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Research and Innovation COVID-19 FAQ

## News & Events

### A Phased Resumption of UWindsor Research and Innovation

The University is finalizing a framework that will allow our research activities to resume in a phased and coordinated manner. This framework will be in sync with the roadmap provided by the provincial government and will reflect guidance provided by the Province and the Chief Medical Officer of Health on strategies for continued public and workplace health and safety. 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.

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### 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.

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### 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](#).

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### 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. Visit the [VPRI webpage](#) for more information.

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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).

## 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.



### 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.

### University of Windsor – SSHRC Exchange Grant - it's not just for conferences!

With academic conference travel on hold for at least the next few months, there are still ways to disseminate your Social Sciences and Humanities results and work with colleagues, user groups, and community stakeholders. Why not host a webinar? Prepare a digital performance? Create an infographic? Or even consult with the community to plan a new project? The UWT-SEG Exchange grant can also help you fund knowledge mobilization activities! With grants up to \$1000 available, an Exchange grant can help you offset costs like hiring a student, renting equipment, and more! We've created an [infographic of our own](#) to help you get to know the various ways that knowledge mobilization can help you give your research a social life. SSHRC also offers guidance on what [knowledge mobilization](#) is, as well as advice on [deploying it effectively](#).

Because knowledge mobilization can take so many forms, so can the expenses required to pull it off. We've suggested a few eligible expenses in our infographic, but a well-justified budget will be considered during adjudication if expenses are considered eligible by [UWindsor research policies](#). The full criteria for the UWT-SEG Exchange Grant can be [found online](#).

Knowledge mobilization can mean many different things, and the above resources aren't necessarily exhaustive. So, if you've got a great idea, why not take this opportunity to bring it to life?

## 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.



### 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 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.

## NSERC Discovery Grant Extension FAQs



### Impact of COVID-19 on strategic funding competitions

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](#).

### 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.

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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](#).

### [Partnership Engage Grants: June 2020](#)

To conduct a one-year research project that will help a non-academic partner organization

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

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

#### [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 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 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 – October 15, 2020
- Application due Faculty (see above) – November 12, 2020
- Application due ORIS – November 26, 2020
- Application due SSHRC – December 17, 2020, 4 PM

#### [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 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](#)

### [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](#)

### [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.



UWindsor applicants to Mitacs competitions should get in touch with Mitacs' Windsor representatives: [Katie Facecchia](#) or [Wilson Luo](#)

### Mitacs Research Training Internship

Are you a student interested in research? In partnership with Mitacs, the University of Windsor is pleased to announce that 100 new Research Training Internships will be made available to support undergraduate and graduate student stipends, valued at \$6,000 each. This is a rapid-response program designed to provide UWindsor students with paid research training opportunities.

To be eligible for this internship, the student applicant must be enrolled at the University of Windsor for the fall semester and not already be participating in another Mitacs-funded project. Students may only hold 1 internship application.

#### ELIGIBLE INTERNSHIPS WILL:

- Be supported by a faculty member eligible to hold Tri-Council funding
- Last 12-16 weeks
- Begin after June 1 and before August 31, 2020
- Build skillsets in project development, project management, communication, negotiation, and technical knowledge and expertise

#### HOW TO APPLY:

Students should work with a supervising faculty member to prepare their applications (found on the [ORIS website](#)), and submit them to the Dean of their faculty no later than Friday, May 29th at 4:30PM. Applications will be reviewed internally prior to being submitted to Mitacs. Should your application pass the internal review stage, students and faculty will be contacted directly by ORIS with regards to next steps. No internal ORIS form is required for this submission and eligible faculty members may support more than one internship position.

For more information about this opportunity, please see the attached information sheet and the application form on the ORIS website. Any additional questions can be directed to [Michelle Nevett](#).

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

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.

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](mailto:helpdesk@mitacs.ca).

### [Industrial Postdoctoral COVID-19 Funding](#)

In light of the current coronavirus pandemic, Mitacs is offering a one-time call for proposals to support postdoctoral fellows in helping Canada fight COVID-19 and support future economic recovery.

The new funding for postdoctoral fellows is available for one-year collaborative research projects between universities and industry or not-for-profit partners that demonstrate a strong benefit to Canada in battling COVID-19 and addressing its aftermath.

For a limited time to address the COVID-19 pandemic, eligible projects will be fast-tracked through the Mitacs approval process.

Additional financial support is available to small- to medium-sized enterprises (less than 500 employees) working to develop solutions to COVID-19. For a finite period, with a SME contribution of \$15,000, Mitacs will provide a total award of \$60,000 to cover the postdoctoral fellow's salary and associated research costs.

The deadline to apply for the special COVID-19 industrial postdoctoral fellowship incentives is up to May 15, 2020.

### [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.

## Funding Agencies



