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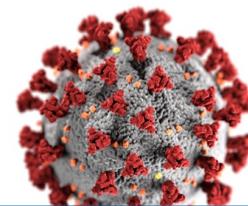
Research and Innovation COVID-19 FAQ

News & Events

Framework and Process for the Resumption of Research

On June 1, 2020 the University of Windsor implemented The Resumption of Research Framework to guide a phased approach to resuming research.

Under the Resumption of Research Framework, in-person face-to-face research with human participants is suspended until Research Phase 4. The document, Research with human participants under COVID19 restrictions outlines the process for researchers who wish to seek **an exception** to this stipulation and **resume, or initiate**, research with human participants that includes in-person, face-to-face data collection with planned, controlled and time-limited breach of physical distancing during Research Phase 2 or Phase 3. For more details, please click the document link above.
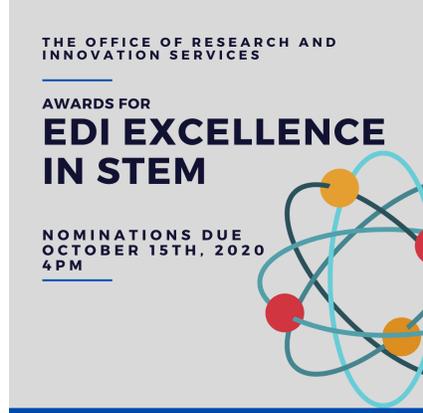
COVID-19 Information for Researchers

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

The University of Windsor Research Ethics Board is 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.

RSC is still meeting weekly on Thursdays and copies of all research resumption blank forms can be found here. Questions can be sent to RSC@uwindsor.ca

Call for Nominations for EDI Excellence in STEM Awards

The Office of Research and Innovation Services (ORIS) has created two awards valued at **$500** each to be given to two undergraduate or graduate students in a STEM-related discipline. These awards will recognize students who have demonstrated a dedication to and mastery of the principles of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Students can nominate themselves or their peers. Faculty are also invited to nominate students.

The award was created in lieu of a speaking fee for Lisa Willis of the University of Alberta, who gave a seminar titled "Writing Effective EDI Statements" to the University of Windsor community on Sept. 15.

Deadline for submission of nomination: **October 21, 2020 at 4pm**

Announcement of results: Week of **November 9th.** For more information and to complete the Nomination Form please visit here.

Call for Research Excellence Award Nominations

Each year, the Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation celebrates the outstanding achievements and contributions of University of Windsor faculty, students, and staff to research, scholarship, and creative activity through its Research Excellence Awards and by highlighting special awards and honours conferred upon our faculty by external organizations.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: The Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation is now accepting nominations for 2020 Awards for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity in the following categories:

- Outstanding Faculty Research Awards at the Emerging, Mid-Career, and Established Scholar Levels
- Outstanding Student Research Awards at the Undergraduate and Graduate Levels
- Outstanding Staff Research Award
- Outstanding Community Engagement, Knowledge Transfer and Knowledge Mobilization Award

CALL FOR NAMES: The Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation is also inviting the submission of names of faculty researchers who have been the recipients of special honours and awards conferred by external organizations for excellence in research, scholarship and creative activity or have been awarded patents for technologies they have developed in 2020.

The Vice-President, Research and Innovation will announce award recipients and give special recognition to recipients of external awards and honours, and awardees of patents at or before the official Celebration of Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity event in 2021 (date to be announced).

The deadline for submission of nominations for consideration in this year's competition is **November 15, 2020.**

Nomination dossiers should be submitted electronically in the format outlined in the Research Excellence Awards Nomination Guide to Amy.Taylor@uwindsor.ca no later than **11:59pm on November 15, 2020**. Please note that only nomination dossiers submitted in the prescribed format will be considered.

Names of faculty researchers who have received external awards and honours will be accepted until **11:59pm on January 31, 2021**.

Please see Awards for Excellence in Research, Scholarship & Creative Activity Nomination Guide for information on the Criteria, Eligibility & Award Categories, Process and Procedures, and Adjudication & Announcement for each nominee.

