News & Events

**N2 Canada Eastern Regional Meeting**

N2 Canada is holding its Eastern Regional Meeting on **November 27, 2019** at HHS/PHRI. **N2 Canada**, is a not-for-profit incorporated organization and an alliance of Canadian research networks and organizations working to enhance national clinical research capability and capacity. It promises to deliver great discussions from Health Canada, an Investigator’s Perspective on Audit Inspections, How to Implement N2 Standard Operating Procedures Toolkit for Clinical Research, and more. You can [register here](#) for the N2 Eastern Regional meeting.

**MITACS – leveraging partner funds to source funds for trainees**

While the MITACS program has been around a long time, it has undergone some significant changes to both programs and structure, and it is an underutilized source for funding trainee experiences. Consider leverage your existing partnered funding to apply for added funds for trainee management, travel and collaborative programs. Ongoing applications, simplified submission procedures, and high success rates!

- Eligible partners include companies (anywhere in the world!) and not-for-profits (Canada)
- Get funding for projects big or small (4 months to 4 years or longer)
- Funding includes both stipends and research expenses

Connect with MITACS specialist Ryan Caldwell, [rcaldwell@mitacs.ca](mailto:rcaldwell@mitacs.ca) located at McMaster Industry Liaison Office (MILO). [https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs](https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs)

**Mitacs Globalink Information Session**

Mitacs Globalink invites you to the upcoming Globalink Information Session on **Thursday, December 5th, 2019**, from [15:00h to 16:30h ET](#). This fully bilingual session will be accessible via [Webinar](#). The session will provide information on **inbound** and **outbound** Globalink mobility programs, including program enhancements, immigration procedures, and upcoming changes. The session **will not** cover introductory information. We invite you to [view our orientation videos](#) ahead of the session for an introduction to the initiatives.

**Event Details**

- **Date:** Thursday, December 5th, 2019
- **Time:** 15:00h to 16:30h (ET)
- **RSVP:** Please RSVP for the session by **November 27th** to confirm your attendance.
  *Please note we will send all participants the session presentation after the event.*

  Please [register here](#) for the session

**Agenda**

**Mitacs International Strategy**

- Changes to the orientation of the Globalink Research Awards to support high-level research priorities of Canadian universities
- Creation of MOUs between Mitacs and Canadian universities for co-funding and joint strategic use

**Inbound programs**

- Comparison of program streams and supports available
- Upcoming program activities
- Review of Globalink Research Award submission process
- Immigration reminder

**Outbound programs**

- Comparison of program streams and submission process
- Review of Globalink Research Award funding flow
- Globalink & partner programs updates
Webinar Login Information
Please register in advance via GoToWebinar.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the webinar and an option to add the event to your calendar. Please allocate 5 to 10 minutes before the session begins to connect to the webinar.

Participants wishing to receive French audio will need to follow these steps:
1. Register via GoToWebinar and log in using the instructions when the session is live.
2. Mute the GoToWebinar audio, as this platform will broadcast in English. You will be able to view bilingual PowerPoint slides in the GoToWebinar platform.
3. Use your phone to dial 1 (438) 320-1773 or 1 (833) 682-5119 (toll free), then enter access code 614780278#. French content will be broadcast through this phone line.

Mitacs Industrial Postdoc Accelerate Program
The Mitacs Accelerate industrial postdoc provides 1, 2 or 3 years of funding – valued at $55,000 per year - for a postdoctoral fellow in any discipline. This special initiative offers better leveraging than standard Mitacs Accelerate internships.

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Postdoctoral fellows partner with a company or not-for-profit organization and build a longer-term research collaboration.

Companies and organizations gain a competitive advantage by adding a highly-skilled member to their teams while postdoctoral fellows apply their expertise to real-world problems and build business-ready skills.

Apply from October 16th to December 6th, 2019.

New Frontiers in Research Fund
Exploration stream
All competition documents are available on the program website and the Convergence Portal is open. New this year, researchers at all career stages are invited to apply to the program. The objective of the Exploration stream is to generate opportunities for to conduct high-risk, high-reward and interdisciplinary research not available through funding opportunities currently offered by the three agencies.

