N2 and Health Canada Request for Feedback: Guidance Document Part C, Division 5 of the Food and Drug Regulations “Drugs for Clinical Trials Involving Human Subjects”

N2 is working in partnership with Health Canada (HC) on their consultation to seek input from Canadians and key stakeholders on their draft of GUI-0100: Guidance Document-Part C, Division 5 of the Food and Drug Regulations “Drugs for Clinical Trials Involving Human Subjects”.

HC is looking for comments on the clarity and expectations on how to comply with Part C, Division 5, including the interpretation of ICH-E6(R2) in the Canadian context. Health Canada, as a member of ICH, will formally adopt ICH-E6(R2) on April 1st, 2018.

This GUI-0100 guide is designed to make Part C, Division 5 of the Food and Drug Regulations “Drugs for Clinical Trials Involving Human Subjects” easier to understand. It is intended to:

- promote stakeholder compliance with Part C, Division 5
- promote consistency and quality in the conduct of Health Canada compliance activities
- provide interpretation of Part C, Division 5, and specifically in terms of its relationship to ICH E6(R2)

Health Canada is looking for comments on:

- The clarity and expectations on how to comply with Part C, Division 5, including the interpretation of ICH E6(R2) in the Canadian context

Health Canada is **not** looking for comments on:

- The wording or specific provisions of Part C, Division 5 of the Food and Drug Regulations
- The wording and provisions of ICH E6(R2)

**TIMELINE**

Feedback will be collected between December 15th, 2017 and April 15th, 2018.

As an N2 member, we encourage you to provide your feedback through the N2 mechanism to support Health Canada’s structured approach and to facilitate collation of the feedback.

Please find the GUI-0100 draft guidance documents [here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2WDY26Q), and use the following link to provide your comments/feedback:

If you have questions, related to N2’s involvement with Health Canada’s consultation on GUI-0100 please contact:

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**Webinars on the Project Grant: Spring 2018 Application**

CIHR is holding a series of webinars on the Project Grant: Spring 2018 application. These Question and Answer webinars are designed to complement the Project Grant: Spring 2018 Applicant Learning Module, which will be available on January 19th on the Learning for Applicants web page. Together, the module and webinars will give applicants an insightful understanding of the recent changes to the Project Grant competition and the application submission process.

The Project Grant: Spring 2018 webinars will be held between January 26th and February 28th. [Register for a webinar now](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2WDY26Q).
**NEW** CIHR institute of Infection and Immunity: Webinars on Human Data Storage & Research Projects on Personalized Medicine

Two seminars co-funded by the European Commission have been announced:

**Canada-EU Commission Flagship Collaboration for Human data storage, integration and sharing**

Information Webinar:
Monday, February 12, 2018
11:00 am – 12:00 pm ET

To register for this meeting:
1. Go to [https://gts-ee.webex.com/gts-ee/j.php?RGID=r46e8342090ad15fc871d8bd668d02295](https://gts-ee.webex.com/gts-ee/j.php?RGID=r46e8342090ad15fc871d8bd668d02295)
2. Register for the meeting. Once the host approves your request, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the meeting.

**Funding Opportunity Details**

**Research Projects on Personalized Medicine – Smart Combination of Pre-clinical and Clinical Research with Data and ICT Solutions**

Information Webinar:
Monday February 12, 2018
1:00pm – 2:00 pm ET

To register for this meeting:
1. Go to [https://gts-ee.webex.com/gts-ee/j.php?RGID=r8ae07597acb29be64fd2b41cc9d49682](https://gts-ee.webex.com/gts-ee/j.php?RGID=r8ae07597acb29be64fd2b41cc9d49682)
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**CIHR – Team Grant: Research Network on Lyme Disease**

The Lyme Disease Research Network grant is expected to:

1. Build a national network on Lyme disease to facilitate and support national collaboration among Lyme disease stakeholders (researchers, clinicians, and patients) in resource and knowledge sharing:
   - Mobilize, strengthen and build capacity in the Lyme disease research community.
   - Develop innovative multidisciplinary curricula and training opportunities for students and professionals.
   - Facilitate and support translation and dissemination of new knowledge from bench to bedside to population in order to:
     - Improve clinical science and practice;
     - Foster policy changes, leading to transformative and measurable improvements in the development and implementation of evidence-informed practices, policies, services, products and programs;
     - Improve patient outcomes, access to care and quality, efficiency and effectiveness of health care.
2. Develop a national cohort of patients in order to understand the association between serological and clinical phenomenology of Lyme disease on a longitudinal basis (including a biobank creation and maintenance).

**Funding Details:** The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $4 million, enough to fund approximately one research network up to a maximum of $1,000,000 per year for four years. This amount may increase if additional funding partners participate.

**Additional Details**

Internal HRS Deadline: **February 20, 2018**
Sponsor Deadline: **March 6, 2018**

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**CIHR – Operating Grant: SPOR PIHCI Network – Knowledge Synthesis Grants 2018**

The specific objective of this funding opportunity is to support cross-jurisdictional teams of researchers and knowledge users to produce knowledge syntheses or scoping reviews relevant to the priorities of the Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovations (PIHCI) Network, contributing to the use of synthesized evidence in decision-making and practice across multiple jurisdictions.

**Funding Details:** The total amount available from CIHR for this funding opportunity is $125,000, enough to fund approximately five grants. The maximum CIHR annual amount per grant is $25,000 for up to one year.

- Applicants must secure partner contribution from non-federal sources to match the CIHR contribution at a minimum of 1:1 ratio.
- Only one project may be funded per unique grouping/combination of jurisdictions. An exception will be made if funds are remaining after all fundable applications with unique grouping/combinations of jurisdictions are funded.

**Additional Details**

The NPA must be engaged with a [member network](#) that received Network Management and Operations Grant funds.

Internal HRS Deadline: **February 20, 2018**
Sponsor Deadline: **March 6, 2018**

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**CIHR – Operating Grant: SPOR PIHCI Network – Comparative Program and Policy Analysis (2018)**

The specific objective of this funding opportunity is to support comparative policy analysis and/or policy implications of system-scalable innovations to examine what and how policies across various provincial/territorial jurisdictions yield similar or different health outcomes. Findings are expected to guide evidence-informed policy decision-making and to inform future cross-jurisdictional research.

**Funding Details:** The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $625,000, enough to fund approximately five (5) grants. CIHR’s maximum contribution per grant is $62,500 per year for up to two (2) years.

**Additional Details**

The NPA must be engaged with a [member network](#) that received Network Management and Operations Grant funds.

Internal HRS Deadline: **February 20, 2018**
Sponsor Deadline: **March 6, 2018**
**CIHR – Health System Impact Fellowship 2018**

The Health System Impact Fellowship is expected to:

- Support impact-oriented career paths and elevate the career readiness of PhD trainees and post-doctoral fellows studying HSPR or related fields by supporting experiential learning opportunities in health system and related organizations outside of the traditional scholarly environment and enriched competency development (e.g., leadership, project management);
- Expand and enrich the traditional doctoral and post-doctoral training environment by engaging health system and related organizations in preparing a cadre of promising doctoral trainees and post-doctoral fellows for successful careers;
- Provide health system and related organizations with direct opportunities to realize and harness the benefits that research-trained individuals can bring to such organizations for improved decision-making.