University of Windsor EPICentre Launches EPIC Founders Accelerating 2020s Program to Help Early Stage Startups

The University of Windsor EPICentre is excited to announce the launch of the EPIC Founders Accelerating 2020s Program. The four-month program is designed to help ventures at ideation stage or startups operating for 2 years or less to take their innovative ideas for a physical or digital product and craft it into a business that is prepared to drive change in the new economy. They will learn key skills, competencies and know-how on various topics. Participants can also expect to gain access to virtual workshops, 3D printers and other prototyping equipment. They will also have the opportunity to connect with EPICentre's network of entrepreneurs, community members and so much more.

This program is valued at over **$7,500** and is **100% free of cost** to all participants. This program strives to give all participants the competitive edge they need in order to succeed. **Applications are now open until October 15th, 2020.**

For more information, please visit here.

The **Automobility API (Academic Partnership Initiative)** is hosting their first virtual forum on **Friday, October 16th from 9:30am - 1:30pm** and invites interested faculty attend.

The University of Windsor and St. Clair College are supported by Windsor-Essex Economic Development Corporation. Together, they are supporting the regional drive towards Automobility and economic transformation. Automobility is the secure, zero-carbon movement of people and goods and services using advanced information technologies. This emerging area is critical to Windsor-Essex's long-term economic growth.

This forum will be a collaborative and inclusive session exploring how to best engage with innovative industry partners, funding and commercialization opportunities, and sustainable regional partnership that will allow Windsor-Essex to be the Automobility Capital of Canada.

Register on eventbrite here.

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.

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

LOI MUST have been submitted by August 4, 2020 to be eligible to apply
Deadlines (please see email sent by Sara Kenno on August 13 for more details):
1. **Faculty deadlines** (ORIS form and complete grant due to your dept head/dean):
- Human Kinetics – September 21
- Science, Engineering, Business – October 2
1. **ORIS Deadline** (with signed ORIS form and complete grant) – October 12 at 4 PM
2. **Final grant deadline in the portal** – press submit in the portal by October 30 at 8PM
3. Michelle or Sara will submit your application to NSERC by the**External NSERC deadline November 2 at 8 PM**

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.

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 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.

NSERC will also be hosting information webinars. For more information and to participate, click here.

OCE VIP-NSERC Alliance Partnership
Program open for applications from August 15, 2020

Learn more about the OCE-NSERC VIP Partnershiphere. There is a workshop on September 25 with representatives from OCE and NSERC to elaborate on the details of this program.

RTI
1. **Faculty deadlines** (ORIS form and complete grant due to your dept head/dean):
- Human Kinetics – September 18
- Science - September 28
- Engineering, Business – October 2
1. **ORIS Deadline** (with signed ORIS form and complete grant) – October 9 at 4 PM
2. **Final grant deadline in the portal** – press submit in the portal by October 23 at 8PM

Alliance-VIP program
This is a new joint program between NSERC and OCE which leverages**$20k - $30k** (minimum 50% cash) from for-profit SMEs to provide matching funds through both of the

respective Alliance and VIP programs. These projects are 1 year in duration with a maximum budget of $90k. This program has no deadlines but does have a set annual budget.

Please contact your Research Coordinator for more information regarding this program and how to apply.

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.

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.

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

SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis: Mobility and Public Transit: December 2020
- EOI – As a courtesy, notify nwiebe@uwindsor.ca – October, 2020
- Application due Faculty (see above) – November 12, 2020
- Application due ORIS – November 26, 2020

- Application due SSHRC – December 17, 2020 [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.

New Frontiers in Research Fund
Fonds Nouvelles frontières en recherche

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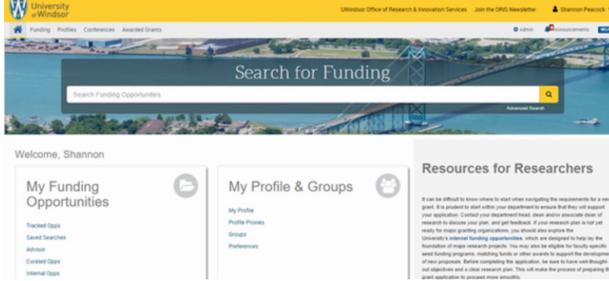
For more information:
- Read full program [guidelines](#)
- For updates, track this opportunity on [Pivot](#).

New User Interface for Pivot-RP

On September 9ᵗʰ Pivot-RP launched a new user interface that upgraded the overall look and feel of the platform. The new design can be viewed on any device and is accessible for all users.

To check out the new website you can log in with your UWindsor credentials [here](#).

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