama-june25

#### Monday, June 29: 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET (French)

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

[Ask questions](#) in advance: code pjt-ama-29juin

## COVID-19 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- HealthCareCan – [COVID-19 FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE NEEDS FUNDS](#) – 6/30 (Full)
- Amazon Web Services – [Diagnostic Development Initiative](#) – Ongoing 6/30
- CFI – [Exceptional Opportunities Fund – COVID-19 competition](#) – EOI 6/16, Full 7/6
- SSHRC – [Partnership Engage Grants COVID-19 Special Initiative](#) – 9/15
- Ferring Pharmaceuticals – [COVID-19 Grants in Reprod. Medicine and Mat. Health](#) – Ongoing 10/31
- Genome Canada – [COVID-19 Regional Genomics Initiative](#) – TBA
- Canada Digital Technology Supercluster – [Call for COVID-19 Solutions](#) – Ongoing

## UPDATES (6/13 - 6/19) TO COMPETITION DEADLINES

- N/A

## HAVE A FEW MINUTES?

*“By placing women’s safety at the center of the COVID-19 response, we can recommit to the global goals of ending both AIDS and gender-based violence.”*

WHRI members Dr. Angela Kaida and Kalysha Crossen have published a commentary on [the impacts of COVID-19 social distancing directives and intimate partner violence on Women Living with HIV](#)  
[Read it online.](#)

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Have some news of your own to share? [Email whri.communications@cw.bc.ca](mailto:whri.communications@cw.bc.ca)

## STAFF RESOURCES

Stay up-to-date on [PHSA staff updates](#) via their staff resources page:

- Visit [phsa.ca/covid19staff](https://phsa.ca/covid19staff) for COVID-19 staff guidelines and updates.
- Visit [POD](#) for stories about our workforce and supporting resources.
- Learn about [health and wellness resources](#) to support you.
- For site or program specific questions, check in with your supervisor or clinical leader.

PHSA is offering [Unconscious Bias Learning Bursts](#) through the LearningHub:  
<https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/22683/learning-burst-unconscious-bias>

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