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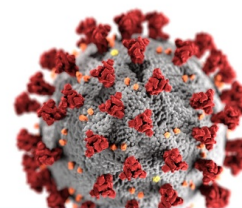


Research and Innovation COVID-19 FAQ

News & Events

Framework and Process for the Resumption of Research

Information on the UWindsor Framework for the Resumption of Research and the processes established for researchers planning to resume research activities are also available on on the [COVID-19 Research and Innovation Guidance](#) page of the OVPRI website. Please visit the site regularly for updates.



COVID-19 Information for Researchers

COVID-19 and the University Research Ethics Board and Animal Care Committee

The University of Windsor Research Ethics Board will continue to be available to researchers and study participants by email through the REB [mailbox](#) and by voicemail at the Office of Research Ethics 519-253-3000, ext. 3948. [Read more](#)

For animal care related inquiries, please contact John Hudson, Chair of the Animal Care Committee at jhudson@uwindsor.ca.

Cybersecurity Concerns in Relation to COVID-19 Research

There has been recent Russian cyber threat activity (hacking) in relation to COVID-19 research. We ask that all researchers be extra cautious of Phishing e-mails and to review some best practices available from IT: <http://uwindsor.ca/cybersecurity>. and ensure all who may have access to your research are well versed in cyber security.

If you have any further questions or queries in relation to cyber security, please contact IT Services.

Below are the links to the Communications Security Establishment and the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security.

<https://cse-cst.gc.ca/en/media/2020-07-16>

<https://blog.f-secure.com/covid-19-vaccines/>

The Canadian Security Establishment (CSE) and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service



(CSIS) said in the statement, on July 16, 2020 "that it is near certain that state sponsored actors have shifted their focus during the pandemic, and that Canadian intellectual property represents a valuable target". An alert in March on the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security website had warned that there is "an elevated level of risk to the cyber security of Canadian health organizations involved in the national response to the pandemic, including but not limited to medical research, manufacturing, distribution and policy-making organizations".

There is the added concern that many staff involved in such work are also working from home with computers having less sophisticated security systems and connected to the research mainframes through VPN's (virtual private networks). Housebound workers may be more vulnerable to spear-phishing efforts to collect sensitive COVID-19 research, or unwittingly install ransomware.



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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: [Kara Smith](#), 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.

2020 Call for Submissions: Undergraduate Research Experience Program

Looking to hire an undergrad for a research project? The Office of Research and

Innovation Services invites you to consider an application to its Undergraduate Research Experience (URE) program this summer. The Undergraduate Research Experience Grant is valued at **up to \$2,000**, and is intended to:

- develop student research **curiosity and skills** in critical and creative thinking, project management, and communication, which will enrich their subsequent academic and employment experiences
- provide **high-quality research experiences** to undergraduate students
- strengthen faculty research programs, particularly those situated in areas with few or no graduate students, by helping them to develop a **pool of well-trained undergraduate research assistants**
- establish **models and best practices** for supporting and expanding undergraduate research at the university and in the local community

Successful projects will prioritize undergraduate learning through research, inquiry, or creative activity, and will emphasize the involvement of students in all aspects of the project. To learn more about the Undergraduate Research Experience program, please [review the full guidelines online](#).

Submissions are due **August 10, 2020**.

PLEASE NOTE: URE submissions are paperless and set up for electronic signatures! Paper copies **cannot be accepted** at this time.

WE-SPARK Igniting Discovery Grants (with Cancer Research Stream)



The Igniting Discovery Grants will provide seed funding to stimulate the development of early-stage, novel, and innovative health research and education projects in Windsor-Essex. These projects may include studies related to emerging topics in health, addressing gaps, catalyzing new ideas, generating and disseminating knowledge, and sparking collaborations.

NOIs Due August 7, 2020 (Please email [Ingrid Qemo](#) if you need an extension on the NOI)

Full Applications Due September 4th, 2020 to [Ingrid Qemo](#)



Program Information in relation to COVID-19

NSERC continues to make adjustments to its operations as they monitor the evolution and impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The information below will be updated on a regular basis. If you have any questions, please refer to

NSERC's [Contact Us page](#).

NSERC Discovery Full Application

External deadline: November 2 2020 8 PM

Internal deadline: TBD – anticipate 4-6 weeks prior, all Faculty-level internal deadlines (if applicable) will be coordinated with ORIS internal deadlines.

LOI MUST have been submitted by August 4 2020 to be eligible to apply

The Discovery Grants program supports ongoing programs of research with long-term goals rather than a single short-term project or collection of projects. These grants recognize the creativity and innovation that are at the heart of all research advances. Discovery Grants are considered "grants in aid" of research, as they provide long-term operating funds and can facilitate access to funding from other programs but are not meant to support the full costs of a research program.

ORIS will be hosting an information webinar in the early fall to assist you with your application; Date TBD.
https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/professors-professeurs/grants-subs/dgigp-psigp_eng.asp

Discovery Grants COVID-19 Extension with Funds

To lessen the impact of COVID-19 and to support all of our researchers and highly qualified personnel, all grantees holding an active Discovery Grant as of April 2020 can elect to receive a one-year extension with funds at their current funding level. This one year extension with funds is available for the following programs: Discovery Grants, Discovery Grants – Subatomic Physics (Individual, Project and Major Resources), Discovery Grants – Northern Research Supplements and Discovery Development Grants.

Note: accepting this funded extension will automatically disqualify grantees from the 2021 Discovery Grants competition.

If you require further information, please contact NSERC at resgrant@nserc-crsng.gc.ca.

