Funding Opportunities COVID-19

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Current Competitions:

Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) – Exceptional Opportunities Fund – COVID-19 competition


This competition will support urgent infrastructure needs for ongoing research from all disciplines related to COVID-19.

Fund details:

- Available funds from CFI: $25M
- Applications may request $200,000 - $1.5M from CFI
- CFI will support 100% of costs; matching funds are not required, but encouraged
- Applications will be accepted June 1 – June 15, until requests reach $31.25M at which time the competition will close. Researchers are strongly encouraged to submit by June 1

Please contact Shelley Brown (shelley.brown@dal.ca) to indicate your intent to apply and for any questions.

DND IDEaS COVID-19 Challenge Launch


Deadline: Applications accepted until June 23, 2020

As part of the larger pan-government response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security (IDEaS) program is participating in a multi-departmental initiative seeking innovative solutions to help in the fight. In support of members of the Canadian Armed Forces and the public safety community, these challenges were designed to strengthen Canada's ability to anticipate, prepare for, and respond to future pandemics, as well as other emergencies such as natural disasters or terrorist attacks. The below challenges are focused on improving disease tracking and likely exposure to COVID-19 using data analytics as well as making sure those on the front lines have a safe operating environment through a combination of better decontamination technology and improved personal protective equipment.

The following challenges are now available:

- Rapid response: Real-time insights for pandemic decision-making
- Scrubbing your scrubs: Finding ways to re-use Covid-19 protective gear
- Super sanitize: Cleaning sensitive equipment and workspaces
NSERC Alliance COVID-19 grants


Deadline: Applications accepted until June 1, 2020

NSERC is providing up to $15 million in total support to stimulate collaborations between academic researchers and the public and not-for-profit sectors, and industry to address pandemic-related research and technical challenges. Support for up to $50,000 for one-year projects is being made available immediately.

SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants: COVID-19 Special Initiative


Deadline: June 15 and September 15, 2020

The PEG COVID-19 Special Initiative provides short-term and timely support for small-scale, stakeholder-driven partnerships through Partnership Engage Grants (PEG). This Special Initiative will allow researchers and their partners the possibility to address urgent and specific needs, as well as challenges or opportunities through collaborations. It will also provide a unique opportunity to foster knowledge exchange between postsecondary researchers and different sectors of society while including students, PhDs, PDFs and other HQPs on the COVID-19 crisis related issues, challenges and impacts.

SSHRC is committed to investing up to $1.5 M over the next two PEG competitions to support COVID-19 related projects. Grants are valued at a maximum amount of $25K per project for duration of one year.

National Research Council Canada COVID-19 Research


Deadline: on-going

For those interested in The COVID-19 Challenges Procurement Program: NRC Industrial Research Assistance Program and Innovative Solutions Canada, please contact Annette Rushton, Manager, Life and Health Sciences, Dalhousie Industry Liaison and Innovation (annette.rushton@dal.ca).

Researchers interested in The Pandemic Response Challenge Program, are encouraged to register to receive more information by clicking the Register button available on the webpage.
American Lung Association: COVID-19 and Emerging Respiratory Viruses Research Award


Deadline: **May 30, 2020**

The Lung Association is interested in applications that address the following types of clinical, basic, translational, and population health questions:

- A new understanding of the basic biology of respiratory viruses that could lead to better treatment and prevention
- Development of novel therapeutics and vaccines
- Understanding host factors that alter response to these infections
- Understanding individual, regional, or social factors increasing or decreasing community spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses
- Case tracking and epidemiological approaches to understanding COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses

**Fast Grants** (currently not accepting applications, but may re-open when more funding is available)

https://fastgrants.org

Deadline: **rolling**, with response of review within 48 hrs

Available Funding: $10,000 - $500,000 to be used solely to expedite COVID-19 related science

Eligibility: PIs at an academic institution already working on a project that could help with the COVID-19 pandemic within the next 6 months
Search Tools:

InfoEd Global (SPIN) - COVID-19/Coronavirus Resources

Database updates are posted each day at 7:00 EST
InfoEd Global is sharing a library of COVID-19 funding opportunities and resources.

Frontiers: Coronavirus Funding Monitor
https://coronavirus.frontiersin.org/covid-19-research-funding-monitor

A curated list of open funding calls and other support for researchers, non-profit organizations and commercial organizations, specifically for COVID-19 and coronavirus-related research. Updated daily. In collaboration with Funding Institutional, Open Pharma, Science Europe.

Crowdhelix
https://network.crowdhelix.com/covid-19

UK-based open innovation network Crowdhelix, in partnership with Science|Business, has launched a free service to help COVID-19 researchers connect with one another across the globe and find funding opportunities.
Updates:

**Tri-Agency and CFI**

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/51917.html

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)

https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Media-Media/NewsDetail-DetailNouvelles_eng.asp?ID=1139

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)


Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)


**NIH Covid-19-related guidance and information**


The US National Institutes of Health (NIH) has developed a webpage with updates and other COVID-19-related information for NIH applicants and recipients of NIH funding. The website includes information on proposal submission and award management, an FAQ section, and a list of funding opportunities specific to COVID-19.