

RESEARCH BULLETIN

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EVENTS AND WEBINARS

[NEW] CIHR Reviewer in Training (RiT) program for the Fall 2022 Project Grant competition

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is pleased to announce the launch of the [Reviewer in Training \(RiT\) program](#) for the Fall 2022 Project Grant competition.

The RiT program offers Early Career Researchers (ECRs) a learning opportunity to gain a better understanding of the elements of high quality review and the peer review process through direct participation in the Project Grant competition with the support of a Mentor. RiT participants will be assigned up to three applications to conduct practice reviews, attend the peer review meeting, present one of their reviews, and participate in the committee meeting. Following completion of the RiT program, participants will be promoted within CIHR's [Reviewer Pathway](#) and are expected to participate in peer review when requested and available to do so.

The application period for the RiT program opens on **July 18th, 2022** and closes on **August 12th, 2022**. If you have any questions, please contact college@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

Mitacs Instructor Led Sessions - August

Complement your studies and hands-on training experience with professional development training from Mitacs. These courses, free of charge, will equip you with in-demand skills that will help you meet deadlines, communicate your ideas, and increase your employability. Our courses are organized in bundles, in which learners must complete a self-paced e-learning before registering for a facilitated session. Each course is developed around one or more of the following competencies: Professional and Career Fundamentals, Interpersonal Skills, Communication, Leadership and Management, and Entrepreneurialism. **To see the list of available events, see the attached document. For any questions, please contact training@mitacs.ca.**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[NEW] Mitacs Globalink Research Award Program - Call for Proposals!

Below are the most recent updates to the [Mitacs Globalink Research Award Program](#). This call comes from Université Grenoble Alpes (UGA) in France and Shastri Indo Canadian Institute (SICI) in India.

Université Grenoble Alpes (UGA) (France — travel to Canada)

- **Deadline:** July 7 to October 4, 2022
- **Intern level:** Full-time master's (Master 1 and 2) and PhD students, or postdoctoral fellows
- **Themes:** All disciplines, but focus on SSH and a multidisciplinary approach
- **Eligible institutions:** Université Grenoble Alpes (UGA)
- **Co-funding:** No financial contribution is required from the Canadian institution
- **Award amount:** \$6,000
- **Duration:** 12-24 weeks
- **Application process and submission:** Submit to Université Grenoble Alpes. Instructions [here](#) (in French). For additional questions, please contact [Zoraida Martinez Racini](#) from UGA (English or French).
- **Note:** 1 intern maximum per project

Shastri Indo Canadian Institute (SICI) (India — travel to Canada and/or travel from Canada)

- **Deadline:** Open all year
- **Intern level:** Full-time master's and PhD students, and postdoctoral fellows
- **Themes:** All disciplines
- **Eligible institutions:** Full list of eligible Indian institutions available [here](#). Full list of Canadian eligible universities available [here](#).

- Co-funding: No financial contribution is required from the Canadian institution
- Award amount: \$6,000
- Duration: 12-24 weeks
- Application process and submission: Submit to Mitacs through the local Mitacs representative
- Note: Projects may include interns travelling to Canada and from Canada and up to 5 interns.

[NEW] **CIHR Project Grant Competition Updates**

- Peer review meeting format for future competitions
 - For the Fall 2022 Project Grant competition, the use of virtual peer review committee meetings will continue.
 - However, in the future, some mix of in-person and virtual committee meetings will be considered. This could take the form of alternating seasonal meetings where, for example, peer review for the fall competition is held fully virtually and meetings for the spring competition are held fully in person in Ottawa.
- Changes to peer review committee mandates
 - Please be sure to read in detail the committee mandates of relevance to your proposed work.
 - Significant changes include:
 - Dissolving the Development Biology (DEV) and Endocrinology (E) committees due to consistently low application numbers; their focus areas can now be found in other committees' mandates, for example, Cell and Developmental Physiology (CBC) and Clinical Investigation A: Reproduction, Maternal, Child and Youth Health (CIA)
 - Replacing the Immunology & Transplantation (IT) committee with the Immunology (IMN) committee
 - Renaming the Systems & Clinical Neurosciences (NSA) committee as the Systems & Circuits Neurosciences committee
 - Renaming the Cell Biology – Physiology (CBC) committee as the Cell and Developmental Physiology committee
- "Pausing the clock" for early career researchers
 - CIHR had extended the time period in which individuals are considered early career researchers (ECRs) to account for the impact of the pandemic from 0-60 months to 0-84 months. However, as research activities start to return to normal, at least to some extent, CIHR will not further extend this time window. Those ECRs who are outside of the 84-month window as of the application deadline will no longer be considered ECRs.