Application Deadlines:
Applications at each stage will be submitted by the RGO (HRS/ROADS depending on PI’s primary departmental affiliation):
- Application stage, for those invited, has a deadline of December 10th, 2019 (at 8:00 PM eastern). Internal deadline is November 26th, 2019 at 12:00 pm (NOON).

MIRA 2019 Funding
RESEARCH GRANTS
MIRA/LCMA Matching Funding for External, Competitive Funding Calls

Deadline: Rolling

Funding available: Matching funds up to $100,000
In order to improve the positioning of McMaster’s researchers in external funding competitions, MIRA and the Labarge Centre for Mobility in Aging have allocated funding that may be used to match or leverage external funds. This process is intended to be used for requests related to externally funded, peer-reviewed grant competitions that require a matching component. For more details, click here.

### Health Research Grant Competitions

*Programs administered by Health Research Services, unless otherwise indicated. Email: hsresadm@mcmaster.ca*

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**Weston Brain Institute: Big Ideas**

**Weston Brain Institute: Early Phase Clinical Trials: Canada**

**MITACS Accelerate Program**

**Ongoing**

**Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Alliance Grants**

**Ongoing MILO**

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**CIHR – Masters Award: Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarships**

The Canada Graduate Scholarships Master’s (CGS M) awards are intended to provide special recognition and support to students who are pursuing a Master’s degree in a health-related field at a Canadian institution. These candidates are expected to have an exceptionally high potential for future research achievement and productivity.

For detailed information, visit the harmonized CGS M program page.

**Funding Details:** The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $9.45M, enough to fund approximately 540 awards. Trainee stipend: $17,500 for 12 months, non-renewable.

**Additional Details**

**Sponsor Deadline:** December 2, 2019

*To apply please contact Graduate Studies*

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**CIHR – Catalyst Grant: Impacts of Financial and Organization Restructuring of Public Health**

The Measuring the impacts of financial and organizational restructuring of public health opportunity is expected to:

- Generate evidence on how changes to the funding, organization and/or delivery of public health services impact population health, health systems and health equity;
- Improve data and methods for measuring the benefits, costs, harms and trade-offs of changes in public health funding, organization and /or delivery; and
- Develop evidence that can be used to inform future decisions or policies related to public health resourcing and organization.

**Funding Details:** The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $1,000,000, enough to fund approximately five (5) grants. The maximum amount per grant is $200,000 for 1 year. This amount may increase if additional funding partners participate.

**Additional Details**

**LOI Deadline:** December 3, 2019

**Internal HRS Deadline:** December 13, 2019

**Sponsor Deadline:** January 7, 2020

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**CIHR – Training Grant: SPOR National Training Entity**

This funding opportunity is expected to increase capacity in patient-oriented research and support viable career paths in patient-oriented research by:

- Leveraging and adding to existing patient-oriented research training opportunities and resources in order to guide individuals through personalized development paths in a systematic manner;
- Coalescing the community of patient-oriented research leaders, mentors, coaches and trainees to share and innovate approaches to patient-oriented research capacity building;
- Integrating patient-oriented research principles, practices, and findings within Canadian health care contexts by positioning future leaders in the patient-oriented research community, including but not limited to trainees, early career researchers, and implementation specialists (as defined above).
- Incorporating Indigenous, Western, and other paradigms of patient-oriented research, training, mentoring, and leadership to enrich the training and career development of all participating trainees and mentors in a culturally safe manner.

**Funding Details:** The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $5,350,000.

**Additional Details**

**LOI Deadline:** December 10, 2019
The Klarman Family Foundation: Eating Disorders Research Grants Program

The fundamental aim of this grants program is to understand the biology underlying the psychiatric disease anorexia nervosa, with the goal of accelerating progress toward prevention and treatment. We fund grants to academic researchers for 1 – 3 year projects to research the biology of this disease, and the questions of how and why it develops and persists. We encourage approaches that incorporate neurobiology with an up-to-date understanding of the symptoms and dysfunction associated with anorexia nervosa.

Funding Details: Up to $750,000 over 1 - 3 years.

Additional Details

The Michael J. Fox Foundation: Edmond J. Safra Fellowship in Movement Disorders

Movement disorder specialists (neurologists with subspecialty training in Parkinson’s disease and other movement disorders) serve as an important bridge between scientific advances in the lab and positive patient outcomes in the care setting. While the demand for movement disorder specialists is increasing, not enough neurologists are receiving this vital training. To address this unmet need, The Michael J. Fox Foundation (MJFF), in collaboration with longtime partner the Edmond J. Safra Foundation, introduced The Edmond J. Safra Fellowship in Movement Disorders. By funding academic centers to train new movement disorder clinician-researchers, this program aims to develop a network of highly trained specialists to be the next generation of leaders in Parkinson’s research and clinical care.

