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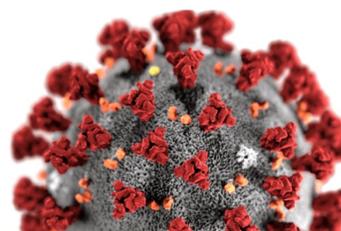
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News & Events

Updates on UWindsor Research and Innovation Guidance

The impact of COVID-19 is severe and dynamic as we all try to respond and adjust to the challenge the best we can. Please find below an update on research and innovation at the University of Windsor.

First and foremost, all our policies and actions must conform to the criteria of safety and physical distancing:



COVID-19 Information for Researchers

- 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;
- 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:
 - It is considered "Essential" as determined through consultation involving researchers and Departmental Heads or Institute Directors (or Deans where appropriate);
 - It has been approved as Essential by the Faculty Dean, and authorized for resumption as such by the Vice-President, Research and Innovation (VPRI);
 - COVID-19 research, in general, can proceed; however, any specific project needs to be approved as such by the Dean and the VPRI;
 - For designation as Essential, field research must provide satisfactory plans regarding travelling, field activities, participants, dates and schedules, emergency plans (e.g., regarding sickness), and where appropriate, approval by the hosting authority and/or community;
 - For designation as Essential, laboratory research must provide satisfactory plans regarding participants, dates and schedules, safety, physical-distancing, sanitization and disinfection of equipment and the laboratory; and
 - The details above must be updated and sent to the Dean when there are changes necessitated by circumstance; this information will be invaluable in the case of an emergency.
- Staff and students are not obligated to participate in any research activities should they deem that by doing so they would be subjecting themselves or their families to risks and have the rights to voice their concerns to the Dean; and
- Resumption of all other research activities can only occur after abatement of the impact of COVID-19 and on authorization of the President.

Please visit the [COVID-19 Research and Innovation Guidance page](#) on the Office of the VPRI website regularly for updates and information. In addition to guidance on research and innovation during the pandemic, the site also provides information and updates on changes to funding applications and timelines, funding opportunities for COVID-19

research, and community news.

We also 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 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](#).

Guidance on Research Personnel during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation (OVPRI) is continuing the appointment of grant-funded research personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we ask that supervisors carefully consider and use the upmost discretion when appointing new and/or reappointing existing research personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic, and wherever possible and appropriate; supervisors are asked to hold off on appointing new and/or reappointing existing research personnel until the pandemic has subsided and physical distancing measures have been lifted.

In the event that supervisors need to move forward with appointing new and/or reappointing existing research personnel, they should ensure that the appointee can work remotely, contributing to research that is conducted online, and does not require travel by the appointee or research participants.

Exceptions will be considered for "Essential" research, including COVID-19-related research. Guidelines for Essential research during the pandemic are available on the [COVID-19 Research and Innovation Guidance page](#) on the OVPRI website.

In some cases, it may be necessary to delay, cancel appointments that are currently underway, or rescind research appointments that have been issued but have not yet started. If you have questions relating to the delay, cancellation, or rescinding of research appointments, please contact Amy Taylor in the OVPRI at Amy.Taylor@uwindsor.ca.

Please contact Tracy McLeod, Human Resources Manager, in the Department of Human Resources at Tracy.McLeod@uwindsor.ca with questions relating to student research appointments.

Re-organization of Research Finance Personnel

To provide efficient and improved service to all the PIs on campus, Research Finance Accountants will manage all the grants by Faculty as follows:

Miguel Pebenito

miguelp@uwindsor.ca

Area of Responsibility: CFI projects; Faculty of Education; Odette School of Business; Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Science; Faculty of Graduate Studies; Schulich School of Medicines & Dentistry; Office of the President; Office of the Provost & Vice-President, Academic; Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation; Cross Border Institute; EPICentre

Paul Scobie

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Area of Responsibility: Faculty of Engineering; Faculty of Human Kinetics; Faculty of Law;

Phoebe Zheng

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Area of Responsibility: Faculty of Science; Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research; Institute for Diagnostic Imaging Research

Each PI will have a single point of contact for all grants regardless of funding agency/type. Your Project Manager's name and email contact information is provided in your monthly Statement of Account.

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 physical distancing:

1. All 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. 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:
 - It is considered "Essential" as determined through consultation involving researchers and Departmental Heads or Institute Directors, and where appropriate, Deans, approved by the Dean, and authorized by the Vice-President, Research and Innovation (VPRI) (see Continuation of Research during the COVID-19 Pandemic above); and
 - If Essential research requires travel, satisfactory plans regarding travelling, field activities, participants, dates and schedules, emergency plans (e.g., regarding sickness), and where appropriate, approval by the hosting authority and/or community, must be provided in writing to the Dean and updated regularly;
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.

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

[Read more](#)

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) in Research Policy

Equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) are fundamental elements of excellent research. To foster greater equity, diversity and inclusion at the University of Windsor, the Office of the Vice President Research and Innovation has created an ["Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Research" Policy](#) designed to demonstrate the UWindsor's commitment to EDI in research and provide guidance for researchers in the pursuit of research excellence.

Everyone with a UWindsor account has free access to Pivot. To register, visit the [Pivot](#) website, and log in using your institutional credentials.

Previously Awarded Grants Now Searchable in Pivot

Looking for potential research collaborators? Pivot now includes awarded grants in their database. Researchers can search for what kinds of projects funders have provided grants to, as well as how much money was provided. Canadian awards should be added soon. Currently the database contains awards from 35 international funders, including:

- US National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- US National Science Foundation
- Wellcome Trust (UK)
- Leading Australian, Irish, Finnish, Swedish, and Swiss funding sources

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.

[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 1, 2020**. The application deadline is to be confirmed.
- Candidates should **not** be PhD graduates from UWindsor.



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.



CIHR is continuing to closely monitor the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic and is taking the necessary actions to support and address impacts on our operations. 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. CIHR continues to monitor the situation closely. 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](#).

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.

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

CIHR Catalyst Grants

1. Cannabis and Mental Health

- **New - Registration due July 2, 2020

2. Health Effects of Vaping

- **New - Registration due July 2, 2020
- Please submit a draft of registration LOIs 1 week prior to deadline, and draft applications 2 weeks prior to deadline to [Ingrid Qemo](#)

CIHR Planning and Dissemination Grants

- **New – Application deadline July 2, 2020



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](#)

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.

[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.



[Mitacs Globalink Research Internship \(GRI\)](#)

The call for faculty proposals for the summer of 2021 is now open.

Professors can submit projects on <https://globalink.mitacs.ca/> until June 10, 2020, at 1 p.m. PT.

The Mitacs Globalink Research Internship is a competitive initiative for international undergraduates from the following countries and regions: Australia, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong SAR, India, Mexico, Tunisia, United Kingdom, USA, and Ukraine. From May to October of each year, top-ranked applicants participate in a 12-week research internship under the supervision of Canadian university faculty members in a variety of academic disciplines, from science, engineering and mathematics to the humanities and social sciences.

Submitting a project can be difficult in light of COVID-19. As a result, Mitacs is extending the call for Globalink projects by two weeks. The deadline for project submissions is now June 10, 2020, at 1 p.m. PT. If you have questions or experience technical difficulties, contact helpdesk@mitacs.ca.

