

## Weekly WHRI Community Update – July 10, 2020

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

Dear WHRI community,

On July 6, [UBC released information about the Canada Research Continuity Emergency Fund \(CRCEF\)](#). UBC and its affiliated research entities have been allocated \$17.7 million to fund up to 75 per cent of research personnel salaries and benefits supported by non-governmental sources (industry or foundations) to a maximum of \$847 per week up to 12 weeks between March 15, 2020 and August 29, 2020. Of note, those personnel who are funded by government sources (tri-council funds and health authority funds) are not eligible. In addition, domestic and foreign government sponsored research, such as NIH, DOD, and COVID-19 funded research, are also ineligible.

UBC's Research Finance team will identify investigators who hold grants at UBC that meet the criteria and relevant UBC departments or staff will reach out to PIs to request additional information. Details about eligibility and UBC's process for allocating these funds can be found here:

<https://research.ubc.ca/cwl/crcef>.

Where necessary, BCCHR, WHRI and BCMHSUSRI staff will also reach out directly to PIs to collect information on funding held outside of UBC.

Please note that the deadline for submission is very tight. We ask that all PIs promptly and carefully review the information received from UBC (attached) and/or your research institute to ensure that all of your impacted personnel are accounted for and to confirm there is no duplication. These emails will also include further instructions and deadline details.

Please note that the information above pertains to our UBC PI members only. If you work for a different BC institution, you should contact your VP Research Office for information.

Sincerely,

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### Updates from Jul 4<sup>th</sup> – Jul 10<sup>th</sup>

#### **REB Guidance: Considerations for Researchers: COVID-19 RISK and (Re)Consent**

The following guidance is offered by UBC's Clinical REB; The Children's & Women's REB and the Providence Health Care REB to **researchers who are continuing, resuming, or starting research involving human participant interaction** in accordance with their respective institutional directives.

Document can be found here:

<http://www.phsa.ca/researcher/Documents/CW%20Revised%20guidance%20on%20consent%20during%20COVID-19%20July%202020.doc>

## 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 Update: Web conferencing for the Spring 2020 Project Grant competition](#)

The CIHR plans to use web conferencing to facilitate peer review committee meetings in lieu of in-person meetings. While in-person peer review is not a viable option, and in hopes that the peer review process for the Project Grant program will remain the same, the in-person meeting component will move online. This means that the discussions will now take place via live web conferencing. Follow the link for full details.

## COVID-19 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Besrour Centre for Global Family Medicine – [Global COVID-19 Pandemic Response Grant](#) – 7/20**
- **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 (7/4 - 7/10) TO COMPETITION DEADLINES

New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) – [2020 Exploration](#) – 8/18 (NOI), 10/20 (Full)

## HAVE A FEW MINUTES?

### COVID-19 Trainee Survey Update

Thank you to the **119 women's health trainees** who completed the survey and to all of our stakeholders who assisted with promotion. We have [posted some of the key findings](#) on our website. The prize draw winners will be announced soon!

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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

### New! MANDATORY STAFF TRAINING

There are **TWO options** for mandatory staff training related to COVID-19 safety:

The **CW COVID-19 education curriculum for clinical and non-clinical staff**. This is an online curriculum is part of the Safety Plan for Restoration of Services across CW and is essential for **all staff** to complete and take approximately **90 minutes**. Please register for the curriculum on the Learning Hub: <https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/23493>

**OR**

The **Preventing COVID-19 Infection in the Workplace** course offered by UBC. Please enroll in the course here: <https://wpl.ubc.ca/browse/srs/courses/wpl-srs-covid>.

Please complete **ONE** of these training sessions **at your earliest convenience**. Individual research teams will be expected to keep an internal log of staff training. For WHRI staff, people can complete the training log on the WHRI google drive.

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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.
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