The program grants funding directly to academic centers, which then must identify and train a new movement disorder fellow over a two-year period. Grant support cannot be used for a fellow already enrolled or selected. The Edmond J. Safra Fellowship in Movement Disorders is open to academic centers worldwide; previously awarded centers qualify to apply.

Funding Details: $90,000 per year.

Additional Details

Alex’s Lemonade Stand: Epidemiology Grants

Epidemiology awards will support investigators pursuing research studies in human populations using epidemiological approaches, in order to significantly contribute to the understanding of childhood cancers.

This grant mechanism is designed to support hypothesis-driven research that focuses on the epidemiology, early detection and prevention of childhood cancer or comparative effectiveness and outcomes research related to detection, prevention, and treatment.

Funding Details: $100,000 per year for two years for direct costs.

Additional Details

Alex’s Lemonade Stand: Young Investigator Grants

The Young Investigator grant is a 3-year award designed to support scientists in the early stages of their research careers, such as postdoctoral or clinical fellows. Outstanding mentorship and demonstration of a career plan that shows commitment to pediatric cancer investigation are critical components of a successful application.

Funding Details: Up to $150,000 over three years. A maximum of $50,000 in total costs will be awarded to applicants annually.

Additional Details

President’s Awards for Community Engaged Scholarship
The President’s Awards for Community Engaged Scholarship will be available to teams with a minimum of one (1) faculty member and one (1) representative of a community group who have demonstrated a commitment to initiating and supporting excellence in community-campus research initiatives. The definition of Community Engagement used to evaluate submissions includes:

- Valuing the expert knowledge and passion that members of the community have about their communities and issues affecting them
- Fostering ongoing collaboration between University and community partners on how to better understand and consider the issues identified as priorities by local communities
- Performing research, teaching and service with community members and partners for the public good within the local community.

Community representatives may be from the public, not-for-profit, private sector, or from a grassroots community group, as long as the overall initiative meets the definition of Community Engagement, defined above. Initiatives must be established and in existence for a minimum of one (1) year.

**Funding Details:** The award will include a $10,000 grant towards furthering a specific community engaged research project.

Additional Details available by contacting Ashley Shinde in the Office of Community Engagement at community@mcmaster.ca

**Internal HRS Deadline:** December 6, 2019

**Sponsor Deadline:** December 20, 2019

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**MIRA & McMaster Institute for Pain Research and Care (IPRC) Catalyst Grant**

MIRA and the Michael G. DeGroote Institute for Pain Research and Care (IPRC) will co-fund a catalyst grant supporting a project that stimulates new collaborations and allows the collection of preliminary data on research that considers pain and aging as central themes. Interdisciplinary teams, involving researchers from at least three different McMaster Faculties, are invited to submit proposals that have clear potential benefits for older adults.

**Funding Details:** One grant funded up to $60,000; matching contribution of at least $10,000 (at least $5,000 cash) is required

Additional Details

**Internal HRS Deadline:** December 13, 2019

**Sponsor Deadline:** January 2, 2020

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**European Respiratory Society (ERS) Long-Term Research Fellowship**

Long-Term Research Fellowships (LTRF) enable investigators and clinicians in the early stages of their career to carry out basic, translational or clinical research projects. Through this experience, young scientists learn and apply advanced research procedures and techniques not available at their home institute. Since 2015, ERS has increased the number of fellowships on offer by welcoming applicants from scientifically developing countries, and through partnerships with other organizations. Applicants are selected based on their scientific merit and the skills and experience they can bring to a new centre.

**Funding Details:** ERS long-term fellowships include a living stipend, a child allowance and a travel grant. Grants are calculated based on host country.

Additional Details

**Internal HRS Deadline:** December 13, 2019

**Sponsor Deadline:** January 13, 2020

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**Parkinson Canada Research Program: Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) – 1 Pilot Project Grant**

The Parkinson Canada Research Program funds research into the cure, cause, progression, improved treatment and/or understanding of Parkinson’s disease, related disorders including Multiple System Atrophy (MSA), Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP), other Parkinson's conditions and the impact these diseases have on society. Multiple funding opportunities are now available.

