

Weekly WHRI Community Update – November 6, 2020

*Sent on behalf of **Dr. Lori Brotto**, Executive Director, Women's Health Research Institute*

Dear Colleagues,

Knowledge Translation (KT) can be defined as “a dynamic and iterative process that includes synthesis, dissemination, exchange and ethically-sound application of knowledge to improve the health of Canadians” according to the [CIHR](#). As part of our WHRI 5-year Strategic Plan, Knowledge Translation is a significant goal, and we developed a Strategic Framework for KT to outline the path towards both growth and sustainability of KT activities throughout the WHRI. Among the commitments we have made to our members vis-à-vis KT activities is our hosting of various events and communications to accelerate the dissemination of evidence to knowledge users (i.e., you!).

A few of the ways we fulfil this aim are: dissemination of our monthly e-blast (which you would have received this week, and which I encourage you to read), our monthly WHRI research rounds (on the 3rd Friday of each month from 8-9am), our podcast ([@womensresearch](#) on Spotify), our social media channels ([@womensresearch](#) on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook), and our regular public events. Please mark Thursday, December 10 on your calendars for an evening of online, evidence-filled information and conversation about women's health for our next public event, which will also be streamed live via Facebook.

I encourage you to read our Strategic Framework for KT [here](#) and welcome your feedback on how we can work together to advance knowledge translation in women's health research, for our members, for the public, and for women across the province and country.

Sincerely,

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Updates from October 31st to November 6th

UBC Broadcast announced for CRCEF Stage 4

[The Canada Research Continuity Emergency Fund \(CRCEF\)](#) Stage 4 has been launched to extend wage support for **research personnel** and **trainees** whose salaries were adversely affected by COVID-19 and who were paid in part or in whole through research projects funded by **non-government** sources. CRCEF is a Tri-Agency program that is part of the Government of Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan. As in CRCEF Stages 1 & 2, Stage 4 is focused on wage support for research personnel who were paid in part or in whole through research projects funded by **non-government sources**. Eligible projects must either have experienced a loss or reduction in funding, or have been curtailed or delayed due to responses to COVID-19.

- Stage 4 extends the maximum duration of wage support for eligible research personnel from 12 weeks to **24 weeks**.
- The eligibility period for wage support remains the same: from **March 15, 2020 to August 29,**

2020.

A total of \$84 million in extended support has been made available to Canadian universities and health research institutions. Within this envelope funding will be allocated to UBC and affiliated health research institutes based on demonstrated need. Funds will be dispensed to eligible researchers at UBC and our Affiliated Hospitals per the criteria and process outlined below. Should UBC not receive the full amount of funding requested under Stage 4 of CRCEF, funding will be prorated based on submitted funding requests at UBC and affiliated health research institutions.

- Investigators who submitted a claim in Stage 1 and 2 will be contacted directly by UBC's CRCEF support team or their affiliated institution regarding eligible salaries before November 10.
- Investigators who did not make a claim for Stages 1 and 2 and have research personnel salaries eligible for Stage 4, should contact the dedicated UBC Stage 4 email help desk at crcef.stage4@ubc.ca by **November 16, 2020** with the staff name, salary cost, dates worked, and PG or affiliate account number. CRCEF support team/affiliated staff will be available to assist with this Stage 4 submission.

[Register for a drop-in session](#) for more information.

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 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](#).

If you have any questions, please email KDewar@cw.bc.ca

FUNDING AGENCY UPDATES and OPPORTUNITIES

COVID-19 Grants Update 06.11.2020

[Updated COVID-19 WHRI Funding Updates](#)

For all the latest funding news, COVID-19 funding opportunities, latest updates for deadlines and official statements from funding agencies regarding grant programs.

[Email Eric Lussier](#)

[For assistance with grants applications or grants revisions. I am available every Tuesday from 8am-4pm for virtual office hour meetings with WHRI researchers, or by appointment.](#)

[Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research - Scholar Open Houses](#)

MSFHR has opened applications for the [2021 Scholar competition](#). This program allows early career researchers to establish an independent research career, build a leading research program and expand their potential to make significant contributions to their field. More information can be found in the [MSFHR Scholar guidelines](#). Please check the [MSFHR scholar webpage](#) regularly for up-to-date deadlines and webinar dates/times.

NOTE: BCCHR and WHRI applicants may work with RTDO or SPARC, but not with both, as we have a reciprocal non-duplication policy in order to provide service to the maximum number of people. BCCHR and WHRI applicants who wish to work with RTDO should contact Dawn McArthur and/or Eric Lussier, and NOT participate in these SPARC sessions.

