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

Dear WHRI community,

This week the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research announced the results of its Scholars and Research Trainees competition and we were proud to see five WHRI-affiliated awardees! (<http://whri.org/msfhr-announces-recipients-of-the-2020-scholars-and-research-trainee-awards/>) Though awardees do receive (and deserve) many accolades, particularly in the current fiercely competitive funding environment, I believe those applicants who put in many hours, but who were unsuccessful, also deserve kudos. In some cases, outstanding applications were not funded due to a fraction of a point lower than the application above it. I feel strongly that all applicants should be recognized for the amount of time, effort, collaboration, and brainstorming that was poured into each application. With the pending results of the CIHR Spring 2020 Project Grant competition next week, I hope that our community can feel a sense of pride even when their grants were not funded. I take heart in the words of others who have written: “Never let success get to your head; never let failure get to your heart.”; “Failure is success in progress.”; and “It’s fine to celebrate success but it is more important to heed the lessons of failure.”

I also want to remind our WHRI community that last year we launched the @WomensResearch podcast and we have just released our fifth episode! (<http://whri.org/new-episode-of-womensresearch/>) For any members who are contemplating a social media campaign as a knowledge translation strategy for the upcoming MSFHR Reach Award competition due September 28 (<https://www.msfhr.org/2020-reach-competition>), this fascinating podcast is a must-listen conversation between Knowledge Translation Research Manager (Nicole Prestley), and two Communications Assistants (Melissa Nelson and Brynn Lavery).

As always, I would love to hear how the WHRI can best support your research needs, and we are keen to capture all of your research stories.

Sincerely,

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**Updates from September 5th to 11th**

**OAK STREET CAMPUS STAGE 2 Resumption of Onsite Research**

The intake process to resume onsite work has been streamlined in Stage 2. In this stage, assuming the activities fit within the Stage 2 criteria and cannot be done offsite, PIs will determine the scope of their research activities and who on their team should resume onsite work.

If you applied to resume onsite work during Stage 1, you do not need to apply again. Please email Todd Jacques at [tjacques@bcchr.ca](mailto:tjacques@bcchr.ca) with any updates to your onsite personnel and research team safety plans.

If your team includes any new personnel or existing personnel who require training on new tasks, you are also required to create a written training plan for these staff. This could include detailing whether training will happen virtually or in person and the types of PPE that will be used to protect all those taking part.

For **new research activities**, please submit a request through the [Oak Street Campus Research Institutes Return to Onsite Research Intake Form](https://rc.bcchr.ca/redcap/surveys/?s=RLA9T9WFJC).

To those who returned onsite as part of Stage 1, thank you. Your support and careful compliance with safety protocols enabled a safe and successful resumption of on-campus research activities.

To those who return as part of Stage 2, we look forward to welcoming you back.

If you have any questions, please email [KDewar@cw.bc.ca](mailto:KDewar@cw.bc.ca)

**2020 Graduate + Fellowship Research Award Competition**

Applications are open for the 2020 Graduate and Fellowship Research Award in women's health grant competition. There are **two** awards available through this funding opportunity — one for a graduate student, and one for a postdoctoral fellow — each valued at **$12,500** in salary support. Applications are due **September 21, 2020**.

For more information visit:

<http://whri.org/research-resources/research-funding/graduate-and-fellowship-research-award-in-womens-health-grant-competition/>

We are grateful to the [BC Women’s Health Foundation](https://www.bcwomensfoundation.org/) for supporting these awards!

**FUNDING AGENCY UPDATES and OPPORTUNITIES**

**New and updated** [**COVID-19 WHRI Funding Updates**](http://whri.org/covid-19-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](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BB0wUh_zW28Z4rttPn7bYCUaYpPHXuCE?usp=sharing)

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).

**NEWS**

[Upcoming CIHR Registration for Project Grants for Fall 2020](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/viewOpportunityDetails.do?progCd=11077&language=E&org=CIHR)

The deadline for registration for the CIHR Project grants for Fall 2020 are approaching. The deadline is September 16. If you require assistance with develop a research idea or need to have your registration application reviewed. Please contact Eric to schedule

Highlight: [CIHR Announces Fall Project Grants Bridge Funding](https://www.micyrn.ca/posts/2020/8/20/human-development-investigators-are-you-eligible-for-additional-funding)

IHDCYH is pleased to support three Priority Announcements as part of the CIHR Project Grant competition. Bridge funding is available for applications relevant to IHDCYH’s broad mandate, (ie. human development: pre-conception; fertilization; embryonic and fetal development; the health of the mother and father; and the health and development of infants, children and youth).

