

CIHR UD Meeting (Webcast) October 3, 2019

Hello everyone,

The October CIHR-UD meeting was held by webcast on October 3, 2019. Here are the highlights.

CIHR Updates (Pierre Cote/Kelly Taylor)

Implementation of the Application Administration Guide (AAG) - New guide will go live on CIHR website on November 12. [Webinars](#) on the process will begin in November focused on application processes.

Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration (TAGFA) - will be ready this fall. CIHR is developing training materials for use of the guide. A working group will be active from now until March 2020 and the anticipated release of the guide is April 2020. There will be engagement with CARA to introduce the guide and collect input on materials and implementation.

Limited communication during federal election campaign - CIHR has limits on public-facing communications activities during the election period, so there will be no large investments, policy decisions, or program creation. Further activities will resume when the new Minister of Health is appointed.

UDEC meeting face to face will be Nov 5. There will be an update on Foundation transition, official language and strategic plans, CCV, College of Reviewers, and triagency materials. CIHR has not yet received the open letter regarding the CCV but will prepare a response once they get this.

UD questions regarding the health research summit in December could not be answered by CIHR staff. It will be an invitation-only event and the location is not yet determined. Invitees are not yet identified, and the agenda is not yet set. This will be vetted through the UDEC group.

Program Updates

Project Grants – 2211 applications were received which is 200-300 lower than recent competitions. There was an extension granted to applicants in Eastern Canada affected by Hurricane Dorian. There are now 58 review committees and about 900 reviewers engaged in the review of these grants. Committee meetings will take place from Nov 23 to Dec 12. Notice of Decision will be released on Jan 22, 2020. UD asked whether the decrease in application pressure by around 10% will affect the success rate or budget cuts. CIHR response indicated there may be an increase in success rate anticipated but that budget cuts are still in play for this round.

UDs continue to express their concerns about the CCV and the quota system for CGS-D graduate scholarships. CIHR is looking into all of these concerns.

Priority Funding Decisions

Doctoral Research Award: CGS-D to Honour Nelson Mandela (201810HMD)

2/10 applications funded (\$210,000/3 y)

Canada Graduate Scholarships- Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements (201906FSS)

16/16 applications funded (\$95,700/1 y)

DSEN Team Grants: MAGIC and CAN-AIM (201904DMC)

2/2 applications funded (\$6,749,258/4 y)

CIHR- ICR / Cancer Research Society Partnership - Research Grants (201902CRP)

16/16 applications funded (\$956,129/2 y)

Betty Havens Prize (201907BET)

1/6 applications funded (\$20,000/1 y)

ME Network Catalyst Grant (201905MNC)

1/1 application funded (\$1,400,000/6 y)

Next CIHR-UD meeting is on November 7, 2019. Bye for now!!

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