**Funding Details:** Funds are allocated across two mutually exclusive streams as follows:

- **Stream A: HSI Award for Doctoral Trainees:** Of the total amount available, $700,000 is available to fund 20 awards relevant to CIHR-IHSPR and is allocated among regional funding pools as follows:
  - $210,000 is available to fund 6 awards in Western Canada (including Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, and Yukon)
  - $350,000 is available to fund 10 awards in Central Canada (including Quebec, Ontario, and Nunavut)
  - $140,000 is available to fund 4 awards in Eastern Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick)

- **Stream B: HSI Awards for post-Doctoral Fellows:** Of the total amount available, $1,085,000 is available to fund 10 post-doctoral awards relevant to CIHR-IHSPR and is allocated among regional funding pools as follows:
  - $325,500 is available to fund 3 awards in Western Canada (including Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, and Yukon)
  - $542,500 is available to fund 5 awards in Central Canada (including Ontario, Quebec and Nunavut)
  - $217,000 is available to fund 2 awards in Eastern Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick)

**Additional Details**

**Internal HRS Deadline:** March 22, 2018

**Sponsor Deadline:** April 5, 2018

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**CIHR – Canadian Microbiome Initiative 2: Research Core**

The objective of this funding opportunity is to develop a sustainable pan-Canadian Research Core that will:

- Support the sharing of cohort data, samples and bacterial strains to improve accessibility for Canadian researchers;
- Harmonize and optimize microbiome research protocols (11), including sample collection and processing in order to facilitate research reproducibility;
- Ensure that sex as a biological variable and gender as a social determinant of health are appropriately integrated into the data platform, research protocols and other core activities to expand the evidence base and research capacity in the field;
- Develop linkages among the Canadian research teams and linkages with international partners and stakeholders (e.g., the Joint Programme Initiative, Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life [JPI HDHL] Intestinal Microbiomics Initiative) in order to facilitate collaboration;
- Coordinate and facilitate multi-disciplinary training and mentoring to contribute to the development of the next generation of researchers; and
- Facilitate knowledge translation of Canadian microbiome research.

**Funding Details:** The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $2,125,000. This amount may increase if additional funding partners participate

**Additional Details**

**LOI Deadline:** February 13, 2018

**Internal HRS Deadline:** August 7, 2018

**Sponsor Deadline:** August 21, 2018

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**CIHR – Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) National Data Platform**

The objectives of the SPOR National Data Platform will be to:

- Create efficiencies in data collection and reduce the time required for researchers to access multi-jurisdictional data.
• Establish systems of retrieval, standardization/harmonization and linkage of high priority clinical data to administrative and social data to enable richer population-based multi-jurisdictional studies to be conducted.
• Establish valid and reliable methods for linking primary research data (e.g., cohorts, clinical trials) to health administrative, social and other data to create efficiencies in data collection.
• Inform and provide innovative and ethical solutions to data access and its use through patient and partner engagement.
• Facilitate access to data analytic and data storage services, as needed, for multi-jurisdictional studies.

Funding Details: The total amount available from CIHR for this funding opportunity is up to $39,000,000 enough to fund one grant for a term of up to seven years. The breakdown of the annual funding available is as follows:
• Year 1: $3,000,000
• Year 2: $4,000,000
• Year 3: $5,000,000
• Year 4: $6,000,000
• Years 5-7: $7,000,000 in each year

Additional Details
LOI Deadline: April 17, 2018
Internal HRS Deadline: June 5, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: June 19, 2018

CIHR – Team Grant: NEURON 2018
Maintenance, improvement and restoration of human health are of fundamental importance and worldwide priority. Biomedical and health research provide an important basis for the improvement of healthy living. Disorders of the brain are major causes of morbidity, mortality and impaired quality of life. Around one billion people suffer from disorders of the central nervous system. Therefore, neuroscience research and its translation into diagnostic and therapeutic outcomes are fundamental. To address this, the 'Network of European Funding for Neuroscience Research' (NEURON) was established under the ERA-NET scheme of the European Commission. ERA-NET NEURON coordinates research efforts and funding programs of European and partner countries in the field of disease related neuroscience. Under the umbrella of NEURON, several joint transnational calls (JTCs) have been launched on different neuroscientific topics from 2008 to 2016.
The aim of this call is to facilitate multinational, collaborative research projects that will address important questions related to mental health and mental disorders across the entire lifespan. Research on dementia is excluded from the present call.
The call will accept novel and original research proposals within the breadth of research understanding basic mechanisms of disease to proof-of-concept clinical studies in humans.

Funding Details: The total amount available from CIHR for the Canadian component of this funding opportunity is $450,000 enough to fund approximately 2 grants. The maximum amount per grant is $75,000 per year for up to 3 years for a total of $225,000 per grant.

Additional Details
LOI Deadline: March 8, 2018 (Please consult the ERA NET NEURON website. Note: no documents need to be submitted to CIHR via RNet at this stage.)
Internal HRS Deadline: June 12, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: June 26, 2018

Grand Challenges Canada: Saving Lives at Birth 8th Call for Innovations
Saving Lives at Birth: A Grand Challenge for Development has launched its eighth call for groundbreaking, sustainable innovations to save the lives of mothers and newborns in the hardest to reach corners of the world. In Round 8, Saving Lives at Birth seeks to catalyze scale and sustainability of the most promising solutions that bring together cutting-edge science and/or low-cost technologies, service delivery, and demand innovation in transformative new ways.
Saving Lives at Birth has mobilized the world’s brightest thinkers to address the critical issue of maternal and newborn health. Globally, an expansive pipeline of audacious maternal and newborn health innovations has emerged over the past seven years and to date, the Grand Challenge for Development has funded 116 unique innovations.
In the eighth call for solutions, there will be an increased focus on advancing the most successful and transformational innovations as they transition to scale. This approach has been a critical part of the global effort to bring an end to the 303,000 maternal deaths, 2.7 million newborn deaths, and 2.6 million stillbirths that occur each year- a time when mothers and babies are most vulnerable and
global progress in reducing mortality has been particularly poor. This gap in interventions is particularly acute in poor, underserved communities and among women who are disadvantaged.

**Funding Details:** approximately $800,000 USD (up to 1,000,000 CAD) for up to 24 months

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**Weston Brain Institute: Transformational Research Canada 2018 Neurodegenerative Diseases of Aging**

The Weston Brain Institute is delighted to launch their Transformational Research: Canada 2018 Program to fund transformative, novel, high-risk, high-reward translational research projects with excellent preliminary data. Their goal is to provide funding for translational research that will accelerate the development of therapeutics for neurodegenerative diseases of aging.

Eligible Principal Applicants must be researchers working in Canada at least 30% of the time at or above the level of Assistant Professor or equivalent and be affiliated with a Canada Revenue Agency-qualified donee institution located in Canada. Co-Applicants/Collaborators must be at the post-doctoral level or above and can be working outside Canada.

**Funding Details:** A maximum of $1,500,000 over up to 3 years per project

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**Quebec Consortium for Drug Discovery (CQDM): Quantum Leap**

The Quantum Leap program is intended to support outstanding translational research projects implementing state-of-the-art technologies with very high potential impact in key areas of unmet needs within the biopharmaceutical industry. It is expected that the funded technologies should provide valuable opportunities for future collaborations and/or investment from key partners on a global scale.

This program is aimed at developing highly innovative technologies, platforms or tools with strong preliminary data showcasing high potential to drastically improve, facilitate and accelerate the process of discovery and development of drugs that prevent, treat or cure diseases in all major indications pursued by the biopharmaceutical industry.

