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News & Events

Research and Innovation Guidance during COVID-19 Outbreak

Effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020, the University of Windsor moves to an essential service-only model. Staff in the following essential service areas will continue to provide in-person support:

- Student Health Services
- Campus Community Police
- Energy Conversion Centre
- Central Animal Care Facility
- Facility Services
- Food Services
- Financial Services
- Human Resources
- Information Technology Services
- Residence Services
- Senior Administration

All other staff will continue to provide services remotely.

Please find below links to information and updates relating to research and innovation during this unprecedented period.

- Lab Operations
- Animal Care
- Research Ethics
- Research Finance
- Research and Innovation Services
- Vice-President, Research and Innovation
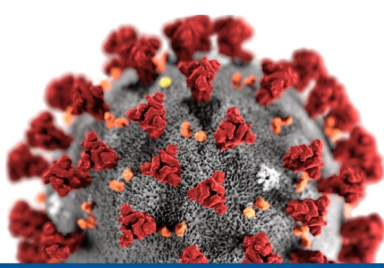- Funding Agency Information and Updates

The COVID-19 challenge is dynamic and the plans for research and innovation may need to be revised as the challenge changes. The University's Pandemic Planning Committee and the Executive Leadership Group are meeting regularly to monitor the situation. The University will continue to follow the leads of both the federal and the provincial public health agencies.

We encourage you to continue visiting the University's COVID-19 website for the latest news and developments.

ORIS support is available during the shift to essential services

The Office of Research and Innovation Services and the Office of the Vice President, Research and Innovation are open while staff work remotely. As the research community adjusts to the new situation due to the COVID-19

pandemic, we encourage you to contact us by email with any questions or needs you may have.

COVID-19 Information for Researchers

COVID-19 Research and Innovation Guidance

The latest updates from CIHR, NSERC, and SSHRC and other funding agencies are being posted to the VPRI website as they become available. The VPRI website will also be posting COVID-related funding opportunities.

All ORIS and OVPRI staff can be reached by email.

Plugging into Research newsletter to increase in frequency

The Office of Research and Innovation Services and the Office of the Vice President, Research and Innovation, are continually assessing the COVID-19 situation and will provide updates to the research community regarding impacts on the University's research operations. One way that we intend to do this is by increasing publication of this newsletter to twice a month. In addition, we encourage you to follow us on your preferred social media platforms.

ORIS form updates

ORIS currently accepts the ORIS form electronically. As scanning may be difficult for many, we have updated the form to allow digital signatures. We are working on a long-term solution for moving that form and the approval process online and will be reaching out to the research community in the coming months to seek testers of our new online grant and contract approval process. Please stay tuned.

In the meantime, we ask you to please remember to continue to complete your ORIS form 5 business days in advance of deadlines unless otherwise stated. Your assistance will allow staff to continue to provide everyone with a high level of service while adjusting to rapidly changing agency deadlines and the new reality of working from home.

Message from the Research Ethics Board

Dear Members of the Campus Research Community:

As the context for the COVID-19 situation is changing rapidly, the REB has updated its guidelines for all research involving human participants. The important criterion that needs to be borne in mind is social-distancing:

1. Research which is conducted on-line, does not require the research to be on campus, and does not require any travel by the research team or the research participants may continue;

2. All research which requires travel to campus or another site (even if only one person is travelling) must be suspended unless it meets the following criteria:
a) It is considered "essential" or "critical" as determined through consultation involving researchers and Departmental Heads or Institute Directors, and where appropriate,

Deans; and
b) If research requires travel, it can only be conducted with the approval of the Faculty Dean in writing;

3. All research requiring in-person interaction must be suspended. The REB advises revising in-person data collection methods to on-line through phone or on-line platforms, if possible, taking into consideration that these methods do not increase risks to participants;

4. The REB is reviewing research related to COVID-19 as rapidly as possible; please keep in touch with the REB Chair through ethics@uwindsor.ca;

5. For any research ethics related questions, please contact the Research Ethics Board Chair, Dr. Suzanne McMurphy through ethics@uwindsor.ca or by home phone: 519-736-8722 or cell: 226-346-1425.

Read more.

Postponed Events

These events have been temporarily postponed due to the recent COVID-19 outbreak:
- Celebration of Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity (Originally scheduled for March 25, 2020)
- The Budget: SSHRC Insight Grant Working Group (originally scheduled for April 21, 2020)
- Accessing & Using Data from the Statistics Canada Research Data Centre (originally scheduled for April 22, 2020)
- NSERC Alliance Information Session (Originally scheduled for April 23, 2020)
- Engineering Research Open House (Originally schedule for April 24, 2020)

FREE Online EDI Training during April!