- Revised Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Self-Identification Questionnaire
 - In response to feedback from the community and an assessment of our legal options, the EDI Self-Identification Questionnaire has been revised and expanded to include new, more granular questions about sexual orientation and different racialized groups, and revised questions about Indigenous identity, and disability.

For more information about these changes, please visit <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/53113.html>.

SSHRC Insight Grants October 2022 Competition and Webinars

SSHRC will organize two webinars for applicants and research administrators to provide information concerning the upcoming IG October 2022 competition via WebEx, including a question answer session. Advance registration is not required.

Detailed information of the webinars is below:

Date	Time (EST)	Topic	Language	Links to meeting
September 1 st , 2022	10:00 - 11:30 AM	Les opportunités de financement des Subventions Savoir	French	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/j.php?MTID=mb318c75410a620516720a5c3d218203e
September 1 st , 2022	1:00 - 2:30 PM	Insight Grants Funding Opportunities	English	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/j.php?MTID=mc7cda895b72b4e140f12319e12ce2873

The online application form for the [Insight Grants \(IG\) 2022 competition is now available](#). The application deadline is **October 1, 2022 (8 p.m. EST)**. For further details, visit the website: [Insight Grants \(sshr-crrh.gc.ca\)](#)

The pilot Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review (TAIPR) Committee has been extended for a second year. Applicants whose projects integrate research areas, methods, approaches, etc., from at least two of the three of the (1) social sciences and humanities; (2) natural sciences and engineering; and/or (3) health and wellness research fields may direct their proposals to this committee by selecting Committee 24 in the IG application form. More details can be found on the [TAIPR landing page](#).

2022-2023 Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships (Banting PDF) competition

The Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships program is designed to support world-class postdoctoral researchers. The fellowship provides \$70,000 per year for two years. The program is open to both Canadian and international researchers who have recently completed a PhD, PhD- equivalent, or health professional degree. Applications must be completed in full collaboration with the proposed host institution.

Deadline for applications are **September 21, 2022** (8:00 p.m. EDT). Please note that institutions may have internal deadlines. For more information [click here](#). Questions can be sent by email to banting@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

Fullbright Opportunities in the USA

The Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program operates on the principle of reciprocal exchange and provides the opportunity for outstanding Canadian scholars to lecture and/or conduct research in the United States. Award recipients include prominent and promising scholars, as well as experienced professionals. During a Fulbright scholars can: conduct research; deliver lectures; network, promote their work; formal teaching (only if the awards allow it). The grants support research with colleagues in the US for a **4-to-9-month** period. For more information, [click here](#).

These opportunities are for a start date of **September 2023** or **January 2024**. Applications are accepted through **November 15th, 2022**.

Special Response Fund for Trainees (Ukraine)

Through the Special Response Fund for Trainees (Ukraine), CIHR, NSERC, and SSHRC have supported many trainees who are directly impacted by the crisis in Ukraine. These funding agencies have established a limited-time Special Response Fund for Trainees (Ukraine), or SRFT-Ukraine, to initiate or maintain the employment or financial support—via stipend or salary—of graduate students and postdoctoral researchers who are directly impacted by the crisis in Ukraine.

Canada is recognized as a leader in building partnerships and uniting researchers and highly qualified personnel of different nationalities and cultures in the shared pursuit of scientific excellence. Recognizing how the crisis in Ukraine may affect the research landscape, this additional funding for grant holders will support trainees, defined as graduate students or postdoctoral researchers, through salaries and stipends.

Support can be requested for a period of up to 12 months. The maximum allowable amounts are as follows: Master's level - up to \$20,000, Doctoral level - up to \$25,000, Postdoctoral level - up to \$45,000. Please see the FAQ attached to this email for more information.

Applications will be accepted using a continuous intake up to **December 22, 2022**.

