

Weekly WHRI Community Update – July 9, 2021

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

Dear WHRI community,

Last week we launched our [annual Catalyst Grant program](#), thanks to the generous support of the BC Women's Health Foundation. These grants are intended to catalyze new research in women's and newborn health, with the goal of seeding larger projects in the future. Like the past few years, we will have two streams—one intended for clinician scientists and a second intended for academic track researchers. We have two important additions to this year's competition. Thanks to the generosity of WHRI member, Dr. Elizabeth Rideout and her CIHR Sex and Gender Chair, we are able to offer a 7<sup>th</sup> catalyst grant to support biomedical health research involving female non-human animals. Another important addition to this year's Catalyst Grant competition is that we will be considering how the projects integrate equity, diversity, and inclusion considerations into research design, and the research/training environment. The latter aligns with a larger effort the WHRI is taking [to live out our EDI values](#).

Given the dearth of research funding [dedicated to women's health research](#), the WHRI is proud to be able to support these grants each year, and the ensuing projects and programs that this competition catalyzes.

For anyone interested, please read the instructions and [submit a letter of intent](#) by August 31, 2021.

Sincerely,

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### Updates from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>

#### **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](https://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 **within the next two weeks** and you 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](mailto:tjacques@bcchr.ca) to request approval and email Marsha Simons [Marsha.Simons@cw.bc.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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 by appointment.](#)

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## NEWS

### [CIHR Announces the Wilfred and Joyce Posluns Chair in Women's Brain Health and Aging](#)

The Wilfred and Joyce Posluns Chair in Women's Brain Health and Aging is an integrated initiative within CIHR's Dementia Research Strategy. The Strategy supports research on the latest preventive, diagnostic

and treatment approaches to Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. The Chair is designed to contribute to the salary and provide support to the Chair holder in their implementation of the Chair program. The maximum amount per award is \$200,000 per annum for up to 5 years. Deadline for application is October 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### [CIHR-IHDCYH announces the 2021 IHDCYH Talks Video Competition](#)

The 2021 IHDCYH Talks Video Competition is a unique opportunity to submit short new or existing videos (~5 minutes) sharing evidence-based messages in the area of maternal, reproductive, child and youth health. Registration for the competition is September 10 at 1pm PT.

#### [NEW \(6/27-7/9\) + RELEVANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES](#)

- [Public Health Agency of Canada – The Intersectoral Action Fund](#) – Full(7/12)
- [UBC FoM – Laurel L. Watters Research Fellowship](#) – Full(7/13)
- [ICanCME– New Frontier Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Discovery Grant Program](#) – Full(7/15)
- [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)
- [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” Initiative](#) – Full(8/11)
- [CIFAR Global – Call for Ideas: The Future of Being Human](#) – Reg(8/17), LOI(1/26/22), Full(Fall 2022)
- [CIHR-INMHA – Alcohol Research to Inform Health Policies and Interventions](#) – Reg(8/19), Full(9/16)
- [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(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-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?

#### [INTRODUCING THE NEW BCAHSN.CA](#)

The British Columbia Academic Health Science Network (BC AHSN) was excited to launch its brand-new website last week! The main purpose of creating this website was to unify the online sites of its three

operational units – the BC SUPPORT Unit, Clinical Trials BC and Research Ethics BC – and to simplify the online experience for all web visitors, including patient partners interested in health research.

Feel free to [look around and explore the site](#). If you have compliments, comments, suggestions for improvement, etc., please contact [Dan Enjo, BC AHSN's Communications Lead](#). Start your web journey on BC AHSN's homepage: [bcahsn.ca](http://bcahsn.ca).

## THANK YOU

Dear WHRI community,

Thank you to those who participated in the 2021 WHRI Digital Health Survey! We have closed the survey after around 6 weeks and have collected 104 respondents from the WHRI community. Your responses will inform WHRI's strategy and programs to support and catalyze digital health research focused on women's and neonatal health. Be sure to keep a look out for a summary of the digital health survey results, which we hope to share with you all soon.

For your information, your personal information on this survey is protected by our privacy law in BC. This law is called the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA). We are collecting your personal information (such as gender, sex, name, and opinions) under section 26 (e) of FIPPA. If you have questions about the survey or your information please contact Candice Taguibao, WHRI's Digital Health Research Projects Manager at [candice.taguibao@cw.bc.ca](mailto:candice.taguibao@cw.bc.ca) (address: 4500 Oak St, Vancouver, BC).

## LET'S LEARN ABOUT... RESEARCH PRIVACY

Our next public event will take place next **Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm PST**.

The event will feature Holly Longstaff, Research Privacy Director at PHSA, and Jessica Sutherland, member of the Patient Research Advisory Board with UBC's Pelvic Pain Laboratory. Together they'll tackle questions around research privacy, how participants can get involved in research, and what's normal (or not!) when engaging with a study.

Register now on [Eventbrite](#).

## 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.

#### **Ongoing Staff Resources**

- PHSA COVID-19 vaccine [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)
- Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document on ePOPS for information on mask use: [CW Mask Use in Health Care Facilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic: FAQ](#).
- For workplace health questions, call the PHSA COVID-19 Resource Line at 1-833-875-2155 (toll free) or 604-875-7244, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Visit [www.phsa.ca/covid19staff](http://www.phsa.ca/covid19staff) for COVID-19 staff guidelines and updates.
- Continue to check the BCCDC's website as a trusted source of information.
- Learn about [health and wellness](#) resources to support you.