As part of their COVID-19 response, the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion (CCDI) has opened up all of their April webinars to anyone who wishes to sign up. This is a great opportunity to learn more about how your lab can be responsive to EDI best practices. Taking these webinars can help you strengthen grants to the Tri-Agency and other funding organizations who are asking researchers to make their research environments more equitable, diverse, and inclusive. To sign up for a webinar, simply visit www.ccdi.ca/webinars, find the webinar of interest, and follow the steps to register.

Clarification for the RA Scholarship Form

In an effort to make Finance forms easier to fill in and streamline process, we have made improvements to the RA Scholarship Form. Please click here to access the new form. Prior to approving payment to an RA as a scholarship, please review the Guidelines. Please also note that this form no longer routes directly to Payroll, instead heading to Research Finance first. Payroll will no longer process the form without approval from Research Finance.

Funding Opportunities

Faculty Deadlines for Applications

Some Faculties have internal deadlines to secure the relevant signatures and to offer proposals the opportunity for peer review before they are submitted to the funding agency.
*Applicants from the Faculty of Education and FAHSS: By the "Application due Faculty"

deadline below, email to the relevant person (1) the rough copy of application, and (2) an ORIS form signed by you and your department head:

- Education: Glenn Rideout, cc. Mandy Turkalj
- Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (FAHSS): Brent Lee

Applicants from HK: By the "Application due Faculty" deadline below, email Cheri McGowan the rough copy of the application. Ask your department head and dean to sign your ORIS form before the ORIS deadline.

Applicants from Law: Two weeks before the ORIS deadline, email Laverne Jacobs (1) the rough copy of application, and (2) an ORIS form signed by you.

Applicants from other Faculties: Ask your department head and dean to sign your ORIS form before the ORIS deadline.

Submitting Grants/Contracts for Institutional Approval

The ORIS deadline is five (5) business days before the agency deadline unless otherwise stated. All applications for external funding must be submitted to ORIS accompanied by an ORIS Information Sheet and Checklist.

Read more
www.uwindsor.ca

New Frontiers in Research Fund - 2020 Horizon Global Platform

The New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) 2020 Horizon Global Platform will provide funding for Canadian researchers who are partners on successful projects funded through eligible calls under the EU's Horizon 2020.

NFRF 2020 Horizon Global Platform grants are valued up to $125,000 per year for up to four years (including 25% indirect costs). Funds should be used primarily to support the research activities and travel of Canadian participants.

A Canadian researcher or research team may submit one application per funded Horizon 2020 project. It is expected that the Canadian researcher or research team will be part of the larger Horizon 2020 research team that was awarded a grant. As such, the nominated principal investigator and/or their primary affiliation must be a signing partner on the Consortium Agreement for the Horizon 2020 project.

The list of Horizon 2020 calls that are eligible for the NFRF 2020 Horizon Global platform competition can be found here.

To apply for an NFRF 2020 Horizon Platform grant, Canadian participants on eligible Horizon 2020 calls must submit their registration form by February 27, 2020, or within 2 weeks of the Horizon 2020 deadline for their call, whichever is later.

The team must then submit a complete application within one month after notification of a successful outcome of the Horizon 2020 adjudication process.

EU H2020 Funding Database for finding research partners

For more information, please contact **Nicole Noel** at nnoel@uwindsor.ca or review the full program guidelines. Please note that the Convergence Portal which is used for submission of these grants **does not notify ORIS** of your submission. Contact Nicole Noel to ensure that your application is forwarded to the agency. Failure to do so could mean that your application is not submitted.

Tri-Agency Deadlines

Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships

- As a result of COVID-19's impact on priorities and capacity, the launch of the 2020 competition is postponed until **June 01, 2020**. The application deadline is to be confirmed.
- Candidates should **not** be PhD graduates from UWindsor.

NSERC CRSNG

Program Information in relation to COVID-19

NSERC continues to make adjustments to its operations as we monitor the evolution and impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). We will continue to support our grants, scholarships and awards recipients, as well applicants, peer reviewers and employees. The situation continues to evolve rapidly, and we will make further adjustments as needed.

The granting agencies recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic may affect your work, your ability to conduct and review research, and your ability to prepare and submit publications or grant and scholarship applications. We understand that some research could be jeopardized or slowed down; the preparation of research and financial reports may be delayed; and meetings, events, and travel plans may also be affected. The Agencies will continue to support the research community as we adapt to these challenges.