**Funding Details:** CQDM will consider applications with total budget ranging from $500,000 to $2,000,000. In exceptional cases with outstanding projects, CQDM could consider budget above $2,000,000; The duration is for 1-3 years

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**Age-Well 2018 Strategic Investment Program (SIP) Accelerator Funding**

Do you have an innovative idea that has the potential for real-world impact at the intersection of technology and aging? AGE-WELL’s SIP Accelerator program supports innovative post-discovery projects focused on the commercialization and/or knowledge mobilization of solutions (e.g. technologies, services or policies) aligned with AGE-WELL’s mission and vision.

The program provides:
- financial support;
- training opportunities; and
- strategic mentorship.

AGE-WELL is dedicated to the creation of technologies and services that benefit older adults and caregivers. Their aim is to help older Canadians maintain their independence, health and quality of life through technologies and services that increase their safety and security, support their independent living, and enhance their social participation.

**Funding Details:** Up to $40,000 over 12 months.
MITACS Canadian Science Policy Fellowship

In collaboration with Canada’s research and policy communities, Mitacs has established the Canadian Science Policy Fellowship. The first initiative of its kind in Canada, the fellowship is offered in partnership with the University of Ottawa’s Institute for Science, Society and Policy, Mitacs’ university partners, and the Government of Canada. Participating hosts for the fellowship include host offices from the Governments of Canada and British Columbia, respectively.

The fellowship aims to:
- Form mutually beneficial relationships between government decision makers and academic researchers in support of policy challenges in Canada
- Enhance science communication, collaboration, and policy capacity in government offices
- Develop a national network of expertise in science policy among academic researchers, which complements the existing public service
- Contribute to evidence-informed decision making in Canada’s public service
- Create a pool of expert public policy contributors across academia, government, not-for-profit organizations, and industry

Funding Details: Fellows receive remuneration that reflects their qualifications and is commensurate with comparable employment within the public service, typically in the range of $70,000–$80,000 per year.

Orthopaedic Trauma Association/AO Trauma North America Members Directed Topic Pre-proposal

The Objective of this grant is to support clinical patient-centered outcomes, clinical or basic science musculoskeletal infection. Between the principal investigator and co-principal investigator, membership in both organizations must be fulfilled. The research must be conducted in North America.

Funding Details: $50,000 per year, maximum 2-year funding cycle ($100,000 maximum)

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC), Health System Research Fund: Targeted Call for Patient-Oriented Research in Mental Health and Addictions

The MOHLTC has recently announced a new research funding competition to improve Ontario’s mental health and the addictions system; Patient-Oriented Research in Mental Health and Addictions. The purpose of the HSRF Targeted Calls is to solicit and fund focused research applications within MOHLTC priority areas, including Nursing and Tobacco Control. The new Call will focus on Patient-Oriented Research in Mental Health and Addictions.

For each of the priority areas, key knowledge gaps related to current/anticipated policy development and program development were identified as targeted research areas of interest for policy makers and knowledge users through a consultative process. Please refer to the HSRF Targeted Calls Detailed Full Application Instructions for definitions of targeted research priority areas and areas of focus.

Funding Details: maximum $250,000 per year for 2 years
Banting Research Foundation: Discovery Award
The Banting Research Foundation annually awards the Discovery Award, a grant of up to $25,000, to outstanding new investigators in any area of health and biomedical research who are within the first three years of their independent appointment at a university or research institute in Canada. The intent is to provide seed funding so that applicants are able to gather pilot data to enhance their competitiveness for other sources of funding. This competition is open to new investigators at any Canadian university or affiliated research institute who meet the eligibility criteria.

Funding Details: Maximum value of $25,000 for 1 year

Additional Details
Internal HRS Deadline: March 1, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: March 15, 2018

Banting Research Foundation and the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation Canada: Discovery Award
The goal of the DMRF Canada’s Science Program is to support the discovery of new or improved therapies and, ultimately, a cure for dystonia. To achieve this goal, the DMRF is dedicated to supporting the field of dystonia research and stimulating the collaborations and projects necessary to accelerate progress. Eligible candidates must be focused on research that will address one or more of the core directions necessary to advance the field of dystonia. These core directions include furthering our fundamental understanding of dystonia, uncovering the mechanisms in the nervous system that lead to symptoms, creating experimental models of dystonia, and discovering targets for new and improved therapeutics designed specifically to treat dystonia. This includes hypothesis-driven research projects at the genetic, molecular, cellular, systems, or behavioral levels that may lead to a better understanding of the pathophysiology or to new therapies for any or all forms of dystonia.

Funding Details: The value of this one-year grant is a maximum of $25,000

Additional Details
Internal HRS Deadline: March 1, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: March 15, 2018

The Kidney Foundation of Canada (KFOC) Allied Health Doctoral Fellowship
The Kidney Foundation of Canada has established a national goal of encouraging and supporting research that may further the current knowledge pertaining to the kidney and urinary tract or improve health in areas relevant to the Vision and Mission of the Foundation. The Foundation wishes to point out that it is seeking doctoral fellowship applications that are relevant to its Vision and Mission. The Foundation reserves the right to make a decision on the relevance of a given project to basic and clinical kidney disease. Applications deemed irrelevant will not be funded regardless of the excellence of the science. All awards become tenable July 1 following announcements of the competition results. Funds are available for a limited number of Fellowships designed to provide for full-time academic and research preparation at the doctoral level. The objective of this program is to promote and enhance the development of nephrology/organ donation allied health investigators in Canada. The award is tenable in Canada or abroad.

Funding Details: This award is for up to $31,000/year and is tenable in Canada or abroad

Additional Details
Internal HRS Deadline: March 1, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: March 15, 2018

The Kidney Foundation of Canada (KFOC) Allied Health Scholarship
The purpose of the Allied Health Scholarship award is to assist the student with a demonstrated interest in nephrology/organ donation in pursuing education at the Masters level to promote and enhance the development of nephrology allied health investigators in Canada. Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- serve as a nephrology nurse or technician, social worker, pharmacist, dietitian, transplant coordinator or other allied health professional;
• have a demonstrated commitment to the area of nephrology or organ donation with an interest in kidney research.
• Preference will be given to applicants with a minimum of two years full time equivalent experience;
• have Canadian citizenship or landed immigrant status;
• be accepted in proposed course of full-time or part-time study;

Funding Details: Up to a maximum of $10,000

Additional Details
Internal HRS Deadline: March 1, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: March 15, 2018

Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation: Quality of Life High Impact Grants Program
The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation Quality of Life Grants Program reached a major milestone in 2016, surpassing $20 million in funding to nonprofit organizations all over the United States and in 37 countries. And, thus far in 2017, the Reeve Foundation awarded 122 grants in four different programs, totaling over $1.7 million. To ensure the continued growth of the program and to clarify the vision and mission of the Quality of Life grants program created by the late Dana Reeve, a retreat was held in April 2017, convening program staff, members of the Board of Directors, and an external professional facilitator. The Reeve Foundation Quality of Life grants will continue to support the broad range of projects and activities that we have in the past; we are just changing how we do it so that we can achieve maximum impact for all. Two types of grants will be offered: Direct Effect (Tier 1) and High Impact (Tiers 2, 3, and 4).

