

## University Delegates (UD) Meeting Minutes January 13, 2022

### 1. CIHR Updates

CIHR is aware of the many challenges that researchers and their teams are experiencing due to the pandemic. CIHR has been carefully considering the need for extension of deadlines. If any extensions to application deadlines are granted, the information will be distributed widely. Please contact [eileen.denovan-wright@dal.ca](mailto:eileen.denovan-wright@dal.ca) if you have any questions.

### 2. Fall 2021 Project Grant Competition Update

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

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

Funding Start Date: April 1, 2022

### 3. 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.

### 4. Information on Reviewer in Training Program

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is pleased to announce the launch of the Reviewer in Training (RiT) program for the Spring 2022 Project Grant competition. <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/52291.html>

The RiT program offers Early Career Researchers (ECRs) a learning opportunity to gain a better understanding of the elements of high-quality review and the peer review process through direct participation in the Project Grant competition with the support of a Mentor. RiT participants will be assigned up to three applications to conduct practice reviews, attend the peer review meeting, present one of their reviews, and participate in the committee meeting. Following completion of the RiT program, participants will be promoted within CIHR's Reviewer Pathway and are expected to participate in peer review when requested and available to do so.

The application period for the RiT program opens on January 10th, 2022 and closes on February 4th, 2022. Please promote this opportunity for ECRs within your networks and institutions.

If you have any questions, please contact [college@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:college@cihr-irsc.gc.ca)

### 5. Tri-Agency Grants Management Solution Update

The three federal granting agencies, CIHR, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) have embarked on an initiative to modernize their grants management system to better support external and internal stakeholders during the grants management lifecycle. With this initiative, the aim is to create a single solution for all three Agencies that meets the standards of excellence expected by researchers and that is a more efficient and user-friendly solution for Tri-Agency staff. The TGMS Secretariat has been conducting consultations with stakeholders and has identified that the CV management process/data needs are less understood. The TGMS team will engage with the University Delegates network on this topic over the next month. More consultations will follow.

## **6. WHO Joint Statement on Public Disclosure of Results from Clinical Trials**

On October 28, 2020, CIHR formally signed on to the WHO Joint Statement on Public Disclosure of Results from Clinical Trials affirming its commitment to improving clinical trial transparency and reducing publication biases in the Canadian health research enterprise. As a signatory, CIHR has committed to developing and implementing a policy guide with mandated timeframes for when researchers would need to register prospective CIHR-funded clinical trials and disclose publicly the results of those trials.

The following new requirements apply to all clinical trials funded on or after December 1, 2021:

- Publications describing clinical trial results must be open access from the date of publication (pushing beyond CIHR's current requirement for open access within 12 months of publication);
- Summary results must be publicly available within 12 months from the last visit of the last participant; and,
- All study publications must include the registration number.

The implementation of this policy statement affirms CIHR's commitment to clinical trial transparency and rigorous policy compliance monitoring and is an important jumping off point for ambitious work to come in the open science space, including the promotion of FAIR and CARE principles for research data. Compliance with these requirements will be tied to funding eligibility for Nominated Principal Investigators (NPIs). The process for monitoring and reporting on compliance data will be further developed in the coming months and annual reporting will begin in 2022.

CIHR commits to promote and share the policy guide with the UD network, when available. Please direct comments or inquiries to Amanda Crupi, Manager, Science Policy at [amanda.crupi@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:amanda.crupi@cihr-irsc.gc.ca)

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