

Weekly WHRI Community Update – July 23, 2021

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

Dear WHRI community,

As we near the end of July, and with the hope of some time to recharge in the month of August, planning for the Fall events at the WHRI is right around the corner. Consistent with the [WHRI's strategic framework for trainees and mentorship](#), we at the WHRI are committed to fostering the growth of trainees wherever possible. I wanted to take this opportunity to inform our community about two upcoming trainee events, and invite you to participate.

Firstly, on **August 26 from 1-2pm**, we will be hosting our first, Perinatal Data Registry Trainee Rounds. This special rounds will feature rapid fire presentations of research projects by WHRI-affiliated trainees who used data from the [Perinatal Data Registry](#)—a service embedded within the WHRI and supported our staff analyst, Emma Branch. Stay tuned for the announcement via email and at www.whri.org for more information.

A second trainee focused event will be on **September 10 from 12-1:30pm** when we will be hosting our 6th annual [WHRI celebration of World Sexual Health Day](#). This year's theme is "[Sexual health in a digital world](#)". The celebration will showcase trainee presentations of their sexual health research and feature a welcome from our friends from [Options for Sexual Health](#). Event registration is now open [here](#), and instructions for abstract submission can be found in the "Have a Few Minutes" section of our weekly email.

We are proud of the many trainees who are affiliated with the WHRI, and these upcoming events are an opportunity to recognize and celebrate them. I hope you will join us.

Sincerely,

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Updates from July 17th to 23rd

MASKS ARE STILL REQUIRED ON THE C&W CAMPUS

Worksites with elevated risk, such as a healthcare facility with vulnerable populations, will still require medical-grade masks to be worn. The COVID-19 safety plans remain in effect for the C&W campus.

For more information, check out [this Q&A](#).

REMINDER - REGISTER ONLINE FOR YOUR SECOND DOSE

All CW research staff need to register online at getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca for their second dose of COVID-

19 vaccine. Based on your Personal Health Number, the system knows when you received your first dose and will calculate when you are due for your second dose.

You will get an invitation by text, email or phone call to book your second dose appointment approximately eight weeks after your first dose.

If you are due for your second dose and have **not yet been contacted** with instructions on how to book your second dose appointment, please call the provincial immunization centre ([1-833-838-2323](tel:1-833-838-2323)) and let them know you are a health-care worker who is due for your second dose.

For international personnel: If you do not have a personal health number, you need to register for your vaccine by calling the province-wide call centre (1-833-838-2323) or in-person at a ServiceBC office and advising the agent that you are a health-care worker. Online bookings on the provincial platform require a personal health number.

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OAK STREET CAMPUS STAGE 2 RESUMPTION OF ONSITE RESEARCH

For **new research activities**, please submit a request through the [Oak Street Campus Research Institutes Return to Onsite Research Intake Form](#).

If you have a Stage 2 approval and need to amend your application to add new team members, adjust team schedules, etc, please email Todd Jacques tjacques@bcchr.ca to request approval and email Marsha Simons Marsha.Simons@cw.bc.ca so that our site logs can be updated appropriately.

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

Funding Agency Updates and Opportunities

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 other times by appointment.](#)

NEWS

[CIHR Pre-announcement: Notice of upcoming COVID-19 research funding opportunity](#)

CIHR part of Government of Canada's continued response to address the health challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. In late July 2021, a second competition "**Operating Grant: Emerging COVID-19 Research Gaps and Priorities Funding Opportunity**" will be launched. As the COVID-19 pandemic has evolved, important research gaps in Canada's response have emerged. The funding opportunity will support research aimed to reduce the rapid spread of COVID-19 and minimize its direct and indirect impacts on individuals and communities within and across Canada and globally. Mitigation and recovery strategies require a coherent and integrated response from all Canadians, and especially from health care workers,

researchers, public health authorities, industry, policymakers, decision makers at all levels, and the health system. Funding will be a maximum of \$500,000 over one year. Deadlines for registration is August 9th, with a full application due by September 13th.

[CIHR Postpones Healthy Cities Implementation Science Team Grants Deadlines](#)

[Healthy Cities Implementation Science \(HCIS\) Team Grants](#) is a \$27 million+ funding opportunity designed to support interdisciplinary teams to implement and evaluate interventions in diverse urban contexts with the goal of improving health and health equity. The LOI stage deadline is October 13, 2021, and the full application is due July 6, 2022. The NOI stage hasn't been set yet, but will be announced soon.

[NEW \(7/17-7/23\) + RELEVANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES](#)

- IDRC - [Call for proposals: EDI Evidence for Innovation](#) – Full(7/28)
- Canadian Cancer Society – [Challenge Grants](#) – Reg(7/28), Full(9/22)
- NSERC – [Discovery Grant Program](#) – NOI(8/1), Full(11/1)
- SSHRC – [Connection Grants](#) – Full(8/1)
- Society of Critical Care Medicine – [SCCM-Weil Research; Discovery Research Grant](#) – Full(8/1)
- UBC - [UBC Collaborative Research Mobility Awards](#) – Full(8/5)
- UBC FoM – [New Faculty Research Award](#) – Full(8/6)
- Tri-Agency – [2021 NRFR Exploration Competition](#) – NOI(8/10), Full(10/19)
- Grand Challenges – [Options for Pregnancy Termination Innovation “Accces”](#) – Reg(8/11), Full(12/31)
- CIFAR Global – [Call for Ideas: The Future of Being Human](#) – Reg(8/17), LOI(1/26/22), Full(Fall 2022)
- CIHR – [Fall 2021 Project Grant](#) – Reg(8/18), Full(9/15)
- CIHR-INMHA – [Alcohol Research to Inform Health Policies and Interventions](#) – Reg(8/19), Full(9/16)
- WHRI – [2021 Catalyst Grants](#) – LOI(8/31), Full(10/1)
- Burroughs Wellcome Fund – Career Awards at the Scientific Interface – Pre(9/1), Full(1/7/22)
- Tri-Council – [Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships](#) – UBC Nom(9/2), Full(11/2)
- NSERC – [PromoScience Program](#) – Full(9/15)
- Global Affairs Canada – [Canadian Organizations for Feminist Impact and Innovation](#) – Full(9/22)
- European Journal of Gynaecological Oncology – [2021 Young Investigator Award Named](#) – Full(9/30)
- Ataxia Canada – [Various Grant Opportunities](#) – Full(9/30)
- Grand Challenges – [Options for Pregnancy Termination Innovation “NextGen” Initiative](#) – Full(rolling until 12/31/22)

