

Weekly WHRI Community Update – July 17, 2020

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

Dear WHRI community,

In May 2020 the Women's Health Research Institute launched a survey to **understand the direct and indirect impacts of COVID-19 on trainees in women's health**. When the survey closed [we received responses from 120 trainees](#) and we have been examining the findings, which will be released over the coming weeks. Over three quarters of trainees reported being somewhat, very, or extremely concerned that they will not be able to present at conferences that have been delayed or postponed due to COVID-19. In particular, they described the negative impact on networking abilities. Given how important knowledge translation is to academia, it is not surprising that this was viewed as a major worry for students who are building their CVs. It is important for trainees to be aware that if they were scheduled to present a poster or paper at a conference that was cancelled, that should still be cited on one's CV. This [link](#) provides a guideline for how to do so.

Many organizations made a shift to virtual conferences, which has allowed trainees who might face other (e.g., financial) barriers to attending conferences to now attend. This [recent article in Nature](#) describes the amount of carbon dioxide emission when researchers travel for a conference, and it proposes several options to shrink the carbon footprint once social distancing guidelines are relaxed and academic conferences resume. It suggests that online conferences might become the new reality. It is worth the read!

At the WHRI we, like so many others, pivoted swiftly to online workshops in late March. Our team co-facilitated a successful Patient Oriented Research workshop with the [BC SUPPORT Unit](#), (report in progress), and are now in the midst of leading a Social Media workshop. Our annual [Women's Health Research symposium](#), where we have the opportunity to [showcase some amazing women's health research talent across BC](#), has already been scheduled as an **online conference for March 2021**. And in this issue of our weekly email, we are announcing a Save-the-Date for our annual World Sexual Health Day research presentations by students on September 11, 2020.

We hope that students and trainees avail themselves of these and many other online workshops, seminars, and conferences. And if you are a trainee with an idea for some online learning that we at the WHRI can offer, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Sincerely,

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Updates from Jul 11th to Jul 17th

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: World Sexual Health Day 2020

Are you a trainee, student, fellow, or other researcher in training? We invite you to present your completed research, research in progress, or any planned research in our exciting rapid-fire format (approximately 5 minute presentations).

Date: September 11, 2020

Times: 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Location: Zoom

The theme this year is **Sexual Pleasure in Times of COVID-19**, so we ask that presenters prepare to speak on ways their work was impacted by the pandemic, if at all.

Please submit your abstract and abstract title, no more than 300 words to whri_cwbc@cw.bc.ca and include **“World Sexual Health Day abstract”** in the email subject line.

For more information: <http://whri.org/world-sexual-health-day-2020/>

Trainee Survey Update

The results are in and prize draw winners will be announced early next week! Thank you to everyone who participated and promoted the 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.

NEWS

[BC SUPPORT Unit Provides Patient-Oriented Research Resources For COVID-19 Research Fund Recipients](#)

As part of this funding and through a partnership between MSFHR and BC AHSN, five research teams have adopted a patient-oriented approach through engagement of patient, public or community partners and are accessing additional resources and supports through the BC SUPPORT Unit.

COVID-19 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Besroux Centre for Global Family Medicine – [Global COVID-19 Pandemic Response Grant](#) – 7/20**
- **DND IDEaS – [Moral Trauma on the Frontline \(COVID-19 Challenge\)](#) – 7/30**
- **MERCK – [Research grant for pandemic preparedness](#) – Ongoing 8/31**
- **SSHRC – [Partnership Engage Grants COVID-19 Special Initiative](#) – 9/15**
- **CFI – [Exceptional Opportunities Fund – COVID-19 for Colleges](#) – 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 (7/11 - 7/17) TO COMPETITION DEADLINES

- N/A

HAVE A FEW MINUTES?

Co-Existing with COVID-19: the new social etiquette story on the POD
<http://2pod.phsa.ca/news/Pages/COVID-19-new-social-etiquette-.aspx>

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

STAFF RESOURCES

MANDATORY SAFETY TRAINING

For those of you that have not yet completed **ONE** of the **COVID-19 safety training modules**, please do so by **Wednesday July 22, 2020** and **log your completion** in the WHRI google folder.

PHSA Learning Hub: <https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/23493>

UBC <https://wpl.ubc.ca/browse/srs/courses/wpl-srs-covid>

Stay up-to-date on PHSA staff updates via their staff resources page:

- Visit 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>
