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WEB CONFERENCING FOR THE SPRING 2020 PROJECT GRANT COMPETITION

Message from Adrian Mota, Associate Vice-President of Research Programs

Dear colleagues,

As work is now well under way for the delivery of the Spring 2020 Project Grant competition, we would like to provide an update regarding our plans to use web conferencing to facilitate peer review committee meetings in lieu of in-person meetings.

While in-person peer review remains CIHR's standard, it is not a viable option at this time given the current travel restrictions, short timelines and physical distancing measures in place. So, while the peer review process for the Project Grant program will remain the same (e.g., reviewers will indicate their ability to review and any conflicts, they will submit preliminary scores and written reviews for their assigned applications remotely), the in-person meeting component will move online. This means that the discussions will now take place via live web conferencing, but we are working to ensure that the process for the meeting will otherwise remain as close to normal as possible.

[Read the full message from Adrian Mota](#)



UPDATE

Spring 2020 Observer Program

CIHR reinstated the Spring 2020 Project Grant competition with revised timelines to adjudicate the competition over the summer using video conference panels. As a result, and due to our current context, our team is focused squarely on the delivery of the peer review process for this competition. Unfortunately, this means that we will not be offering the Observer Program this summer.

This was a difficult decision as this program is highly valued by CIHR and the research community. It is our intention to offer the program as part of the Fall 2020 competition, however, so details will be available shortly.



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