NSERC Discovery Grant Extension FAQs

NSERC Alliance Grants

- 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 [More info](#)

Trainee and staff COVID-19 salary supplement for NSERC grants

All eligible faculty should have recently received an email from NSERC asking whether they would like to receive supplemental funds for salary to cover work flow that may have been impacted between April 1 2020 and June 30 2020. In response to these emails, a number of questions have been raised regarding the eligible use of these funds. In response to these questions, NSERC is compiling a more comprehensive information sheet that can be used to determine how these funds should be used. ORIS will circulate this information as soon as it is received.

If you have any further questions about this supplemental, please contact your respective Research Coordinator ([Sara Kenno](#) for Engineering and HK or [Michelle Nevett](#) for Science and Business).

Alliance Resources to help Prepare an Application

NSERC PromoScience

External Deadline: September 15, 2020 8 PM

Internal deadline: 5 business days prior - Note: PIs submit directly to NSERC. Only 1 application per department is eligible so please contact your Research Coordinator to confirm your submission.

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.

NSERC Idea 2 Innovation

External Deadline: September 28, 2020 8 PM

Internal deadline: 5 business days prior

To accelerate the pre-competitive development of promising technology originating from

the university and college sector and promote its transfer to a new or established Canadian company. The I2I grants provide funding to college and university faculty members to support research and development projects with recognized technology transfer potential. This is achieved through defined phases by providing crucial assistance. Contact your Research Coordinator and Tina Suntres for more information and to coordinate your application.

NSERC Research Tools & Instruments

External Deadline: October 25, 2020 8 PM

Internal Deadline: TBD – anticipate a minimum of 2 – 4 weeks prior. all Faculty-level internal deadlines (if applicable) will be coordinated with ORIS internal deadlines.

Research Tools and Instruments (RTI) grants foster and enhance the discovery, innovation and training capability of university researchers in the natural sciences and engineering by supporting the purchase of research equipment.

OCE VIP-NSERC Partnership

Program open for applications from August 15, 2020

Learn More about the OCE- NSERC VIP Partnership



Impact of COVID-19 on strategic funding competitions

In response to the three-month moratorium on strategic funding opportunities, all posted deadlines are on hold until further notice. Over the coming weeks/months, updates will be made to each funding opportunity once new timelines are confirmed. Potential applicants are therefore asked to stand by and refrain from applying to

posted opportunities. A date of July 2, 2020 has been temporarily inserted and will be revised when more information becomes available.

For all information related to CIHR's response to the pandemic, please consult [CIHR's COVID-19 webpage](#).

For further information, please contact: [CIHR Contact Centre](#).

Update on the Spring 2020 Project Grant Competition

CIHR announced that it is reinstating the Spring 2020 Project Grant competition with revised timelines to adjudicate the competition over the summer. [Please see this announcement for more information.](#)



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](#).

UPDATED: SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis: Working in the Digital Economy

Grants will support the synthesis of existing research knowledge, and the identification of knowledge gaps, related to the SSHRC [priority area of Working in the Digital Economy](#).

- Program launch – July 15, 2020
- NOI – As a courtesy, notify nwiebe@uwindsor.ca of intent to apply – July 31, 2020
- Application due Faculty (see above) and ORIS – August 17, 2020
- Application due SSHRC – September 3, 2020, 4 PM

Partnership Engage: September 2020

Includes an opportunity for [COVID-19 projects](#).

- 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 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](#)

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.

SSHRC has **permanently changed** the application deadline for this program from October 15 to October 1. The following timelines have been revised accordingly.

- NOI – As a courtesy, notify nwiebe@uwindsor.ca of intent to apply – June, 2020
- Application due Faculty – August 27, 2020
- Application due ORIS – September 10, 2020
- Application due SSHRC – October 1, 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 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
- NOI for co-applicants on proposals led by other universities – September 15, 2020
- Application due Faculty (see above) – October 5, 2020
- Application due ORIS – October 15, 2020
- Application due SSHRC – November 16, 2020 [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](#)

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](#)

New Frontiers in Research Fund – Exploration

The goal of the Exploration stream is to inspire high-risk, high-reward and interdisciplinary research.



Value & Duration:

- Up to \$125,000 per year (including indirect costs)
- Up to two years

Deadlines:

- June-July - Please notify Nicole Noël (ORIS) of your intent to apply.
- August 14, 2020 - Notice of Intent - submit in Convergence Portal so that research coordinator Natasha Wiebe (ORIS) can forward to agency by August 18, 2020 deadline.
- September 8, 2020 - Faculty internal deadline. If your Faculty has an internal review deadline: Email the relevant person the (1) rough copy of application; and (2) ORIS form signed by your department head. Applicants from other Faculties: Ask the relevant people to sign your ORIS form before the deadline below.
- September 29, 2020 - ORIS deadline: Email Nicole Noël: (1) application; (2) ORIS form signed by you, your department head, and dean; and (3) supporting documents for any UWindsor cash/in-kind contributions.
- October 19 PM 4:00 EST* Full application due Nicole Noël (ORIS) for submission to agency by October 20.
- March 31, 2021 Results & grant start date

*Documents that are not received by ORIS deadlines may not be submitted by ORIS to the funding agency.

For more information:

- Read full program [guidelines](#)
- For updates, track this opportunity on [Pivot](#).



COVID-19 Funding Opportunities

Find funding opportunities related to COVID-19 and more on Pivot, a research funding database and more. Everyone with a UWindsor account has free access to Pivot. To register, visit the [Pivot](#) website, and log in using your institutional credentials.

Funding Agencies



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