Funding Details: High Impact Quality of Life Grant Tiers offer three increasing levels of grant funding.
• Tier 2 -- Grants of $30,000 for the following Priority Areas:
  o Transportation
  o Respite/Caregiving
  o Disaster Response
• Tier 3 -- Grants of $40,000
  o Nursing Home Transition
• Tier 4 -- Grants of $50,000
  o Employment

Additional Details
LOI Deadline: February 15, 2018
Internal HRS Deadline: March 2, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: March 17, 2018

Age-Well 2018 Catalyst Funding Program
AGE-WELL is excited to launch its 3rd Catalyst Funding Program to support innovative research projects aimed at generating, promoting or accelerating economic and social benefit in the field of technology and aging. The Catalyst Funding Program represents the first-stage in AGE-WELL’s innovation funding stream. Catalyst grants will support early-stage, scalable research projects including pilot studies, feasibility studies and novel approaches that are aligned with AGE-WELL’s mission and vision. Projects must demonstrate strong potential for real-world impact. It is expected that Catalyst projects will lead to new funded research initiatives, either as part of AGE-WELL or through other granting agencies. Projects funded by Catalyst grants may be suitable for future AGE-WELL investment as they progress along the innovation pipeline. To be eligible for continued funding through AGE-WELL, end-of-term deliverables must provide justification for continued funding either through a renewal of Catalyst funding or transfer to another AGE-WELL funding program (e.g. Core Research Program, Strategic Investment Program).

Funding Details: Up to $50,000 over 12 months. Can be renewed for one year, pending end-of-term review.

Additional Details
Internal HRS Deadline: March 9, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: March 23, 2018
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SHHRC) Knowledge Synthesis Grants

SSHRC in Canada, and the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) in the United Kingdom, have launched this dedicated Knowledge Synthesis Grants (KSG) competition to assess the state of research knowledge on Canada-UK trade relationships, in a post-Brexit context. On June 23, 2016, the people of the UK voted to leave the European Union. The UK’s resulting plans to withdraw from the EU by 2019 have increased interest in gaining a better understanding of post-Brexit bilateral trade relations, including the potential offered by possible new bilateral trade, such as through seamless transition of agreements between the UK and its major trading partners, including Canada. Social sciences and humanities research has an important role to play in this. This dedicated KSG competition aims to foster international collaboration and support the synthesis of existing knowledge capable of identifying research strengths and gaps and contribute evidence for policy.

Synthesizing research knowledge on the diverse issues related to international trade between Canada and the UK will deepen understanding of how future trading relationships could maximize the benefits to both countries, and will help define potential areas in which both countries could play a vital leadership role.

Funding Details: Up to 20 grants may be awarded, of up to $30,000 for one year

Additional Details
Notify ROADS of Intent to Apply: February 14, 2018
Draft Application due to ROADS: March 7, 2018
Final Application due to ROADS: March 21, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: March 28, 2018
*To Apply, Contact Christina Pellegrini, Senior Advisor, Development, ROADS at pellegrc@mcmaster.ca or extension 27207*

The Alton Ochsner Award Relating Smoking and Disease 2018

Nominations are now being accepted for the 33rd Annual Alton Ochsner Award Relating Smoking and Disease. Nominations must be made by a letter (online) that describes in detail, but concisely, the scientific work and major contributions of the investigator to the field. Self-nominations are excluded. All nominations must include and be supported by:

1. the candidate’s curriculum vitae (containing an active mailing address, office telephone and cellular telephone number, and e-mail address, and bibliography;
2. at least two additional supporting letters of recommendation by scientific peers from outside the candidate’s institution; and
3. reprints of at least three pertinent major supporting scientific contributions.

The Award Committee is now accepting nominations and supporting material in PDF format only by e-mail sent to Ochsner at AOSRA@ochsner.org. Documents submitted in a format other than PDF by e-mail will not be considered.

Funding Details: $15,000 will be presented to one to three investigators.

Internal HRS Deadline: March 16, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: March 31, 2018
*To apply or for additional details, contact Catherine Gill Pottruff or Serena Jennings, Senior Grants Advisors, HRS, at gillic@mcmaster.ca or sjenn@mcmaster.ca respectively*

Canadian Liver Foundation, Research Grant Competition: Operating Grants

The Canadian Liver Foundation is proud to support researchers across Canada; scientists who have made liver research a priority in their labs and clinics. In order to support new advances and breakthroughs, the CLF funds the research of senior researchers, new investigators, and medical students through their research grant programs and partnership projects. As the CLF’s most senior award, the operating grant is offered to investigators with primary interest in hepatobiliary research who hold academic appointments in Canadian universities or affiliated institutions. Both clinical investigators and basic scientists will be considered.

Funding Details: Operating Grants provide funding of up to $60,000 per year for a maximum of two years.

Additional Details
Internal HRS Deadline: March 16, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: March 31, 2018
**Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) Discovery Fund**

The new Discovery Fund is a groundbreaking initiative dedicated to defining the causes of mental illness and developing the cures that will save lives and create hope. The Discovery Fund will enable CAMH to attract talent, explore big ideas, support young scientists, and leverage data to solve the mysteries of the brain.

**Funding Details:** A two-year award up to $100,000 per year (maximum of $200,000 for two years) will be provided to scientists at a lecturer level or above (including senior scientists) to support an innovative research idea.

**Additional Details**

**Internal HRS Deadline:** March 16, 2018  
**Sponsor Deadline:** April 1, 2018

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**Michael G. DeGroote Fellowship Awards**

The Michael G. DeGroote Fellowship Awards are an opportunity for excellent postdoctoral candidates to pursue top-level research training. First awarded in 2008, the awards provide funding to research-intensive individuals looking to further their academic career in the Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University.

Each award provides non-renewable funding of $50,000 for one year for successful applicants. The funding is comprised of $40,000 from the Michael G. DeGroote Health Sciences Development Fund and $10,000 contributed by the applicant’s supervisor.

Awards are available in two categories: the **Michael G. DeGroote Fellowship Award in Basic Biomedical Science** and the **Michael G. DeGroote Fellowship Award in Clinical Research**. Candidates conducting basic science research are eligible for the Basic Biomedical Science Fellowship Award and those pursuing clinical research are eligible for the Clinical Research Fellowship Award. Applicants must identify in their application which award they are applying for. Separate selection committees will review the respective applicants for each award.

Applications are now being accepted and we are seeking qualified candidates to apply. If you know of any first-rate candidates who you feel would be a good fit for these awards under your supervision, please:

- Email mgdfa@mcmaster.ca clearly detailing your ability and willingness to provide the matching $10,000 in funding to support the candidate
- Have the candidate visit [http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/mgdfa/](http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/mgdfa/) and apply online. The deadline for applications is April 2, 2018 with an estimated start date of July 1, 2018.

**Eligibility**

- Only candidates who are (a) external to McMaster, or (b) internal students who have yet to begin postdoctoral or health professional degree studies at McMaster, or (c) internal students who began their postdoctoral or health professional degree studies at McMaster no earlier than July 1, 2017, will be eligible for the awards.
- For candidates who hold (or are completing) a PhD, the proposed supervisor(s) listed in their application must be different than their PhD supervisor.
- Priority will be given to those applicants whose graduate training has not been exclusively at McMaster.

It is expected that winning applicants will seek out and attain external funding within their one-year award term. Supervisors are expected to assist their candidates in doing so.

For more information on the awards, please visit the awards website or send any questions to mgdfa@mcmaster.ca.

**Additional Details**

**Internal HRS Deadline:** March 19, 2018  
**Sponsor Deadline:** April 2, 2018

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**HHS New Investigator Fund (NIF) 2018 Round 1**

The Hamilton Health Sciences’ commitment to “first stage” research led to the creation of the New Investigator Fund (NIF). The fund is an integration of the former HHS Foundation Young Investigator Grants and the HHS Research Development Fund, and provides a unique opportunity to foster and support a culture of inquiry for novice investigators under the mentorship of senior staff. The NIF
provides project funding to front-line staff (healthcare professionals and medical staff) toward research initiatives directly relevant to the clinical mission and research strategic direction of HHS.