Current CIHR Funding Opportunities

See below for an up-to-date list of current funding opportunities from CIHR. For more information, visit <https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/metsso/ssologin?language=en>.

Current funding opportunities

Name	Registration/LOI De
Team Grant: Pan-Canadian Clinical Trials Consortium	N/A
Team Grant: CIHR-JDRF Type 1 Diabetes and Precision Medicine	2022-07-21
Other: Planning and Dissemination Grants – ICS	N/A
Fellowship: HostSeq Fellowship	N/A
Operating Grant: Evaluation BC exemption re. possession of illegal drugs	N/A
Prize: Betty Havens Prize (2022)	N/A
Project Grant: Fall 2022 Priority Announcement (Specific Research Areas)	2022-08-17
Project Grant: Fall 2022 and Spring 2023	2022-08-17
Catalyst Grant: Standards for Children and Youth Mental Health Services	2022-09-01
Operating Grant: Psilocybin-assisted Psychotherapy	2022-09-06
Operating Grant: Data Analysis Using Existing Databases and Cohorts (2022)	2022-09-07
Training Grant: Patient-Oriented Research Training Grant - Health System Stream	N/A
Fellowship: Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Program (2022-2023)	N/A
Catalyst Grant: Policy Research for Health System Transformation	N/A
Fellowship: CIHR Fellowship	N/A
Fellowship: Fall 2022 Priority Announcement (Specific Research Areas)	N/A

[Search opportunities](#)

NSERC PromoScience Grant

NSERC's PromoScience Program offers financial support for organizations working with young Canadians to promote an understanding of science and engineering (including mathematics and technology). Organizations may request funds for up to three years at a time. PromoScience supports hands-on learning experiences for young students and their teachers. Grants may be used to cover improvements to program

content or delivery, as well as for new programs and activities. Grants can also be used to cover operational costs such as salaries, travel, postage, materials and supplies, provided that they relate to the promotion of science and engineering. Application deadline is before **8:00pm (EST) on September 15, 2022**. To learn more, [click here](#).

Queen's University Grant Funding Database

Queen's University has developed a searchable funding database of grants that are available to the public. Able to be searched by discipline and deadline, this website showcases 300+ available funding opportunities for those in Canada. To visit the webpage, [click here](#).

RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT

RDM at MSVU

Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) is committed to meeting the challenges and opportunities involved in the responsible and effective management of research data. The University recognizes the central role of data in research, as data not only represents the outcome of research investigation but also provides a foundation for future research. The appropriate management of research data and facilitating appropriate access to that data form the basis of modern scholarship and discovery. Research data is an important asset that must be stewarded, protected, and appropriately safeguarded. To learn more, visit <https://www.msvu.ca/research-at-the-mount/research-data-management-rdm/>.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[NEW] EDI Video: Using Social Media to Recruit LGBT Research Participants

Two members of the MSVU community have been featured in this SAGE Research Methods Video Collection on Research Ethics and Integrity. Phillip Joy, assistant professor, and Catherine Littler, research assistant, Mount Saint Vincent University, discuss using social media to recruit LGBT research participants, including research design, ethical approval, data collection, challenges faced, lessons learned, and recommendations. View this video at <https://methods.sagepub.com/video/srpmemo/t6sgyb/using-social-media-to-recruit-lgbt-research-participants>.

Research Ethics Review – August 2022 Hiatus

Please be advised that the UREB will not be accepting **new** research ethics applications for processing during the month of August. New applications received during August 2022 will be placed in a queue and will be sent for review on September 1st. Please note the following:

August 1 – 15th – the UREB will continue to receive/process

- .. Unanticipated Research Events (REB.FORM.008)
- .. Adverse Events (REB.FORM.007)
- .. Research-related Privacy Breaches (REB.FORM.015)

August 16-31st - the UREB will continue to receive/process

- .. Revisions/Clarifications to applications already under review
- .. Modification Requests (REB.FORM.002)
- .. Requests for Renewal (REB.FORM.003)
- .. Final Reports (REB.FORM.004)
- .. Changes to Study Personnel (REB.FORM.014)
- .. Unanticipated Research Events (REB.FORM.008)
- .. Adverse Events (REB.FORM.007)
- .. Research-related Privacy Breaches (REB.FORM.015)
- .. Supplementary COVID-19 requests (REB.FORM.018)

Halifax Municipal Archives

Halifax Municipal Archives is the official repository for historical municipal government records from Halifax, Dartmouth, Bedford and the former County of Halifax, and also holds community records from the region. All researchers are welcome to view those records either here on-line, or through requests and visits to the Archives. **View archival material through the searchable online database**

at halifax.ca/archives or in person at 81 Ilsley Avenue, Unit 11, Dartmouth. To book an appointment, email archives@halifax.ca or call 902-490-4643.

