

Weekly WHRI Community Update – July 3rd, 2020

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

Dear WHRI community,

I hope many of you were able to enjoy the holiday on July 1. It gave me an opportunity to reflect on what it means to feel grateful. I was grateful to spend time with family and close friends who I had not seen since before our social distancing measures were implemented. I felt gratitude for the ability to sit face to face with loved ones and take a break from Zoom calls. I am also grateful that I do not face racial injustices, yet I have an obligation to and responsibility to address such inequities. This past month has given all of us pause to reflect on the role we play in perpetuating injustices of all kinds. These observations have been eye opening and, for me, indicate that we have so much more to learn. I have personally committed to no longer being a silent bystander. And I have gratitude that my place of privilege affords me an ability to use my voice for good.

This week's communication is briefer than those of past weeks given that many of our WHRI staff are taken a much needed few days off. I am incredibly grateful to our small but impressive team for the multiple roles they have taken on through COVID-19, and for their ability to rise to the many demands on our time.

There are no changes to the return to onsite research process that I described in my weekly communications over the past few weeks. The application process remains open and WHRI members can continue to apply to carry out their research onsite. Applications are being received and approved as they are submitted: <https://rc.bcchr.ca/redcap/surveys/?s=EPNPMME777>

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.

Gratefully yours,
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Updates from June 20th – July 3rd

RESUMPTION OF RESEARCH GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FROM THE C&W REB

The application process for research resumption remains open, and researchers can continue to apply if they would like to conduct any research activities onsite.

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.

DO YOU KNOW A STUDENT WHO'S GRADUATED OR RECEIVED AN AWARD?

We want to hear about it! Email whri.communications@cw.bc.ca to share the exciting news, and we'll include a shout-out in an upcoming eBlast.

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

[MSFHR Launches KT Pathways COVID-19 Resource Hub](#)

MSFHR launches the COVID-19 Provincial KT Resource Hub – a collective effort of the BC health system and coordinated by MSFHR, BC's health research funder. It was created to support BC researchers and knowledge users who are engaged in COVID-19 related research (as well as those engaged in other research areas).

COVID-19 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- 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 (6/27 - 7/3) TO COMPETITION DEADLINES

- JPI's More Years Better Lives – [Quality and Wellbeing across Generations](#) – 9/14
- Joule – [2020 Innovation grant program](#) – 9/13

HAVE A FEW MINUTES?

Dr. Travis Hodges, member of the Women's Health Research Cluster (WHRC) and co-lead of their Trainee Presentation Series Organization Committee, has written a piece for the WHRC blog. In this post he shares his own journey as a Black and gay scientist navigating academia, and offers advice for other trainees: <https://womenshealthresearch.ubc.ca/diversity-academia-personal-experience-advice-post-doctoral-fellow>

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 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>