**Funding Details:**

- Pilot Project Grant – One-year Duration Maximum funding of $50,000
- New Investigator Award – Two-year Duration, $45,000 per year
- Basic Research Fellowship – Two-year Duration, $40,000-$50,000 per year
- Clinical Movement Disorders Fellowship – One-year Duration, $50,000
- Clinical Research Fellowship – Two-year Duration, $50,000 per year
• Graduate Student Award – Two-year Duration, $10,000 per year

**Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Connection Grants**
The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) is now accepting applications for the Connection Grants competition. SSHRC has established the following deadlines for Connection Grant competitions: February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. Connection Grants 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.

**Funding Details:**
- Connection Grants supporting events are valued at $7,000 to $25,000 over one year.
- Connection Grants supporting outreach activities are valued at $7,000 to $50,000 over one year. SSHRC is willing to consider amounts higher than $50,000, although such applications must satisfactorily justify the need for the higher amount, as well as provide evidence the entire award can be managed within the one-year timeframe.

**Additional Details**
Notify ROADS of Intent to Apply: December 16, 2019
Draft Application Due to ROADS: January 10, 2020
Final Application Due to ROADS: January 24, 2020
Sponsor Deadline: February 3, 2020
*To Apply, Contact Christina Pellegrini, Senior Advisor, Development, ROADS at pellegrc@mcmaster.ca or extension 27207*

**Cancer Research Society 2020 Operating Grants**
Awarding operating grants annually is the principal means by which the Cancer Research Society fulfills its mission to support fundamental, early translational and environment-cancer research in the broad field of cancer to contribute to the advancement of science aimed at preventing, detecting and treating this disease. The Cancer Research Society Operating Grants Competition is open to researchers across Canada.

**Funding Details:**
- $60,000 per year for 2 years.
- **75th Anniversary Special Grants** - $150,000 over 5 years

**Additional Details**
LOI Deadline: December 4, 2019
Internal HRS Deadline: January 29, 2020
Sponsor Deadline: February 12, 2020

**Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Partnership Grants – Stage 1**
Partnership Grants are expected to respond to the objectives of the Insight and/or the Connection program. Proposals exclusively for partnered research training initiatives are expected to respond, instead, to the objectives of the Talent program.

**Funding Details:**
- Stage 1: Applications successful at Stage 1 are valued at up to $20,000. These funds help applicants successful in Stage 1 to prepare for the Stage 2 application, that is, to further refine the question(s) to be addressed; to establish partnership arrangements, governance structure and/or approach/methodology; and to consolidate their collaborative activities.
- Stage 2 (by invitation only): Partnership Grants are valued at up to $500,000 per year over four to seven years, up to a total of $2,500,000.

**Additional Details**
Notify ROADS of Intent to Apply: December 6, 2019
National Multiple Sclerosis Society: Pilot Research Grants

The Society funds high-risk pilot grants to quickly test novel ideas. Funding is provided for one year to test innovative, cutting-edge ideas or untested methods, and to gather sufficient preliminary data to apply for longer-term funding. We welcome applications for studies related to multiple sclerosis that may serve to advance our mission of stopping MS progression, restoring function and improving quality of life, and preventing MS. The Society supports fundamental as well as applied studies, non-clinical or clinical in nature, including projects in patient management, care and rehabilitation.

Funding Details: See additional details.

Additional Details
Sponsor Deadline: Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis May 8, 2019 (pre-application is due May 6), September 11, 2019 (pre-application is due September 9), January 8, 2020 (pre-application is due January 6).

Alex’s Lemonade Stand: RUNX1 Early Career Investigator Grant

The key objective is to promote the establishment of a new generation of translational and clinical researchers interested in tackling inherited hematologic malignancy predisposition disorders with a focus on RUNX1-familial platelet disorder. We believe that providing capital to early career investigators not only injects funding to where it is needed most, but also cultivates a new cohort of investigators who will be invested in an area of research that historically has had limited attention.