**Funding Details:** Grants will be awarded based on the excellence exhibited by the research and a maximum of $50,000 awarded per project.

**Additional Details**
**Internal HRS Deadline:** March 20, 2018
**Sponsor Deadline:** April 3, 2018

**Huntington Society of Canada 2018 Navigator Research Program**
The long-standing Navigator Research Program supports HD researchers across Canada. This program supports basic scientific research of direct and immediate relevance to Huntington Disease in Canada with the aim of providing a platform for the recruitment of outstanding investigators to HD research, to facilitate research collaboration nationally and internationally, and to support research that is relevant to other neurodegenerative disorders. The competition is run once per year. The goal of the NAVIGATOR Research Program is to provide funding for Canadian scientific research of direct and immediate relevance to Huntington Disease; to provide a platform for the future recruitment of outstanding investigators to HD research; to facilitate research collaboration nationally and internationally, and research which is relevant to other neurodegenerative disorders as well as HD.

**Funding Details:** Each NAVIGATOR award will provide funding up to $75,000 per year for one or two years.

**Additional Details**
**LOI Deadline:** February 15, 2018
**Internal HRS Deadline:** March 29, 2018
**Sponsor Deadline:** April 12, 2018

**Faculty of Health Sciences Education Innovation Fund**
**Purpose:** To encourage and provide support for the development and evaluation of novel and innovative approaches to health sciences education in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

**Eligibility:** All members of the faculty of FHS are eligible for funding support. Funding cannot be used to supplement another partly funded project. All those awarded funding must be willing to present their research at the Geoffrey R Norman FHS Education Research Day in June. Priority will be given to projects that address competency-based education, simulation-based education and innovative pedagogy and projects where theory is used/developed to inform practice. The activity of the project should be focused on McMaster Faculty of Health Sciences.

**Application Process:**
Applicants are required to submit:

1) **An abridged CV** (max. 3 pages, focusing on previous research and educational scholarship)

2) **A project summary** - 3 pages maximum, single spaced, plus references, outlining:
   a. Proposed study question/objectives
   b. Proposed method of analysis
   c. Expected project outcome
   d. Strategy for disseminating outcome findings
   e. Potential education impact of the study
   f. Potential of the research for commercialization, if applicable

3) **Budget** The following expenses are ineligible:
   a. Salary support for P.I. or other faculty members
   b. Computers and other equipment unless integral to the study e.g. voice recording equipment
   c. Infrastructure expenses that are presently supported elsewhere (e.g. telephone, administrative assistant)
   No university overhead will be charged. Open Access journal publications costs will be allowed.

4) **Adjudication**
The adjudication process will be administered by the office of the Associate Dean, Health Professional Education who will chair a selection committee of senior faculty. Preference will be given to projects that address the priority areas identified in
the Eligibility section above and that incorporate a design that uses theory to inform practice or uses practice to develop theory.

**Funding Details:** Funding will be awarded to one or more applicants annually for up to two years of funding support to a maximum of $50,000 per project, spread over the two years; funding for the second year is contingent on the submission of a satisfactory interim report to the selection committee prior to the end of the first year of funding. A final report shall be submitted upon completion of the project. The selection committee reserves the right to not fund any projects in any given year. Award winners will be announced at the Geoffrey R. Norman FHS Education Research Day on June 6, 2018.

**Additional Details:**
1) Deadline for application April 13, 2018 at midnight.
2) Submit as 1 pdf document with the P.I.’s name and a short version of the title as the document’s name.
3) Submit to the office of the Associate Dean, Health Professional Education c/o mcarthj@mcmaster.ca

Internal HRS Deadline: March 30, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: April 13, 2018

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**The University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine Call for Nominations: National Research Prizes**

The University of British Columbia is currently seeking nominations for the following two research prizes:

**Dr. Chew Wei MBBS [HK] FRCOG [ENG] Memorial Prize in Cancer Research**
The Dr. Chew Wei MBBS [HK] FRCOG [ENG] Memorial Prize in Cancer Research is awarded annually to a Canadian physician or scientist who makes outstanding contributions to the treatment, amelioration, or development of therapies for cancer.

See [Additional Details and Nomination Instructions](#).

**Margolese National Brain Disorders Prize**
The Margolese National Brain Disorders Prize is awarded annually to a Canadian physician or scientist who makes outstanding contributions to the treatment, amelioration, or cure of brain disorders.

Please note: Based on the prize guidelines for the 2018 Margolese Brain Disorders Prize, nominations must be for individuals external to the University of British Columbia.

See [Additional Details and Nomination Instructions](#).

**Funding Details:** The prizes each have a value of $50,000

Internal HRS Deadline: April 1, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: April 15, 2018

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**European Commission International Flagship Collaboration with Canada for Human data storage, integration and sharing to enable personalized medicine approaches**

CIHR and FRQS are pleased to announce that funding is available to support Canadian researchers interested in collaborating in the domain of repositories storing and sharing human-omics data that will create a framework for long-term cooperation through transnational collaborations with European researchers. The goal of this program aims to enhance and standardize data deposition, curation and exchange procedures thus ensuring better data reuse and increased benefit to the scientific communities worldwide. This is a unique collaboration, and CIHR’s first European Commission Research and Innovation Action (RIA), which will require each project to involve at least one Canadian investigator and three European investigators fundable by the European Commission.

**Funding Details:** The total amount available for Canadian researchers from CIHR and FRQS is $5.5 million CAD, enough to fund 7 grants. The maximum amount available is $200,000 CAD per year for up to four (4) years for a total of $800,000 CAD, per grant.

See [Additional Details](#).

Internal HRS Deadline: April 4, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: April 18, 2018
Autism Speaks Research on Central Auditory Processing Disorders Request for Applications

Autism Speaks, with generous support from the Royal Arch Masons, announces a funding opportunity for one pilot research award, and one predoctoral fellowship award, focused on understanding, evaluating and/or treating individuals with central auditory processing disorder (CAPD), particularly as it relates to co-occurring autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

CAPD, also known as auditory processing disorder (APD), includes a range of conditions within the ear and brain that affect the way individuals process information that they hear.

This Request for Applications (RFA) seeks proposals for research that will elucidate the relationship of auditory processes to neurobehavioral manifestations, the potential for treatments directed at auditory processes pathology to improve neurobehavior and the best clinical approaches to the evaluation and treatment of CAPD. Proposals should advance the clinical management of CAPD and associated neurobehavioral challenges, either by clinical assessment research, clinical intervention research or by identifying pathophysiologic mechanisms that are amenable to clinical translation in the very near term. Applications that include the availability of better treatments both for underlying pathology as well as co-existing conditions that decrease quality of life for those with autism will be of particular interest.

**Funding Details:** Autism Speaks, with generous support from the Royal Arch Masons, anticipates funding one pilot research award, at up to US $60,000, and one predoctoral fellowship award, at up to US $40,000

**Additional Details**
LOI Deadline: February 13, 2018
Internal HRS Deadline: April 4, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: April 18, 2018

Cancer Research Society 2018 Scholarships for the Next Generation of Scientists

The Cancer Research Society is pleased to announce the launch of its 2018 Scholarships for the Next Generation of Scientists competition, an initiative aiming at supporting future generations of Canadian researchers. The Scholarship is broken down into two parts, and extends over a period of 3 years, with no possibility for renewal.