Canadian Science Policy Centre 2022 Awards

CSPC is now accepting applications and nominations for CSPC 2022 Awards. To recognize and celebrate excellence in all areas of science and innovation policy, CSPC presents this year's awards: the **2022 Youth Award**, two **Trailblazer Awards** in *Science Policy* and in *Innovation Policy*.

The **2022 Youth Award** is an award that recognizes an individual under the age of 35 who proposes an innovative and compelling evidence-based policy that will initiate change. Applicants who have a creative idea for a policy, are invited to gather their evidence and submit a policy proposal by **Friday, August 19th, 2022**. To know more about this award and its criteria please [click here](#).

The **CSPC Trailblazer Awards** is an externally nominated award (by an individual or organization) recognizing individuals who have demonstrated novelty and creativity through leadership, vision, courage, and commitment and have impacted the science and innovation policy ecosystem. These individuals have been instrumental in the advancement of the Canadian policy ecosystem by taking bold actions and spearheading change, all while blazing a trail and inspiring others to follow. CSPC 2022 will present two Trailblazer Awards: one in each of the categories of *Science Policy* and *Innovation Policy*. The deadline for nominations is **Friday, August 19th, 2022**. For detailed information about these awards and criteria please [click here](#).

CSPC is fully committed to the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion and encourages applications and nominations from all qualified participants. The winners of these awards will be recognized prominently at the CSPC 2022 conference in Ottawa, Ontario, during this year's Gala and will receive free admission to the CSPC 2022 conference. Please contact the Awards committee with any questions at awards.prix@sciencepolicy.ca. All information about past award winners and submissions can be found on the CSPC [website](#).

International Cellphilm Festival Winners - Puppy Films Project

Pup Knotty won first place with his film in the community category titled "**My head would like to lie down, but my heart will keep up the fight**". Through very brief captures of his daily life, a man develops a relationship with his puppy alter-ego that leads him to recognize his body as an object of desire, to realize the privileges that

come with the fetishizing and anonymizing power of his mask and to mobilize his character in a posture of social change.

PackPuppy won 3rd place with his film titled "**Through the Eyes of Pups: A PackPuppy Perspective on Body Image**". A short description on the film that showcases a view that not many are open to witnessing:

I put on my puppy hood to make myself feel better, thus immersing me into my puppy headspace. My inner pup scarcely notices bodies, neither mine nor others'. He's too busy remembering the great times he's had (and will again have) to care about such trivial things! I hope this short little puppy philm can suggest a completely different way of life to those who view it; a less stressful, less perfectionist, less bitchy alternative that encourages folks to have a little fun with life before it comes to an end. I have a squeaky rubber steak! Wanna share?

For more information on the Puppy Films Project, visit their website at <https://phillipjoy.ca/puppyfilms.html>. To learn more about the International Cellphilm Festival, visit their website [here](#).

NSERC's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Newest Resources

NSERC is taking action to help the natural sciences and engineering (NSE) research communities contribute to a more equitable, diverse and inclusive research enterprise, with the launch of the [NSERC guide on integrating equity, diversity and inclusion considerations in research](#). The new guide is designed to assist NSE researchers with applying a critical equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) lens in their work by providing guiding questions and examples relevant to their field of research. It includes two main sections:

1. Guidance on embedding EDI considerations at each stage of the research process including: research questions, design of the study, methodology and data collection, analysis and interpretation and dissemination of results.
2. EDI considerations for research teams, including: building teams, recruitment and retention, and the roles of team members throughout the course of the research project.

Since 2019, Alliance applicants must include EDI considerations in their training plan. A dedicated [Alliance EDI resource](#) was recently updated to further expand on the expectations of this mandatory evaluation criteria and provide applicants with examples of what concrete EDI best practices look like. Please contact resgrant@nserc-crsng.gc.ca or alliance@nserc-crsng.gc.ca with any questions.