The RUNX1 Early Career Investigator grant is a 3-year award designed to fund research in strategies leading to the development of therapies to prevent the transition from pre-leukemia to leukemia for patients with RUNX1-FPD. Collaboration and data sharing are a priority for this research program. The RUNX1 Research Program and ALSF host an annual scientific meeting that brings together grant recipients and other scientists. Grant recipients are expected to present their progress as part of the annual review.

Funding Details: $180,000 over 3 years (maximum $60,000 per year may be requested).

Additional Details
Sponsor Deadline: Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis June 27, September 26 and December 26 annually.

Canadian Cancer Society: Junior Investigator Grant Panel Travel Award

Application guides can be found on the EGrAMS documentation for applicants page.

The Canadian Cancer Society is pleased to offer a special initiative to allow junior investigators in cancer research to gain knowledge and understanding of the Canadian Cancer Society peer-review process. During the year, through different funding opportunities, applications spanning all disciplines of cancer research are evaluated and ranked for funding.

Selected investigators from across Canada will be provided funds to reimburse travel costs to Toronto to observe a grant panel meeting. This unique opportunity will provide junior faculty members with an “inside look” at how research grants are reviewed in order to help structure their own grant proposals in future.

Eligible applicants are investigators in cancer research at the end of their Post-doctoral fellowship or within the first few years of their academic appointment. Priority will be given to those who have yet to be awarded a grant from a Canadian granting agency. Applications for these limited funds will be accepted via EGrAMS and require Department or Institution Head sign-off prior to submission.

Please view the list of current grant panels for more information on available panels.

Additional Details
Sponsor Deadline: Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis.

Cancer Research Society: Translational Research Partnership Program

The Translational Research Partnership Program supports collaborative projects in cancer research to help accelerate the development of new treatments and/or technologies for the benefit of patients. Our Translational Research Partnership strategy is bold and ambitious. We aim to break down the boundaries between research disciplines, which may include researchers from non-
cancer backgrounds, in order to find innovative solutions to prevent, detect and treat cancer. We partner with a range of organizations to maximize the impact of research on patient outcomes.

Projects must meet the following conditions:

- Be translational research and may include clinical trial studies
- Basic research projects are out of scope
- Aim the development of a therapeutic and/or novel technologies
- Have excellent preliminary data to support the proposed project

The research team must consist of at least one principal investigator and one co-investigator. The inclusion of a variety of non-cancer disciplines is encouraged to drive the development of novel technologies and to take thinking from other fields that have not yet been applied to cancer.

All projects are evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Scientific excellence and innovativeness of proposed project
- Expertise of the multidisciplinary team
- Quality of preliminary data and feasibility
- Financial partner’s engagement
- Anticipated benefits for cancer patients

**Funding Details:** A maximum of $1,500,000 over up to 3 years per project of which up to 50% may come from the Cancer Research Society

**Additional Details**

**Sponsor Deadline:** Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis.

### The Ontario HIV Treatment Network (OHTN), Endgame Funding Program: Community-Based Research and Evaluation (CBR&E) Awards

The OHTN Community-Based Research & Evaluation Fund (CBR & E Fund) is designed to help achieve the mission of the OHTN; to improve the health and well-being of people living with and at risk of HIV in Ontario, through a network that promotes research and evidence to drive change. The CBR & E Fund will assist communities by supporting both the production and discovery of knowledge through community-based research, and the use of evidence to drive programming through participatory program evaluation.

OHTN is committed to funding scientifically rigorous, community relevant research that will have a short-to medium-term impact on those most affected by HIV in Ontario:

- People living with HIV/AIDS
- Gay men and other men who have sex with men, including gay, bi, and queer trans men, youth and newcomers
- African, Caribbean and Black men and women, including youth
- Aboriginal men and women, including youth
- Men and women who use drugs
- Women, including trans women, who are at risk (e.g. have unprotected sex or share drug equipment with people from the populations listed above)

The CBR & E fund will provide grant support to eligible community-initiated HIV research and evaluation projects that explore questions of importance to community-based organizations, and have the potential to have a meaningful impact on those most affected by HIV in Ontario in the next 2-5 years.

**Funding Details:** $25,000 to $50,000 for 1 year.

**Additional Details**

**Sponsor Deadline:** Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis March 1, June 7, September 6 and December 6, 2019.

### Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation: IBD Ventures

Is your organization engaged in the discovery or development of a novel product with the potential to help patients with inflammatory bowel diseases? If so, we want to hear from you!