**Funding Details:**
- Part 1: Postdoctoral Salary Award – 1 year - $40,000
- Part 2: Operating Grant – 2 years - $120,000 ($60,000/year)

**Additional Details**
Internal HRS Deadline: April 13, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: April 27, 2018

Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation (SRCF): Major Research Grants

SRCF Major Grants support biomedical research into intellectual impairment focused on the following:

- The causes and eventual cure of intellectual impairment, such as Dyslexia and Autism, especially as it affects children.
- The causes and eventual cure of Alzheimer’s Disease and other neurodegenerative diseases.
- Research into other forms of intellectual impairment may be considered.

Note: The focus of the research should be on the causes and cure of the disease as opposed to the active treatment or palliative care.

**Funding Details:** The value of the grants is a maximum of $40,000 per year for a period of up to 3 years.

**Additional Details**
Internal HRS Deadline: April 16, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: April 30, 2018

MITACS Globalink Research Award

Mitacs is accepting applications for competitive international research opportunities for student travel from Canada. They recommend that students apply by May 2018 for travel planned in Fall 2018.

**Funding Details:** The Mitacs Globalink Research Award provides $6,000 for senior undergraduate and graduate students in Canada to conduct 12–24-week research projects at universities overseas.
**Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Connection Grants**

Connection Grants are expected to respond to the objectives of the Connection program. They support events and outreach activities geared toward short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization initiatives. These events and activities represent opportunities to exchange knowledge and to engage on research issues of value to those participating. Events and outreach activities funded by a Connection Grant may often serve as a first step toward more comprehensive and longer-term projects potentially eligible for funding through other SSHRC funding opportunities listed in SSHRC's Funding search tool.

Connection Grants support workshops, colloquiums, conferences, forums, summer institutes, or other events or outreach activities that facilitate:

- disciplinary and/or interdisciplinary exchanges in the humanities and social sciences;
- scholarly exchanges between those working in the social sciences and humanities and those working in other research fields;
- intersectoral exchanges between academic researchers in the humanities and social sciences and researchers and practitioners from the public, private and/or not-for-profit sectors; and/or
- international research collaboration and scholarly exchanges with researchers, students and non-academic partners from other countries.

**Funding Details:** $7,000 to $25,000 for events, and up to $50,000 for other outreach activities; higher amounts for outreach activities may be considered if well justified.

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**Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Collaborative Research and Training Experience (CREATE)**

The Collaborative Research and Training Experience (CREATE) Program supports the training of teams of highly qualified students and postdoctoral fellows from Canada and abroad through the development of innovative training programs that:

- encourage collaborative and integrative approaches, and address significant scientific challenges associated with Canada’s research priorities;
- facilitate the transition of new researchers from trainees to productive employees in the Canadian workforce.

These innovative programs must foster the acquisition and development of important professional skills among students and postdoctoral fellows that complement their qualifications and technical skills and improve their job-readiness for careers in industry, government, non-governmental organizations, and/or academia.

**Funding Details:** Up to $150,000 in the first year and up to $300,000 for up to five subsequent years, for a maximum of $1.65M over 6 years.

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**Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation: Quality of Life Direct Effect Grants Program**

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**Funding Details:** The Direct Effect (Tier 1) is open-focused and will award grants of up to $15,000 to support the wide range of projects and activities of the traditional Quality of Life grants. Grants will fund specific budget items that will clearly impact individuals living with paralysis and their families, and the project must be completed within 12 months.

**Additional Details**
**LOI Deadline:** April 11, 2018  
**Internal HRS Deadline:** April 17, 2018  
**Sponsor Deadline:** May 1, 2018

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**Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) Clinical Health Professional Personnel Award (CHPA)**

The Hamilton Health Sciences Clinical Health Professional Research Personnel Award is a one-time personnel stipend award. The award is to be used to help a suitably qualified non-physician health professional who has demonstrated an aptitude for research to pursue research in their discipline, by providing protected time through financial support for a portion of the applicant’s salary.

**Funding Details:** The value of the award will be up to $50,000

**Additional Details**
**Internal HRS Deadline:** April 17, 2018  
**Sponsor Deadline:** May 1, 2018

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**Misk Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation: Misk Grand Challenges**

The Misk Foundation, the non-profit philanthropic foundation established by Saudi Arabia’s Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have partnered to launch Misk Grand Challenges. This initiative seeks to empower youth both with the skills that they need to succeed in the knowledge economy and with the passion required to tackle the world’s most challenging problems. Ultimately, the initiative hopes to nurture a new generation of leaders who will transform both local and global communities.

**Funding Details:** Awards total $100,000 USD each, provided over 2 years, with an opportunity to apply for follow-on funding.

**Additional Details**
**Internal HRS Deadline:** April 18, 2018  
**Sponsor Deadline:** May 2, 2018

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**Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy (ACGT) 2018 Investigator’s Award**

Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy, Inc. (ACGT) funds research aimed at furthering the development of cell and gene therapy approaches to the treatment of cancer.

**RESEARCH OBJECTIVES**

This award is for those conducting cell and gene therapy research in the following areas:

- Technology for systemic delivery and treatment of metastatic disease that could involve novel tumor-targeted delivery vehicles (e.g. tumor-homing cells, nanoparticles and new recombinant viruses).
- Altering the tumor cell microenvironment to support the induction of anti-tumor immunity
- Identification of novel tumor targets
- Novel approaches to either protective adoptively transferred cells from metabolic changes or alter the metabolism of transferred cells.

Preference will be given to those working in solid tumors, orphan tumors or pediatric tumors, and to research not previously funded, thus highly innovative proposals.

**Funding Details:** The award provides up to a maximum of $500,000 distributed over 2-3 years
LOI Deadline: March 13, 2018
Internal HRS Deadline: May 1, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: May 15, 2018

**Patient-Centered Outcome Research Institute (PCORI): Pragmatic Clinical Studies to Evaluate Patient-Centered Outcomes**

PCORI seeks to fund pragmatic clinical trials, large simple trials, or large-scale observational studies that compare two or more alternatives for addressing prevention, diagnosis, treatment, or management of a disease or symptom; improving healthcare system-level approaches to managing care; communicating or disseminating research results to patients, caregivers, or clinicians; or eliminating health or healthcare disparities. Proposed studies must address critical healthcare choices faced by patients, their caregivers, clinicians, or delivery systems. They must involve broadly representative patient populations and be large enough to provide precise estimates of hypothesized effectiveness differences and to support evaluation of potential differences in treatment effectiveness in patient subgroups.

**Funding Details:** Funds up to $90 Million ($10 Million Total Direct Costs) for a Maximum period of 5 years.

**Additional Details**

- LOI Deadline: February 13, 2018 5pm (ET)
- Internal HRS Deadline: May 2, 2018
- Sponsor Deadline: May 16, 2018 5pm (ET)

**Canadian Blood Services (CBS) MSM Research Grant Program**

The objective of the MSM Research Program is to ensure the generation of adequate evidence-based research for alternative screening approaches for blood or plasma donors, which could evolve the current deferral policy for men who have sex with men (MSM) while maintaining the safety of the blood supply. As part of this initiative, Canadian Blood Services and HémaQuébec held a two-day meeting in January 2017 with national and international stakeholders to identify research priorities for closing knowledge gaps that impact donor eligibility for MSM. In addition, a research funding competition was held in 2017. Research priorities for this competition include:

- Research to evaluate the impact of alternative risk reduction technologies on donor screening.
- Research to evaluate operational feasibility of alternative donor deferral policies and their acceptability by Canadians.
- Risk modeling and surveillance to assess the risk associated with alternative donor selection policies.
- Research to inform the development of an individual risk assessment donor policy (behavioural based) or to strengthen the existing policy (population based)

**Funding Details:** The Program will support small (up to $50,000) and large (up to $300,000) research projects that are aligned with the objective of the program as stated above and address one or more of the research priorities listed below. For the 2018 competition, the total funding available is $850,000.

