

University Delegates (UD) Meeting Minutes October 8, 2021

1. Fall 2021 Project Grant Competition Update

Application Deadline: September 15, 2021

Peer Review Committee Meetings: November 16 – December 16, 2021 (virtual)

Release of Notice of Recommendation (NOR): January 19, 2022

Anticipated Notice of Decision (NOD): February 2, 2022

Funding Start Date: April 1, 2022

Upcoming CIHR Information webinars:

Fall 2021 Project Grant Webinar (one English, one French) October 21, 2021

2. Spring 2022 Project Grant Competition

Registration Deadline: **February 9, 2022**

Application Deadline: **March 9, 2022**

Anticipated Notice of Decision (NOD): July 14, 2022

Funding Start Date: October 1, 2022

Webinars for Applicants to provide training and information for Project grant submission will be held in Spring 2022

3. Analysis of On-line Peer Review

In March 2020, COVID-19 forced the move of Project Grant competition peer review to an on-line virtual platform which best mirrored the face-to-face process.

The first virtual peer review was held in August 2020 using MS Teams and newly developed ResearchNet based tools for scoring. The process was very well received. The Fall 2021 competition will be the fourth iteration of online review. Peer review will be online for the Spring 2022 competition.

While committee members are satisfied with the format, they are split on their preference for face-to-face versus virtual/hybrid review for reasons ranging from ease of discussion to greater ability to participate when no travel is involved.

CIHR will continue to work with the community on its approach going forward. We will commit to studying differences between the face-to-face and the virtual processes from a quality of review perspective.

Reminder: ResearchNet keeps a list of current funding opportunities. [ResearchNet - RechercheNet](#)