

February 2019 Research Bulletin

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

CIRA's Community Investment Program Grants

CIRA's Community Investment Program provides grants for projects helping to build a better online Canada. This year, the program will focus on five key funding areas: infrastructure, digital literacy, access, engagement, and services. Currently, in its sixth year, the program has awarded \$5.45 million to 130 projects across the country.

This funding opportunity is open to registered charities, not-for-profit organizations and academic institutions.

The application period is open now until **February 28, 2019**.

Grants are available up to \$100,000. In addition, one grant will be available up to \$250,000. Learn about the application guidelines and funding areas on their [website](#).

CIHR Project Grant: Spring 2019

The Project Grant program is designed to capture ideas with the greatest potential for important advances in fundamental or applied health-related knowledge, health care, health systems, and/or health outcomes by supporting projects with a specific purpose and a defined endpoint. The best ideas may stem from new, incremental, innovative, and/or high-risk lines of inquiry or knowledge translation approaches.

The Project Grant program is expected to:

- Support a diverse portfolio of health-related research and knowledge translation projects at any stage, from discovery to application, including commercialization;
- Promote relevant collaborations across disciplines, professions, and sectors;
- Contribute to the creation and use of health-related knowledge.

The registration deadline is **February 6, 2019**.

For more information on the application process, please click [here](#).

New Frontiers in Research Fund Application

The objective of this inaugural competition is to generate opportunities for early career researchers (ECRs) to conduct high-risk, high-reward and interdisciplinary research not available through funding opportunities currently offered by the three agencies. It seeks to inspire highly innovative projects that defy current research paradigms, propose a unique scientific direction, bring disciplines together beyond the traditional disciplinary approaches, and/or use different perspectives to solve existing problems.

For this competition, **early career researchers** are defined as individuals who have five years or less experience since their first academic appointment as of the January 1, 2019, with the exception of career interruptions (e.g., maternity or parental leave, extended sick leave, clinical training, and family care) that occurred after their appointment. Part-time

positions are also taken into consideration. For maternity or parental leave, the five-year window is extended by an amount equal to twice the time interruption taken.

Due to the high volume of demand, the deadline for **the New Frontiers in Research Fund application has been extended from Feb. 7 to Feb. 14.**

For more information, please click [here](#).

NSHRF Establishment and Development Innovative Grants

The deadline for these grants will be March 26 at 2:00pm AT. All details about the grants can be found at the below weblinks. There are no significant changes from 2018.

Establishment Grant

<https://www.nshrf.ca/establishment>

Development Innovative Grant

www.nshrf.ca/development

CALLS FOR PAPERS AND APPLICATIONS

Opportunity for Early Career Researchers: Call for expressions of interest

CIHR is pleased to continue to offer an Observer program for Early Career Researchers (ECRs) to participate as an observer in the peer review process of the Project Grant: Spring 2019 competition. This program is designed as an opportunity for Early Career Researchers to observe face-to-face peer review committee meetings and gain valuable insights into the review process.

To express your interest in participating in this Observer program, please send an e-mail to support@cihr-irsc.gc.ca by February 20, 2019. In this e-mail, you must include:

- Email subject line: Observer program Spring 2019
- a PDF of your biosketch Common CV (draft CCVs are not accepted)
- a letter from your institution attesting that you meet the criteria to be considered as an early career researcher
- the names of two peer review committees—in order of preference—that you would like to observe.

For more information, please visit their website by clicking [here](#).

Call for Nominations: Early Career Research Award

The Early Career Research Award, given to an early-career full-time faculty member, recognizes the individual's commitment and achievement as a contributor to the research community and to the research climate at Mount Saint Vincent University. A certificate will be awarded at Spring convocation, and the recipient's faculty photo and research profile will be displayed on the Research Office website. The award will stand as a testament to the significant contribution of research to the University.

The Early Career Research Award is open to all full-time re-appointed tenure-track or tenured faculty members, up to year eight of a career at Mount Saint Vincent University. The research contributions affiliated with Mount Saint Vincent University will be given the greatest weight in the evaluation of this award.

Nomination Process

- Nominations can be made by any faculty member to the Committee on Research and Publications.
- In consultation with the relevant Department Chair, a Dean may also nominate a candidate.
- Nominations, including all supporting documentation, must be received by the Committee on Research and Publications prior to the deadline noted below. Items received after the deadline will not be considered for adjudication by the committee.

One complete nomination package must be submitted to the Research Office electronically to research@msvu.ca prior to the deadline of **February 28, 2019**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Competition: Student Research Assistantship

The Committee on Research & Publications invites applications for one available research assistantship. These assistantships will be available to undergraduate students, full or part-time, to work under the supervision of a faculty member on a clearly defined research project. The faculty member must be eligible for funding under our policy for internal grants (consult our Policy for Internal Grant Applications).

This year, the Committee on Research & Publications will adjudicate applications for one (1) assistantship worth up to \$3,320.00 (including benefits). The awarded funds are available for the period of **April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020**. The award must be **completed by March 31, 2020**. The intent of the assistantship is to enable a student to work directly with a faculty member on a research project of mutual interest. The emphasis on the training component for the student is a key criterion.

Submit 1 electronic copy to the Research Office (research@msvu.ca)

Deadline: January 31st, 2019 at 4 pm

MSVU FACULTY RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS

Social Justice in Focus: Event Overview

On September 22nd, 2018 the Child and Youth Refugee Research Coalition gathered at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia to hear the experiences of young artists from Dr. Susie Brigham's photovoice project.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQ7TLlDbxKA&feature=share>

New Publications:

Life Expectancy With and Without Pain in the U.S. Elderly Population, By Rubin, S., and Zimmer, Z.

This study contributes to dialogue on quality versus quantity of life by examining years older persons can expect to live in various states of pain.

To read this paper, please click [here](#).

Persistent, Consistent, and Extensive: The Trend of Increasing Pain Prevalence in Older Americans, By Zajacova, A., and Zimmer, Z.

Assess trends in pain prevalence from 1992 to 2014 among older U.S. adults and by major population subgroups, and test whether the trends can be explained by changes in population composition.

To read this paper, please click [here](#).

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