Template for Researchers to Prepare Their Job Posting for Career Connects

Career Connects is an efficient way to promote active job listings to active students at MSVU. This online career and job posting portal for students means a higher number of qualified and diverse applicants will see your employment opportunity, such as a research assistant. Career services can also promote your listing on social media to reach as many applicants as possible.

For more information on how to create a job posting, see the attachment linked to this email.

NSERC Alliance Grants Information Session Recap

Attached to this email, there is a PDF version of the presentation that occurred last week. In this presentation, you will find Alliance's objectives, partner organizations, information surrounding the funding opportunity, and more. For any questions, please contact Shirine Jeradi at Shirine.jeradi@nserc-crsng.gc.ca or Fatine Loumrhari at Fatine.loumrhari@nserc-crsng.gc.ca.

MSVU's The Conversation Membership

We are excited to announce that MSVU is now a member of the publishing site, The Conversation. The Conversation Canada is a unique digital publication that combines academic and journalistic expertise – the result is a new style of journalism that also acts as a distinct form of knowledge mobilization. The Conversation Canada publishes in English and French and in 2021, its articles had more than 40 million views. The Research Office, the Library, and University Relations have formed a partnership for this initiative and following discussions with the CEO of The Conversation, Scott White, we have agreed to a 1-year trial membership. There will be training for faculty on how to best utilize the platform in the coming months.

Many of the funding partners of The Conversation say this form of public scholarship has helped raised the profile of academics, their research, and their universities among the general public, including those outside of their geographic region. The Conversation Canada has a large international readership in addition to its Canadian viewers.

For more information, visit <https://theconversation.com/ca>.

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute New Initiatives

For years, SICI's strategic plan has been focused on its commitment to excellence and service to its member institutions and stakeholders. The focus of the Institute has been to build stronger ties with the intellectual community of India and Canada which it has achieved by continuously working in partnership with governments of both countries, institutions of higher excellence, research and civil society organizations. All of it is built on the legacy of knowledge sharing and exchange, scholar's mobility and innovation which lies at the core of the Institute.

In the upcoming month, SICI plans to rollout new initiatives thereby expanding its scope, influence and impact. These initiatives are planned to offer tailor-made solutions for overall success and growth of the bi-lateral academic fraternity. SICI's new initiatives include the following:

- Short Term Virtual/In-Person Courses
- Advising and Consultation for Graduate Admissions
- Graduate Education Fairs-Virtual/In-Person
- Online Exam Centre for Universities/Institutions

For more information on these initiatives, [click here](#).

CIHR French Peer Review Opportunities

If you or someone you know can peer review applications in French, we hope you'll consider joining or nominating someone for the CIHR College of Reviewers.

All peer reviewers are welcome, but CIHR has a particular need for clinician scientists and experts in the following areas:

- Cancer
- Cardiovascular, respiratory and circulatory systems
- Digestive, endocrine and excretory systems
- Health services and systems
- Indigenous health
- Methods development and modelling
- Population and health

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

IT&S CYBERSECURITY TIPS

Whales Spotted on Campus!

No not Bedford Basin baleens, but [phishing emails](#) crafted to exploit our desire to please our leaders, bosses, and authority figures. [Whaling](#) is a scam where they impersonate someone you respect (the big fish) asking you to do a task, like buy a gift card, provide your cell number, or write a cheque. Recently, faculty received emails from “department chairs” requesting their cell number. Then, the scammers sent obnoxious texts demanding gift cards. The email address was from @icloud.com not @msvu.ca, so always check the message’s actual email address when getting unexpected emails from your professor, chair, dean, or supervisor. As well, scammers often impersonate the university president. You can learn more [on our whaling webpage](#). Please forward suspicious emails to phishing@msvu.ca.

Research Cybersecurity Courses

Industry Canada provides two free research cybersecurity courses called “Introduction to Research Security” and “Cyber Security for Researchers.” Each course has a duration of approximately 30 to 40 minutes, and at the end of each you can download a certificate of completion. You can access the courses on [the Industry Canada Safeguarding Your Research website](#).

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