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation seeks to accelerate the development of products that aim to improve the quality of life of patients with inflammatory bowel diseases. Toward that end, the Foundation has launched IBD Ventures, a new program and dedicated funding mechanism to support product-oriented research and development. Companies and academic investigators can apply.
**Funding Details:** Up to $500,000 per project per year will be considered. In addition, funded programs will be offered accelerator resources and advising.

**Additional Details**

**Sponsor Deadline:** Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis.

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**McMaster Institute for Research on Aging (MIRA), Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA):**

**Call for Proposals**

The CLSA is a large, national, long-term study of more than 50,000 men and women who were between the ages of 45 and 85 when recruited. These participants will be followed until 2033, or death. The aim of the CLSA is to find ways to help us live long and live well, and understand why some people age in healthy fashion while others do not.

Researchers must notify Laura Harrington, Managing Director, MIRA, of their intent to apply for CLSA data access to be considered for MIRA funding. MIRA funds are allocated only to projects that do not have any other funding for this purpose.

MIRA membership is required to be eligible.

Data access applications are accepted three times per year.

**Funding Details:** MIRA can support access fees of $3,000 for a maximum 10 applications.


**Sponsor Deadline:** Ongoing

Please contact Audrey Patocs at patocsae@mcmaster.ca with intent to apply or any inquiries. Applications will be handled through the MIRA office.

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**McMaster Institute for Research on Aging (MIRA), Labarge Centre for Mobility in Aging (LCMA):**

**Matching Funds for Research Opportunities**

The McMaster Institute for Research on Aging (MIRA) aims to optimize the health and longevity of the aging population through leading-edge research, education and stakeholder collaborations. The institute intends to amplify McMaster’s strength in aging-focused research through stimulating new partnerships, facilitating access to research funding, raising the profile of McMaster’s research platforms, and building capacity among students and faculty members. In order to improve the positioning of McMaster’s researchers in external funding competition, MIRA and the Labarge Centre for Mobility in Aging (LCMA) have allocated funding that could be used to match or leverage external funds. This process is intended to be used for requests related to externally funded, peer-reviewed grant competitions that require a matching component.

**Funding Details:** Maximum $100,000 (total cash and/or in-kind) non-renewable funding anticipated support 1-2 projects per year.

**Additional Details**

**Sponsor Deadline:** Ongoing

Please contact Audrey Patocs at patocsae@mcmaster.ca with intent to apply or any inquiries. Applications will be handled through the MIRA office.

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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

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

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**Weston Brain Institute: Big Ideas**
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.

Based on success of previous programs, the Institute is expanding our support to new formats while maintaining the same mandate of accelerating the developments of therapeutics for neurodegenerative diseases of aging through translational research. The Institute is considering supporting a large-scale, pivotal project to significantly advance research in our field. With this call, we are seeking to identify highly impactful ideas for consideration. Of particular interest are ideas that will establish Canada as the world leader in a particular area.

Goal: To support a large-scale, pivotal project that will significantly and sustainably advance research in the field of translational research on neurodegenerative diseases of aging.

Funding Details: From $5,000,000 to $20,000,000.

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

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

Additional Details
Sponsor Deadline: Ongoing
*To Apply, Contact Bertha Monrose, Contracts Advisor, MILO at monrose@mcmaster.ca or extension 22416*

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Alliance Grants

NSERC is pleased to announce the opening of the next phases of Alliance grants. On December 2, 2019, Alliance grants will be open for Option 1 applications requesting over $30,000 annually from NSERC. Applications requesting between $20,000 and $30,000 annually from NSERC will be accepted beginning on December 11, 2019. Option 2 applications requesting support for up to 90% or 100% of the costs of the project will be accepted in early 2020. This component of the Alliance grants is intended for proposals that:

- aim at conducting natural science or engineering research that addresses an unmet societal need. This may include research affecting public goods, or that will address national or global issues that benefit more than a single or a few organizations, and where sources of funds are unavailable;
- connect partner organizations willing and able to overcome existing barriers to address these challenges and achieve results that can lead to a societal impact beyond economic benefits, and where an increased level of support from public funds is justified.
More details on the objectives and on the application and evaluation processes for Option 2 will follow soon.

**Additional Details**

**Sponsor Deadline: Ongoing**

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