* **Registration deadline:** September 16, 2020
* **Application deadline:** October 14, 2020

[Highlight: Request For Expressions Of Interest – COVID-19 Hot Spots](https://www.covid19immunitytaskforce.ca/research/funding-opportunities/)

The COVID-19 Immunity Task Force housed at McGill University School of Population and Global Health has opened a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEOI) for population-based studies that will report novel data relating to COVID-19 infection and immunity in three types of COVID-19 “hot spots” (geographic areas, long-term care facilities, occupation groups). Studies focusing on these hot spots are expected to provide a more in-depth understanding of the dynamics of SARS-CoV-2 infection and immunity in high- versus low-risk communities and/or prospectively evaluate interventions to decrease risk of infection in these settings. The RFEOI deadline is September 21st, with the full application deadline on October 12th.

**COVID-19 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

* **SSHRC –** [**Partnership Engage Grants COVID-19 Special Initiative**](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/peg-sep-covid-19-eng.aspx) **– 9/15**
* **CFI –** [**Exceptional Opportunities Fund – COVID-19 for Colleges**](https://www.innovation.ca/awards/exceptional-opportunities-fund-covid-19-colleges-polytechnics-and-cegeps?_cldee=ZXJpYy5sdXNzaWVyQGJjY2hyLmNh&recipientid=contact-7d34c6c0a846ea11a812000d3af43595-d45ec05f11454df88a7c6a1b9b22b397&esid=ca4bc39c-a3c6-ea11-a812-000d3af42f4a) **– 9/15**
* **COVID-19 Immunity Task Force -** [**Population-based Hot Spots study**](https://www.covid19immunitytaskforce.ca/research/funding-opportunities/) **– EOI:9/21, Full:10/12**
* **Ferring Pharmaceuticals –** [**COVID-19 Grants in Reprod. Medicine and Mat. Health**](https://ferring.fluidreview.com/) **– Ongoing 10/31**

**UPDATES (9/5 – 9/11) TO COMPETITION DEADLINES**

* N/A

**HAVE A FEW MINUTES?**

Interested in **co-production and dissemination**? Check out the next KT Connects, September 25, 2020 at 12 PM PST, with **Dr. Iva Cheung**: <https://www.msfhr.org/ktconnects>

The [Children’s Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba](https://www.chrim.ca/) is proud to be hosting the **16th Annual Child Health Research Days conference on October 7 & 8, 2020**. This year’s theme is [Let’s talk About Sex…& Gender](https://www.cognitoforms.com/CHRIM1/CHRDRegistrationOctober782020LETSTALKABOUTSEXGENDER2) and exploring the roles that sex and gender play on health research.

Although CHRD will be hosted virtually, registration is still required. Please [register here](https://www.cognitoforms.com/CHRIM1/CHRDRegistrationOctober782020LETSTALKABOUTSEXGENDER2) to secure your spot! You can also follow CHRD on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CHRIManitoba/) and on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/CHRIManitoba) for more updates.

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

**STAFF RESOURCES**

**PHSA UPDATES**

**UPDATE[REMINDER]! Staff COVID Safety Training**

A reminder that all approved personnel coming to the C&W Oak Street campus are now **required** to complete the C&W COVID Education module. This module is available on the PHSA Learning Hub: https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/23617/cw-covid-education.

While this additional training may seem redundant to some, the C&W curriculum includes site-specific information that is not covered in UBC’s course. This includes PHSA’s COVID-19 Guidelines and Procedures and information on C&W’s safe work practices.

WHRI members not on the C&W campus should consult with their research site organizations for their specific COVID safety training requirements.

**Upcoming wellness sessions**

* Join us for upcoming wellness sessions to help you manage stress, support yourself and others, and enhance your resilience.
* Register for these wellness activities on LearningHub:
  + [COVID-19: Strategies for Managing Stress](https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/23064/covid-19-strategies-for-managing-stress)
  + [Anxiety, Depression and COVID-19: Supporting Yourself and Others](https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/23062/anxiety-depression-and-covid-19-supporting-yourself-and-others)
  + [The Science of Happiness](https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/6491/the-science-of-happiness)
  + [Mindful Monday](https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/22237/mindfulness-meditation)
  + [Resilience in the Workplace – Co-existing with COVID-19: What is your plan?](https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/21727/resilience-in-the-workplace-co-existing-with-covid-19-what-is-your-plan)

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

* Visit [phsa.ca/covid19staff](http://www.phsa.ca/staff-resources/covid-19-resources-for-staff) for COVID-19 staff guidelines and updates.
* Visit [POD](http://2pod.phsa.ca/pages/default.aspx) for stories about our workforce and supporting resources.
* Learn about [health and wellness resources](http://www.phsa.ca/staff-resources/covid-19-resources-for-staff/supporting-our-workforce) to support you.