**Additional Details**

- LOI Deadline: April 15, 2018
- Internal HRS Deadline: June 15, 2018
- Sponsor Deadline: June 30, 2018

**Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation: Grants**

The Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation has recently announced the following funding opportunities:

1) The Litwin IBD Pioneers Initiative, the objective:
   - to support innovative clinical and translational research projects with the potential to impact the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) patients in the near future,
   - to encourage novel research into the diagnosis, identification of clinically relevant subsets, treatments, and cures for IBD,
   - to fund innovative pilot research for scientists to test their initial ideas and generate preliminary data.

2) Senior Research Awards, the objective: to provide established researchers with funds to generate sufficient preliminary data to become competitive for funds from other sources.
**Funding Details:**
- **Litwin IBD Pioneers Initiative:** maximum $130,000 (including 10% direct costs), maximum 2 years
- **Senior Research Awards:** maximum per year $115,830 (direct costs up to $105,300 per year; indirect costs 10% of direct costs, or up to $10,530), for 1–3 years

**Additional Details**
**LOI Deadline:** May 1, 2018  
**Internal HRS Deadline:** June 15, 2018  
**Sponsor Deadline:** July 1, 2018

**European Commission Research Projects on Personalized Medicine – Smart Combination of Pre-clinical and Clinical Research with Data and ICT Solutions**
The aim of this Funding Opportunity is to fund projects showing clinical feasibility of Personalized Medicine in complex/multifactorial diseases as well as other diseases (as monogenic, rare diseases and cancer). Applicants are expected to combine pre-clinical and/or clinical research with bio-informatics components to enable data quality on one side and the potential applicability for health care providers on the other side. Proposals must be interdisciplinary and clearly demonstrate the potential impact in PM as well as the added value of transnational collaboration: sharing of resources (registries, diagnosis, biobanks, models, databases, diagnostic and bio-informatics tools, etc.), platforms/infrastructures, interoperability of data harmonization strategies and sharing of specific know-how

**Funding Details:** The total amount of CIHR funds available for this Funding Opportunity is $4,087,500 CAD, enough to fund 9 grants. The maximum amount per grant is $150,000 per year for over a period of up to 3 years.

**Additional Details**
**LOI Deadline:** April 10, 2018  
**Internal HRS Deadline:** June 21, 2018  
**Sponsor Deadline:** July 5, 2018

**Ontario Genomics: Genomic Applications Partnership Program (GAPP) Round 11**
The Genomic Applications Partnership Program (GAPP) funds downstream research and development (R&D) projects that address real world opportunities and challenges identified by industry, government, not-for-profits and other “Receptors” of genomics knowledge and technologies. GAPP projects are collaborations between academic researchers and Receptor organizations. They are co-funded by Receptors and other stakeholders, and have the potential to generate significant social and/or economic benefits for Canada. The GAPP aims to:
- Accelerate the application of Canadian genomics-derived solutions to real-world opportunities and challenges defined by industry and public sector Receptors.
- Channel Canada’s genomics capacity into sustainable innovations that benefit Canadians.
- Enhance the value of Canadian genomics technologies by de-risking and incentivizing follow-on investment from industry and other partners.
- Foster mutually beneficial collaboration and knowledge exchange between Canadian academia and technology receptors.

**Funding Details:** From $300,000 to $6M for 1 to 3 years.

**Additional Details**
**Internal HRS Deadline:** February 12, 2018  
**Draft EOI due to Ontario Genomics:** February 26, 2018  
**Face-to-face pitch to Ontario Genomics’ review Panel:** March 26-28, 2018  
**Final EOI due to Ontario Genomics:** April 11, 2018  
**Pitch to Genome Canada:** May 4-25, 2018  
**Draft Supplementary Proposal due to Ontario Genomics:** June 11, 2018  
**Sponsor Deadline:** July 16, 2018  
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Organization for Autism Research (OAR): Applied Research Competition

OAR seeks to fund studies that expand the body of knowledge related to autism intervention and treatment, produce practical and clearly objective results, have the potential to impact public policy, and provide outcomes that offer to enhance quality of life for persons with autism and their families. While applicants are always free to submit on any relevant area of research or intervention, this year, OAR is placing an emphasis on research that addresses the following targeted areas: healthcare transition, generalization of technology-based intervention, community-based intervention, residential services and supports, literacy, and sexuality education. While there is no guarantee of funding, studies that address these topics will receive additional scoring credit during the review process.

Funding Details: Researchers can apply for 1-2-year grants of up to $30,000

Additional Details
LOI Deadline: March 26, 2018
Internal HRS Deadline: July 23, 2018
Sponsor Deadline (By invite only): August 6, 2018

Weston Brain Institute, Rapid Response: Canada 2018 – Alzheimer’s & Related Diseases

The Weston Brain Institute (the “Institute”) supports research that accelerates the development of therapeutics for neurodegenerative diseases of aging. To help achieve this, the Institute addresses gaps and inefficiencies in the funding market by supporting high-risk, high-reward translational projects, while leveraging world-class business and scientific expertise in a fast and flexible granting process. Neurodegenerative diseases of aging are among the least understood and most undertreated diseases today. Diseases such as Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s are placing a large and increasing burden on society. If ignored, the social and economic costs to manage these diseases will rise significantly within a generation. Meeting this challenge requires pioneering approaches to accelerating treatments. The Rapid Response: Canada program was created to provide seed funding to catalyze novel, high-risk, high-reward, translational research.

Funding Details: A maximum of $200,000 over up to 18 months per project

Additional Details
LOI Deadline: April 19, 2018
Internal HRS Deadline: July 25, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: August 8, 2018

Networks of Centres of Excellence of Canada Knowledge Mobilization (NCE-KM) Initiative Competition

The NCE-KM initiative funds networks dedicated to transferring knowledge to those who can put it into practice. It supports collaborations between knowledge producers and knowledge users from various disciplines, sectors and institutions, including industry, government, not-for-profit organizations and various sources and types of knowledge for the social, economic, technological, and/or wellness benefit of Canada and the Canadian population. Networks focus on addressing key problems, challenges and opportunities of high strategic importance to Canada. NCE-KM networks are expected to create social and/or economic benefits through the application of evidence-based knowledge generated from research in combination with other sources and types of knowledge. The program supports networks pursuing knowledge translation along the entire spectrum: from the range of activities encompassed in knowledge mobilization (creation of activities and tools designed to put knowledge into active service, often through the establishment of new or modification of existing policies, processes and standards) to those encompassed in commercialization (the transformation of knowledge or technology into marketable goods, processes or services).

Funding Details: The total budget for this competition is currently set at $4.8M over 4 years ($1.2M/year). Successful networks will be awarded up to $400,000 per year for four years with a possible three-year renewal.

Additional Details
LOI Deadline: April 16, 2018
Internal HRS Deadline: August 21, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: September 4, 2018

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Ontario Genomics: Genomic Applications Partnership Program (GAPP) Round 12

The Genomic Applications Partnership Program (GAPP) funds downstream research and development (R&D) projects that address real world opportunities and challenges identified by industry, government, not-for-profits and other “Receptors” of genomics knowledge and technologies. GAPP projects are collaborations between academic researchers and Receptor organizations. They are co-funded by Receptors and other stakeholders, and have the potential to generate significant social and/or economic benefits for Canada. The GAPP aims to:

- Accelerate the application of Canadian genomics-derived solutions to real-world opportunities and challenges defined by industry and public sector Receptors.
- Channel Canada’s genomics capacity into sustainable innovations that benefit Canadians.
- Enhance the value of Canadian genomics technologies by de-risking and incentivizing follow-on investment from industry and other partners.
- Foster mutually beneficial collaboration and knowledge exchange between Canadian academia and technology receptors.

