

## Weekly WHRI Community Update – June 26, 2020

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

Dear WHRI community,

Our campus over the week has seen resumption of research for a number of research projects and team members during this first stage of research resumption. I have heard from some of you about this experience and would like to share as I believe that stories convey so much:

*We were so excited that onsite research could resume at last!*

*We felt pride for BC (and for Canada) that as a result of our actions, we could gradually resume our activities.*

*The whole process was very well organized and was smoothly executed*

*I particularly liked the daily self-screening, and accessing sanitizer and PPE was easy for me to get.*

Along with these positive experiences, our members also expressed some concerns related to uncertainty as to which entrances to use; anxiety around when subsequent stages of research will resume; concerns about ongoing curtailment and impact on budgets; and investigator concerns over the safety of their research personnel.

Moreover, some reported being unaware of the required UBC COVID-19 Safety course that must be completed: <https://wpl.ubc.ca/browse/srs/courses/wpl-srs-covid>

This week also saw forward movement with regards to review of applications to resume clinical research. With the inaugural launch of the C&W Executive Committee and the C&W Planning, Performance, and Priorities (PPP) Committee, and research leadership representation on those committees, we have opportunities to work alongside our operations and clinical partners to advance the academic mandate of Children's and Women's hospitals. Furthermore, I am grateful to one of our WHRI Research Managers who will work with their BCCHR counterpart and alongside clinical operations directors and leadership to finalize plans for clinical research resumptions.

As always, please do reach out with questions if you have any. I am particularly interested in hearing about your experiences of return to onsite research.

Sincerely,

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**Updates from Jun 20<sup>th</sup> – Jun 26<sup>th</sup>**

**TRAINEE SURVEY – A FINAL 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=NMCFP4WCCF>

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

### [CIHR Announces Delays of strategic funding opportunities until December 2021](#)

CIHR has announced the delay in a number of strategic funding opportunities (See list below). The 12/31/2021 date is being used as a placeholder date and will be updated (possibly earlier) as more information is revealed. Follow the link for full information.

## 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 (6/20 - 6/26) TO COMPETITION DEADLINES

- [CIHR – Planning & Dissemination Grants ICS](#) – **12/31/2021**
- [CIHR/IHDCYH – Early Career Investigators](#) – (NOI & Full) **12/31/2021**
- [CIHR Team – Diabetes mechs + transl solutions](#) – (Full) **12/31/2021**
- [CIHR Team – Inflammation Trials prep](#) – (LOI) **12/31/2021**
- [CIHR Operating Grant – Health System Impact Fellowship - Natitional Cohort Retreat](#) – **12/31/2021**

- [CIHR – Health System Impact Fellowship – 12/31/2021](#)
- [CIHR – Oral Health/Oral Health Care of Canadians – \(LOI\) 12/31/2021](#)
- [CIHR – Hepatitis C Research – 12/31/2021](#)
- [CIHR Training Grant – SPOR National Training Entity – 12/31/2021](#)
- [CIHR Team – Personalized Health – 12/31/2021](#)
- [CIHR Catalyst – Cannabis & Mental Health – \(LOI+Full\) 12/31/2021](#)
- [CIHR Team – Inflammation Trials Prep – \(Full\) 12/31/2021](#)
- [CIHR Team – Food Security & Climate Change – 12/31/2021](#)
- [CIHR-NSERC-SSHRC Training Grant – Healthy Cities ResTrain Platform – 12/31/2021](#)
- [CIHR – Standardization Platform on Age + Sex as Biol Variables – 12/31/2021](#)

## HAVE A FEW MINUTES?

The WHRI is pleased to offer our first **Summer Social Media Series**, a 4-part workshop to support your social media needs. The workshop includes lectures, group discussions, and breakout sessions.

**Dates:** July 15, July 29, August 12, and August 29

**Times:** 2-4 pm

Registration is open to both individuals and teams – **students and trainees are welcome!**

[Register now](#)

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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

### Meeting frequency message from Dr. Lori Brotto:

As we gradually transition towards increasing activity on the C&W campus, I am mindful of the number of meetings that we are all attending. In the early phase of the pandemic teams were meeting very regularly with their managers. The need for these frequent meetings is likely reduced and it may be time to consider resuming a pre-COVID meeting frequency. **Please speak with your manager** directly about a revised meeting schedule

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### 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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