

University Delegates (UD) Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2023

1. From CIHR

“Please be advised that the Canadian Institutes of Health Research is now including a [letter](#) to applicants on **enhancing Canada’s research security** alongside the decision documents posted on ResearchNet, for all competitions going forward. The letter is intended to notify researchers and institutions of new research security measures that are being developed following the February 14, 2023 [Tri-ministerial statement on protecting Canada’s research](#). The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada have also provided applicants with a similar letter.

Note that these new measures have not yet been implemented. Clear guidance will be provided by the Government of Canada in the coming months to ensure that the research community can appropriately comply with these new measures once they are implemented. Additional context on these letters, as well as responses to potential questions, is provided in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), which have been appended to the letters.

For any additional questions, please contact support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.”

2. From CIHR

“The Association of Canadian Early Career Health Researchers ([ACECHR](#)) is a group of early career health researchers advocating for funding policies that would promote a sustainable research workforce and invest in future discovery and innovation in health research in Canada.

ACECHR is conducting a survey to gain a better understanding of the characteristics and experiences of early career health researchers in Canada, particularly during the first 2 years of the pandemic. You must be within **7 years of your first independent appointment, excluding any leaves**, to take the survey. The survey should take ~10 minutes to answer.

SURVEY LINK: <https://survey.upei.ca/index.php/546559?lang=en>

The link will be open until May 28, 2023. Please share this widely with early career health researchers in Canada.

We firmly believe that the results of our survey will help Canadian agencies and the broader scientific community to better focus our efforts in the equitable treatment of Canadian health early career researchers, ultimately leading to a strong Canadian research ecosystem and more effective, efficient, patient-centered healthcare in Canada and beyond.”

3. MockReview Toolkit

CIHR has developed a tool to simulate peer review in CIHR Project Grant competitions. It is designed to 1) help researchers develop and improve peer review skills, 2) raise awareness around CIHR peer review, and 3) have trainees and ECRs experience a peer review committee.

Check out the [Link](#) for tools and Quick start guides.

- Facilitators can meet with the College of Reviewers to discuss requirements and select a simulation type
- Simulations are flexible and simulation parameters can be modified based on requirements
- Upon request, the College can develop a quick start guide with pre-selected resources to fit requirements
- The College is available to assist and answer questions throughout the planning process
- Institutions can opt to have the College attend the simulation as an observer

4. **Project Grant Competition Update** Spring 2023 Project Grant Competition

Application Deadline:	March 8, 2023
Anticipated Notice of Recommendation (NOR):	July 6, 2022
Anticipated Notice of Decision (NOD):	July 20, 2022
Funding Start Date:	October 1, 2022

Fall competition Registration	August 17, 2023
Fall Application Deadline	September 20, 2023

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