Over the coming days and weeks, we will provide program-by-program specific information as we continue to monitor and evaluate adjustments to program application deadlines and the reporting of due dates, as needed. These will be communicated through the NSERC website with regular updates. We will continue to make adjustments and put in place additional measures as necessary.

The information below will be updated on a regular basis. If you have any questions, please refer to NSERC's Contact Us page.

NSERC Alliance COVID-19 Grants

- Application Deadline: June 1, 2020
- up to $15 million in total support to stimulate collaborations to address pandemic-related research and technical challenges
- up to $50,000 for one-year projects is being made available immediately
- Partners do not need to provide cash contributions to participate, but must be engaged throughout the research process, from input in design to using the expertise and/or the research results.
- If you are looking to apply or have any questions, contact Sara Kenno.

NSERC Alliance Grants Option 2

- Intended for proposals which:
    1. conduct natural science or engineering research that addresses an unmet societal need
    2. connect organizations willing and able to overcome barriers to address these challenges and achieve results that can lead to a societal impact beyond economic benefits
- Accepting applications requesting over $30,000 up to $100,000 per year
- The meeting of the first review panel is postponed until June 2020.

NSERC CREATE Grant

- NSERC External deadline: June 1, 2020
    - See webpage for required documentation
- UWindsor Internal Competition deadline: April 27, 2020
- Internal Competition Requirements:
    - Summary of intended proposal (two page limit)

- Budget and justification (one page limit)
- List of internal/external people who will supply a letter of support
- ORIS form
- Contact [Sara Kenno](#) if you have any further questions.

[Science Communication Skills Grant](#)
- NSERC External deadline: June 15, 2020
  - See [webpage](#) for required documentation
- UWindsor Internal Competition deadline: May 4, 2020
- Internal Competition Requirements:
  - Summary of intended proposal (two page limit)
  - Budget and justification (one page limit)
  - List of internal/external people who will supply a letter of support
  - ORIS form
- Contact [Sara Kenno](#) if you have any further questions.

[Weston Brain Institute](#)– Alzheimer's (LOI due April 24), Parkinson's (LOI due June 4) and related diseases (Rapid Response and Transformational Grants). Please submit a draft of your LOI for review to [Ingrid Qemo](#) 1 week prior to deadline date.

[CIHR Planning & Dissemination Grants](#)
- To support planning activities, partnership development and/or increase understanding of health research landscape
- To support dissemination events/activities focusing on health research
- **UPDATE** - application deadline has been extended to April 14, 2020**
- Applications due to [Ingrid Qemo](#) April 7, 2020

[CIHR Catalyst Grants](#)
[1. Cannabis and Mental Health](#)
- Registration due April 4
- Application due May 20
[2. Health Effects of Vaping](#)
- Registration due April 22
- Application due June 17
- Please submit a draft of registration LOIs 1 week prior to deadline, and draft applications 2 weeks prior to deadline to [Ingrid Qemo](#)

[Physician's Services Ince (PSI) Foundation – COVID-19 Call](#)
- PSI invites all eligible clinician researchers to apply to this funding stream
- Rolling submission, however the Grants Committee will be completing a full review of grants in June – please submit application as soon as possible
- Please send a draft of proposal to [Ingrid Qemo](#) for review prior to submission

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[COVID-19: Impacts on SSHRC's Policies and Programs](#)
- Due to COVID-19, some deadlines are being revised. Learn more about the [impacts of COVID-19 on SSHRC's programs](#).

[Connection Grants: May 2020](#)
To support knowledge mobilization (dissemination and community outreach).
- NOI – As a courtesy, notify nwiebe@uwindsor.ca of intent to apply – March 2020
- Application due Faculty (see above) – March 27, 2020
- Application due ORIS – April 9, 2020
- Application due SSHRC – May 1, 2020, 4 PM [More info](#)

[Partnership Engage Grants: June 2020](#)
To conduct a one-year research project that will help a non-academic partner organization

address an important issue.
- NOI – As a courtesy, notify nwiebe@uwindsor.ca of intent to apply – April, 2020
- Application due Faculty (see above) – May 11, 2020
- Application due ORIS – May 25, 2020
- Application due SSHRC – June 15, 2020, 4 PM More info

Connection Grants: August 2020
- NOI – As a courtesy, notify nwiebe@uwindsor.ca of intent to apply – May 2020
- Application due Faculty (see above) – June 26, 2020
- Application due ORIS – July 10, 2020
- Application due SSHRC – July 31, 2020, 4 PM (due to August 1 Civic Holiday) More info

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships
- NOI from supervisors – As a courtesy, let nwiebe@uwindsor.ca and your AAU head know to expect an application – July 2020
- Application due Faculty from supervisors (see above) – August 10, 2020
- Application due ORIS from postdoc – August 24, 2020
- Application due SSHRC from postdoc – September 18, 2020 (anticipated) More info