SPARC Open House Support

SPARC will be offering the following three open house sessions for Scholar applicants. These one-on-one Zoom consultations will be available in 15-minute timeslots on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact [Elizabeth Cheu](#) or [Sharon Marsh](#) to secure a time. To take full advantage of your meeting, please feel free to send in advance any draft sections and, if resubmitting, your MSFHR reviewer comments.

- **Tuesday, January 12 from 1-4pm**
- **Wednesday, January 13 from 1-4pm**
- **Thursday, January 14 from 1-4pm**

[FUNDING HIGHLIGHT: Health Innovation Funding Investment \(HIFI\) Awards](#)

UBC announced The Health Innovation Funding Investment (HIFI) Awards competition. The HIFI awards are intended to catalyze health researchers to undertake innovative, possibly risky activities that have the potential to create change. The award is between \$10,000-\$25,000. Eligibility requires the proposal includes faculty members and/or trainees from at least two different UBC faculties. Deadline for submission is November 30, 2020.

[COVID-19 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES](#)

- **CIHR – [Indigenous COVID-19 Rapid Research Funding Opportunity](#) – **LOI 11/10, Full 12/8****
- **CIHR – [Evaluation of Harm Reduction Approaches to Address the Opioid Crisis in the Context of COVID-19](#) – **Full 11/12****

[UPDATES \(10/31 – 11/6\) TO COMPETITION DEADLINES](#)

- [N/A](#)

[Updated Funding Opportunities and Deadlines List](#)

HAVE A FEW MINUTES?

BC Women's Research Rounds - November 20, 2020

Join us November 20th from 8 – 9 AM as Dr. Jila Mirlashari, Dr. Ann Pederson, Dr. Lori Brotto, and Dr. Janet Lyons present virtual BC Women's Research Rounds.

Title: The experience of women and health care providers in assessing history of gender-based violence during perinatal care

Learning Objective:

To investigate the experience of women and health care providers regarding their views on the advantages and disadvantages of assessing for the presence of Gender-Based Violence during perinatal care.

How to join:

ZOOM

Link: <https://ubc.zoom.us/> click Join a Meeting

Meeting ID: 965 160 897 77

Password: 089777

Telephone (audio only):

The following telephone number can be used to join and *callers WILL be charged for any long distance charges that may apply:*

- +1 778 907 2071 Canada
- You will be prompted to enter the Zoom Meeting ID
- 965 160 897 77 followed by "#"
- Password: 089 777

Don't miss out on **The Women's Health Research Cluster's** special presentations on Women's Health Advocacy happening on **Nov 16, 9-10am PST!**

Learn from Shirley Weir, founder of Menopause Chicks, and Jaime Charlebois and Patricia Tomasi from the Canadian Perinatal Mental Health Collaborative, about changing the way we talk about menopause and putting perinatal mental health on the healthcare agenda.

To register: <https://bit.ly/2IbNRb9>

STAFF RESOURCES

PHSA UPDATES

Flu clinics are here – book your appointment now!

- Flu season is upon us and PHSA has you covered with [staff flu clinics](#) now starting.
- This year, it's more important than ever to protect yourself from the flu. You can help reduce the burden on the health care system this fall and winter as we simultaneously manage COVID-19 in the community.
- Check the [flu clinic schedule](#) on POD and [book an appointment](#) for your vaccine. All clinics are **by appointment only – no drop-ins.**
 - BC Emergency Health Services paramedics may drop in to any clinic using appropriate ID.
 - You can also visit your local pharmacy, family physician or a [PHSA pharmacy partner](#).
- Don't forget to self-report! All PHSA employees, including medical staff and contractors, **must self-report** at www.influenzareporting.org. Please note you must include "www" when navigating to this site.
- Questions? Get in touch at flu@phsa.ca or visit the [Flu Prevention page on POD](#).

PHSA has the following resources available to you during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- **C&W COVID-19 collection site** – Open seven days per week, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Priority given to health care workers and priority population patients between 7 and 8 a.m. Health care workers have a unique number to call **(604-875-2016)** that allows them to leave a message.
 - **C&W COVID-19 learning modules** – Three courses for all C&W staff and students to provide a current overview of the COVID-19 pandemic. Courses are for staff already working at the C&W campus. Staff also need to review prior to returning to the workplace. Courses are available on [Learning Hub](#) and will take about two hours to complete.
 - **Visit www.phsa.ca/covid19staff** for COVID-19 staff guidelines and updates.
 - **Visit [ePOPS](#)** for all C&W clinical practice and policy documents.
 - **Learn about [health and wellness resources](#)** available to support you.
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UBC Launches “[Workday](#)”, a site for UBC faculty and staff, with resources and support, and key HR updates

Workday supports activities such as:

- Update your personal information
- Time tracking and absences
- View your payslip
- Enroll in benefits
- Update beneficiaries

<https://hr.ubc.ca/working-ubc/welcome-workday>