Funding Details: From $300,000 to $6M for 1 to 3 years.

Additional Details
Internal HRS Deadline: April 5, 2018
Draft EOI due to Ontario Genomics: April 19, 2018
Face-to-face pitch to Ontario Genomics’ review Panel: May 14-16, 2018
Final EOI due to Ontario Genomics: June 11, 2018
Pitch to Genome Canada: July 14 – August 3, 2018
Draft Supplementary Proposal due to Ontario Genomics: August 20, 2018
Sponsor Deadline: October 1, 2018
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MITACS Accelerate Fellowship

The Mitacs Accelerate Fellowship provides a long-term funding and internship option for master’s and PhD students. Recipients can also access professional development training that helps them ensure project success and gain in-demand career skills. Interested applicants can apply for the Accelerate Fellowship at any time. All other Accelerate program guidelines apply.

Funding Details:
- Master’s students - $40,000 total research award for 18 mos. Minimum intern stipend is $30,000 and partner organization contribution is $18,000
- PhD students - $80,000 total research award for 36 mos. Minimum intern stipend is $72,000 (24,000/year) and partner organization contribution is $36,000

Additional Details
Sponsor Deadline: Ongoing

Weston Brain Institute: Early Phase Clinical Trials: Canada

Neurodegenerative diseases of aging are among the least understood and most undertreated diseases today. If ignored, the social and economic costs of managing these diseases will continue to rise. Meeting these challenges requires pioneering approaches to accelerating treatments. The Early Phase Clinical Trials: Canada program was created to provide funding support for clinical trials and clinical trial sub-studies that have excellent preliminary data. Eligible Principal Applicants must be at or above the level of Assistant Professor or equivalent, and be affiliated with a Canada Revenue Agency-qualified donee institution located in Canada. Co-applicants and Collaborators must be at the post-doctoral level or above, and can be working outside Canada.

An application requires the submission of a Letter of Intent which will be reviewed by our scientific review committee. Applicants with high potential projects will then be invited to submit a Proposal. Instructions for submitting the Proposal will be forwarded to those invited. Applicants can expect to receive the outcome of their LOI application approximately 2 months after submission.

Funding Details: A maximum of $1,500,000 per project over up to 4 years.
Additional Details
Sponsor Deadline: Ongoing

**Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR), Call for Proposals: International & Interdisciplinary Research Workshops – Open Call**

CIFAR is announcing the launch of a new opportunity to explore key questions of global importance that can best be addressed through interdisciplinary, international teams. We have designed a research workshop program for short-term, time-limited interactions of 10 to 20 people.

**Funding Details:** A high-level budget is required for up to a maximum of $50,000 CAD

Additional Details
Sponsor Deadline: Ongoing

**Simons Foundation, Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI): SFARI Explorer Award**

This award program is designed to enhance our existing support of autism research by providing timely resources to enable focused experiments highly relevant to our mission. A deeper understanding of the mechanisms underlying autism spectrum disorders or potential therapeutic approaches will require investigation at multiple levels, including but not limited to studies focused on gene discovery, molecular mechanisms, circuits, anatomy, and cognition and behavior. We will consider proposals at all of these levels.

**Funding Details:** SFARI will support applications for maximum of $80,000, including indirect costs, for one year, non-renewable.

Additional Details
Sponsor Deadline: Ongoing

**OCE Voucher for Innovation and Productivity (VIP I) Program**

The VIP I Program brings industry and academia together to solve industry’s innovation challenges. It helps eligible companies develop, implement and commercialize technical innovations by supporting partnerships between Ontario's industry and publicly funded post-secondary institutions. The program supports collaborations between industry and post-secondary institutions up to 12 months in duration that lead to knowledge mobilization, commercialization and increased productivity with significant economic impact (i.e. generating new revenues and high-value jobs) for Ontario including the development of new products and/or processes, facilitate productivity improvements. Open to all disciplines, but it has to be a for-profit. Company must have been in operation for a minimum of two years, AND have a minimum of two full-time employees.

**Funding Details:** OCE will support up to 50% of the eligible research costs, to a maximum OCE investment of $20,000.

Additional Details
Sponsor Deadline: Ongoing

*To Apply, Contact Bertha Monrose, Contracts Advisor, MILO at monrose@mcmaster.ca or extension 22416*

**OCE Voucher for Innovation and Productivity II (VIP II) Program**

The VIP II program helps established Ontario-based companies develop, implement and commercialize technical innovations by supporting partnerships with publicly-funded post-secondary institutions. Projects funded through VIP II address company needs by enabling the development of new products and/or processes, or facilitating productivity improvements, by leveraging post-secondary institutions’ skills and resources. Projects must ultimately help generate new revenues and create high-value jobs for Ontario companies. You can also leverage your sponsor’s contribution through the NSERC CRD program for additional research funds.

**Funding Details:** The VIP II program supports collaborations between companies and publicly-funded post-secondary institutions for durations of 12 and 24 months to a maximum of $150,000

Additional Details
Sponsor Deadline: Ongoing

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TalentEdge Internship Program (TIP)
Ontario’s TalentEdge Internship Program (TIP) provides support for current college and university students (specifically current graduate students and final year undergraduate students), and recent Masters graduates (within three years of graduation), to work on industry-driven research and development projects. Projects must have a clearly-defined R&D component, where R&D is defined by the discipline and is inclusive of all areas of specialization and disciplines. The TalentEdge Internship Program is open to students and recent graduates from across all disciplines, and all areas of specialization.

Funding Details: Each four-month internship is valued at $20,000 as follows: $10,000 contribution from OCE; $5,000 company cash contribution; $5,000 company in-kind contribution. It is possible to also leverage your sponsor’s contribution through the NSERC CRD program for additional research funds.

Additional Details
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TalentEdge Fellowship Program
Ontario’s TalentEdge Fellowship Program (TFP) provides support for Ontario-based PhD graduates and post-doctoral fellows to work on industry-driven research and development projects. Companies can tap into world-class talent coming out of Ontario’s publicly-funded post-secondary institutions and strengthen their capacity to develop new products, services, and processes.

Funding Details: Each 12-month fellowship is valued at $85,000 as follows
  - $35,000 contribution from OCE
  - $25,000 company cash contribution
  - $25,000 company in-kind contribution

Additional Details
Sponsor Deadline: Ongoing
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MITACS Accelerate Program
Canada’s premiere research internship program provides interns with the opportunity to transfer their skills from theory to real-world application, while companies gain a competitive advantage by accessing high-quality research expertise. Interns spend approximately half their time on-site with the industry partner; the remainder is spent at the university advancing the research under the guidance of a faculty supervisor. Not-for-profit organizations are eligible.

Funding Details: Funding starts at $15,000

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MITACS Globalink Partnership Award
The Mitacs Globalink Partnership Award supports research collaborations between graduate students at Canadian universities and international industry partners. The award is open to graduate students in all disciplines at Mitacs Full, Associate and Honorary Partner universities and for-profit companies in any country (except the United States).

Funding Details: A $15,000 CAD research grant in the Canadian professor’s name to support student travel and accommodation expenses, research-related expenses, and student stipend.

Additional Details
Sponsor Deadline: Ongoing
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