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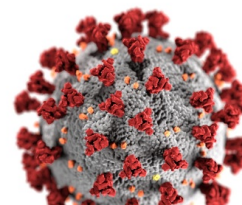


Research and Innovation COVID-19 FAQ

## News & Events

### Framework and Process for the Resumption of Research

The Research Planning Working Group and the Critical Research Committee, comprising representatives from Faculties, departments, and offices across our campus, have worked to develop a comprehensive framework and process for the resumption of research activities at the University of Windsor. The resulting [UWindsor Framework for the Resumption of Research](#) was approved by the University's Executive on May 29, 2020, and took effect on Monday, June 1, 2020.



COVID-19 Information for  
Researchers

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 the [COVID-19 Research and Innovation Guidance](#) page of the OVPRI website. Please visit the site regularly for updates.

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### 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](mailto:jhudson@uwindsor.ca).

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### JOB OPPORTUNITY: Business Development Specialist - UWindsor

Mitacs business development team members are the bridge between academia and industry. They spot opportunities and take action on behalf of Mitacs. They are at the forefront of marketing Mitacs programs to businesses and professors.

## 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.

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### 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.

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### Program Information in relation to COVID-19

N SERC 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 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](#)

Alliance Resources to help Prepare an Application

NSERC Discovery Grant Extension FAQs

### NSERC: Plastics Science for a Cleaner Future

Intended for proposals which:

- increase research capacity, as well as collaboration, to help close the gaps in our understanding of plastic pollution and its impacts
- generate new knowledge to support policy and decision-making related to plastic pollution, as well as to the objectives of the Canada-wide strategy on zero plastic waste

LOI Due July 8, 2020. Please notify [Sara Kenno](#) (Engineering) or [Michelle Nevett](#) (Science) of your intent to submit an LOI.

Click [here](#) for more information

### NSERC: Greenhouse Competitiveness and Innovation Initiative (GCII-phase 2)

The Ontario government is now accepting applications for **Greenhouse Competitiveness and Innovation Initiative (GCII- phase 2)**. There is up to \$4.5 million in funding available for new and innovative projects. The deadline has been extended until **July 23, 2020**.

Note that the projects must align with the following categories and objectives:

- **Production & Market Development:** Improve production efficiencies, diversify sector markets, and accelerate market access.
- **Biosecurity:** Improve the sector's biosecurity, resistance management and emergency preparedness.
- **Environment:** Improve the sector's environmental stewardship and sustainability.

Further details can be found in the [Program Guide](#) and at <https://adaptcouncil.org/program/gcii/gciiprogramsummary>.

Please notify [Michelle Nevett, ORIS](#) (Science and Business) OR [Sara Kenno, ORIS](#) (Engineering) if you are intending on applying.

### 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.

Grantees in the final funded year of their grant are part of the first yearly cohort to be offered the Discovery Grants COVID-19 extension with funds.

The list of grantees who have been offered a funded extension to begin April 2021 is currently in [GSAP](#) and named "*Eligible 1 YR Extension Funds - COVID-19 - 2021 - Extension de fonds eligible un an*". Eligible grantees will receive communication directly from NSERC today (draft attached for your convenience – please read carefully) explaining that they will be sent a system-generated email from NSERC. This system-generated email will prompt them to access a secure website where they can accept or decline the funded extension. The deadline to submit their response is **September 15, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. ET**.

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

Grantees that are eligible to begin an Early Career Researcher (ECR) extension with funds in April 2021, have been asked to accept that funded extension before accepting the Discovery Grants COVID-19 extension with funds. They will still have an opportunity to accept the COVID-19 extension with funds after their ECR extension with funds has been completed. This has already been communicated to ROG's and eligible ECR's. RGO's will receive official award notices of those who accept the COVID-19 extension with funds in the fall of 2020.

For more information, consult the [FAQ webpage](#) regarding this funded extension.

If you require further information, please contact NSERC at [resgrant@nserc-crsng.gc.ca](mailto:resgrant@nserc-crsng.gc.ca).



### 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](#).

**Mental Health and Substance Use Operating Grants (under development – expected to launch end of May/ beginning of June):** Funding to support implementation science and population-level intervention research to address the impacts of COVID-19 and containment measures on mental health and substance use. The operating grants are expected to be launched within a month after the launch of the knowledge synthesis grants.

### [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.](#)

### Operating Grant: COVID-19 Mental Health and Substance Use Service Needs and Delivery

Registration Deadline: June 18, 2020

Application Deadline: July 7, 2020

Aims to address specific mental health and/or substance use crisis response needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and/or the strategies to contain and mitigate its impact. This funding also aims to prepare the mental health and/or substance use health care systems for the COVID-19 post-pandemic future, including additional, unexpected crises.

#### Research Areas:

1. Understanding Rapid System Transformations
2. Developing Innovative Adaptions of Services and/or Delivery
3. Matching Access to Service with Needs

Please let [Ingrid Qemo](#) know if you will be placing in an application. Please send ORIS form and draft of application no later than June 30, 2020.

#### Planning and Dissemination Grants

##### **Application Deadline: July 2, 2020**

Intended to provide support for planning and/or dissemination activities consistent with the mandate of CIHR.

Events/Activities may focus on, but not limited to, some of the following:

- a. Conducting an environmental scan or preliminary synthesis of relevant literature, + activities
- b. Early stage planning to determine commercial viability of a discovery
- c. Opportunities for knowledge exchange involving stakeholders to inform practice, care, and/or policy that could lead to an application to a funding opportunity
- d. Education of groups (patients, health professionals, community organizations, policy makers)
- e. Development and knowledge translation of products/ tools

Please inform Ingrid Qemo if you are applying. Please send her an ORIS form and draft of application no later than June 25, 2020.

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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: August 2020

- NOI – As a courtesy, notify [nwiebe@uwindsor.ca](mailto: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 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](mailto:nwiebe@uwindsor.ca) of intent to apply – July 31, 2020
- Application due Faculty (see above) – August 5, 2020
- Application due ORIS – August 12, 2020
- Application due SSHRC – September 3, 2020, 4 PM [More info](#)

#### Partnership Engage: September 2020

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

- NOI – As a courtesy, notify [nwiebe@uwindsor.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](#)

### SSHRC Partnership Engage: December 2020

- NOI – As a courtesy, notify [nwiebe@uwindsor.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](#)

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### **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. Candidates should **not** be PhD graduates from UWindsor.

- EOI due ORIS – Candidate should email Expression of Interest (EOI) to [Ingrid Qemo](#) for CIHR, [Sara Kenno](#) for NSERC, or [Natasha Wiebe](#) for SSHRC – June 29, 2020
- Evaluation of EOI by UWindsor Graduate Executive – July 6-August 7, 2020
- Notification of EOI results – Mid August, 2020
- Application & supervisor statement due ORIS (if invited) – September 14, 2020
- Application due Banting - October 1, 2020 [More info](#)

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## **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 Noël at [nnoel@uwindsor.ca](mailto: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.

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### [Mitacs is Expanding its Support for Canadian Business](#)

Similar to the COVID-19 call, Mitacs recently launched enhanced 3:1 leveraging for SMEs to help improve access to our funding during these challenging times. These projects do not need to relate to COVID-19 – simply 'discounted' internships to help fast-track Canada's economic recovery.

Deadline to apply is July 1.  
Projects must start by August 31.

## **COVID-19 Funding Opportunities**

Find funding opportunities related to COVID-19 and more on Pivot, a research funding database and more. Everyone with

## Funding Agencies