Partnership Engage: September 2020
- NOI – As a courtesy, notify nwiebe@uwindsor.ca of intent to apply – June 2020
- Application due Faculty (see above) – August 11, 2020
- Application due ORIS – August 18, 2020
- Application due SSHRC –September 15, 2020, 4 PM More info

SSHRC Insight Grant 2020
A good fit for researchers who have held tenure(-track) positions for over 6 years, have strong publication records, and are seeking funding for ongoing programs of research.
- Insight Grant Workshops – More info
- NOI – As a courtesy, notify nwiebe@uwindsor.ca of intent to apply – August, 2020
- Application due Faculty (see above) – September 10, 2020
- Application due ORIS – September 24, 2020
- Application due SSHRC –October 15, 2020, 4 PM More info

SSHRC Partnership Grant 2020 – Stage 2 (by invitation only)
- NOI – As a courtesy, notify nwiebe@uwindsor.ca of intent to participate on application led by another university – August 2020
- Application documents due ORIS – September 17, 2020
- Application due SSHRC – October 29, 2020, 4 PM More info

Connection Grants: November 2020
- NOI – As a courtesy, notify nwiebe@uwindsor.ca of intent to apply –September 2020
- Application due Faculty (see above) – October 1, 2020
- Application due ORIS – October 16, 2020
- Application due SSHRC – November 1, 2020, 4 PM More info

SSHRC Partnership Engage: December 2020
- NOI – As a courtesy, notify nwiebe@uwindsor.ca of intent to apply – October 2020
- Application due Faculty (see above) – November 10, 2020
- Application due ORIS – November 24, 2020
- Application due SSHRC – December 15, 2020, 4 PM More info

SSHRC Partnership Development 2020
To support research and related activities with new and/or existing partner organizations (postsecondary, government, industry, not-for-profit).
- NOI – As a courtesy, notify nwiebe@uwindsor.ca of intent to apply – August 2020
- Application due Faculty (see above) – October 5, 2020
- Application due ORIS – October 19, 2020
- Application due SSHRC – November 15, 2020, 4 PM More info

[Connection Grants: February 2021](#)

- NOI – As a courtesy, notify nwiebe@uwindsor.ca of intent to apply – November 2020
- Application due Faculty (see above) – December 14, 2020
- Application due ORIS – January 5, 2021
- Application due SSHRC – February 1, 2021, 4 PM [More info](#)

[SSHRC Insight Development Grant 2021](#)

To support new research in its early stages; particularly well suited for [emerging scholars](#). Requires a [Canadian Common CV](#), which a significant time investment.

- NOI – As a courtesy, notify nwiebe@uwindsor.ca of intent to apply – September 2020
- Application due Faculty (see above) – December 14, 2020
- Application due ORIS – January 5, 2021
- Application due SSHRC – February 2, 2021, 4 PM [More info](#)

[SSHRC Partnership Grant 2021 – Stage 1](#)

To support large teams working in formal collaboration with postsecondary institutions and/or other partner organizations.

- NOI for UWindsor-led applications – Please notify nwiebe@uwindsor.ca of your intent to apply – June 2020
- NOI for interinstitutional applications – Co-applicants on proposals led by another university, please notify nwiebe@uwindsor.ca – November 2020
- UWindsor-led application due Faculty (see above) – January 4, 2021
- Application due ORIS – January 11, 2021
- Application due SSHRC – February 12, 2021, 4 PM (due to February 15 Family Day holiday) [More info](#)

Mitacs Post-Doctoral Fellowship Position

This position will involve conducting research to address the level of representation, equity, and inclusion of women as CEOs and Directors of Canadian transit systems.

- The PDF will work closely with the faculty mentor and Canadian Urban Transit Research and Innovation Consortium (CUTRIC)'s Research Project Manager and allied interdisciplinary staff (nationally) to examine gender parity in senior executive representation in Canadian transit systems.
- The PDF will employ a mixed methods, interdisciplinary approach that will include interviews, focus group consultation, survey data, and a comparative cohort of U.S. CEOs and directors of transit systems to investigate salary rates, level of education at time of appointment, level of industry experience at time of appointment, and level of political connection at the time of appointment, as well as other key variables developed through focus group exploratory analysis in order to gain a deep and rich understanding of gender parity in senior executive representation in transit systems.
- This work will guide the development of innovative and inclusive manners to address gender parity-related issues in the Canadian transit systems.

View the [posting](#) to learn more information and to apply.

Funding Agencies