[COVID-19 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES](#)

- IN-PART – [Open call for research: Seeking research, innovation & technology to address the spread of COVID-19](#) – Ongoing
- CIHR – [Understanding and mitigating the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on children, youth and families in Canada](#) – Full(7/27)
- CIHR – [Operating Grant: Emerging COVID-19 Research Gaps and Priorities Funding Opportunity](#) – Reg(8/9), Full(9/13)
- CIHR-IPPH – [Operating Grant: COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence](#) – Full(8/10)
- CEPI – [Broadly protective Betacoronavirus \(BPBC\) Vaccine](#) – Full(Open 4/1-10/1)

Updated [Funding Opportunities and Deadlines List](#)

Have a Few Minutes?

CALLING TRAINEES – submit your abstracts for the WHRI World Sexual Health Day Event!

We invite you to celebrate #WorldSexualHealthDay2021 with us and our special guests from [Options for Sexual Health](#) on **Friday September 10th from 12:00 to 1:30 pm**.

Are you a trainee, student, fellow, or other researcher in training? We invite you to submit your project as an abstract for the opportunity to present at our WHRI World Sexual Health Day event!

What?

- Populate your abstract title and content in a Microsoft word document.
- Your abstract (title not included) should be no more than 300 words, total.
- Your sexual health-related research can be at any stage (planned, in progress, or completed).

How? Email your word document to whri_cwbc@cw.bc.ca and include “World Sexual Health Day abstract” in the email subject line.

When? Submit your abstract by **August 20, 2021 at 5 pm Pacific**

Questions? Email Nicole.Prestley@cw.bc.ca

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Practical Guidance for Embodying Equity in Implementation – Free registration is now open!

September 21 from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM ET!
([Click here to convert to your local time zone](#))

This **free virtual workshop**, will take you on 3 journeys to show you how you can approach equity in implementation and get closer to embodying these essential principles for real-life impact.

We will explore:

- How to **explore your mental models**
- What **being inclusive** really means
- What **questions** are effective for guiding you in your equity work
- How to have **courage and embrace vulnerability** in order to admit when you might not have the right answers

Register here: <https://thecenterforimplementation.teachable.com/p/embodying-equity>

Not available to attend live? Register and you will receive access to the recording.

Staff Resources

PHSA Updates

PHSA MASK USE POLICY & SELF-SERVE DISPENSERS

- Self-serve medical face mask dispensers are installed at building entrances in order to comply

with the provincial mask policy, which states that masks worn in medical facilities including hospitals must be medical grade.

- The self-serve mask dispensers are intended for all care providers, staff, vendors and contractors, who should replace their personal mask with a medical mask at a building entrance, or proceed to a different entrance if there are no medical masks available.
- All patients will be offered a medical face mask by entrance screeners; however as previously stated, there may be reasons why someone is unable or declines to wear a mask, including history of abuse and trauma, mental health concerns, physical health conditions, or age.
- All persons entering hospital buildings are requested to don a medical mask by following these procedures:
 1. Remove your personal mask if you're wearing one;
 2. Sanitize your hands using hand sanitizer; and
 3. Remove one medical mask from the dispenser and follow proper procedures to don the mask.
- Please remember that masks are only one part of our infection control strategy. Stay home if you have any signs of illness, complete [PHSA's self-screening assessment tool](#) before arriving onsite, practice physical distancing and maintain good hand hygiene.

Updated policy and agreements for flexible work options

- PHSA is striving to be a remote work friendly employer, welcoming flexible work options to support our people.
- We have updated our [flexible work options policy](#) and accompanying [flexible work options playbook](#) to provide guidance and a process for those who may wish to work remotely ongoing—whether on a part-time or full-time basis.
- At this time, the policy only applies to non-contract staff working within B.C.
- This information is available on [POD's Flexible Work Options page](#) (use this [link for BCEHS staff](#)). If you have any questions, please [contact the HR team](#).

Apply for the Health Promotion Initiative Fund (HPIF)

- Any team or department at PHSA can apply for up to \$1,000 in funding from the Health Promotions Initiatives Fund to support physical, emotional, spiritual and social health, as well as overall wellness, and/or environmental sustainability in your workplace.
- If you want to learn more about this exciting fund and get all the details for applying, sign up for a 30-minute [information session](#), visit [POD, phsa.ca](#), or download the [HPIF Application Toolkit](#).

Ongoing Staff Resources

- PHSA COVID-19 vaccine [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)
- C&W COVID-19 mandatory and recommended courses: [C&W COVID-19 Education: Staying Safe On Campus During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#).
- C&W COVID-19 collection site - It is open Mondays to Fridays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Health care workers have a unique number to call (604-875-2016) that allows them to leave a message.
- Visit [ePOPS](#) for all C&W clinical practice and policy documents.
- [CW Mask Use in Health Care Facilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic: FAQ](#).
- Visit [www.phsa.ca/covid19staff](#) for COVID-19 staff guidelines and updates.
- Learn about [health and wellness resources](#) available to support you.