Happy New Year from the staff at the Office of Research. We hope you have a prosperous 2015, full of successful grant applications and research activities!

The Office of Research is ushering in the New Year with a spruced-up website. Watch for its release next month.

Research news from SSHRC

Knowledge Synthesis 2015
Knowledge Synthesis Grants are intended to support the synthesis of existing research knowledge and the identification of knowledge gaps. This call for proposals is particularly focused on the state of research knowledge emerging over the past 10 years. **Internal deadline: February 12, 2015. Read more.**

Institutional Grants
The University’s current SSHRC Institutional Grant funding ends March 31, 2015. Funding was fully allocated as of the November 1, 2014 competitions. The University will be informed in June if its latest application for new funding has been accepted. [Read more.](#)

Storytellers contest
SSHRC has launched its third annual Storytellers contest, challenging postsecondary students to show Canadians how social sciences and humanities research affects our lives, our world and our future prosperity. The students’ task is to tell the story (in three minutes or 300 words) of a SSHRC-funded research project taking place at their institution. **Submission period: January 5-30, 2015. Read more.**

Research news from NSERC

Engage Grants and Engage Plus Grants
NSERC Engage Grants support short-term research and development projects aimed at addressing a company-specific problem in the natural sciences and engineering. Engage Plus grants support further developments from an ongoing or recently completed Engage Grant project, or help a project continue while researchers seek longer-term support. **Open deadline.**

Research news from CIHR

Environments, Genes and Chronic Disease program
This wide-ranging funding program is sponsored by CIHR’s Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes, Institute of Aging, Institute of Human Development, Child Youth and Health, and the Institute of Infection and Immunity, in partnership with the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology, Crohn’s and Colitis Canada, Cystic Fibrosis Canada,
the Heart and Stroke Foundation, and the Kidney Foundation of Canada. **Deadline for letter of intent to sponsor directly: January 20, 2015.** [Read more.](#)

**Industry-Partnered Collaborative Research Operating Grant**
The Industry-Partnered Collaborative Research Operating Grant program provides funding for collaborative research projects involving the academic community and Canadian industry partners sharing an interest in health research and development. The research should be designed to improve the quality of health of Canadians. **Registration deadline to sponsor directly: February 2, 2015.** [Read more.](#)

**Planning and dissemination grants**
CIHR planning and dissemination grants provide support for planning and dissemination activities consistent with the mandate of CIHR, and relevant to CIHR institutes, initiatives, or the Chief Scientific Officer Community Outreach Fund. CIHR integrates research through a unique interdisciplinary structure made up of 13 virtual institutes. **Internal deadline: February 9, 2015.** [Read more.](#)

**Burroughs Wellcome research opportunities**

**Collaborative research travel grants**
Collaborative research grants support research travel to a domestic or international lab to acquire a new research technique, or to facilitate collaboration. Postdoctoral Fellows or faculty who hold a PhD in mathematics, physics, chemistry, computer science, or engineering are eligible. Applicants must be interested in investigating research opportunities in the biological sciences. **Internal deadline: January 26, 2015.** [Read more.](#)

**Career guidance for trainees**
The Career Guidance for Trainees institutional award provides support for projects that improve trainees’ readiness for stable, fulfilling careers and that have potential for being affordably deployed at a larger scale. Proposals involving partnerships between institutions or organizations are encouraged, but those not involving partnerships are also invited. **Internal deadline: March 9, 2015.** [Read more.](#)

**Agri-food commercialization and competitiveness research support**
The Gryphons’ LAAIR (Leading to Accelerated Adoption of Innovative Research) Funding Program is accepting applications to support innovative projects that will accelerate the commercialization of new products and services designed to improve the competitiveness of the Ontario agri-food and rural economy. **Applications due March 10, 2015.** [Read more.](#)

**Connecting green energy and agriculture for developing countries**
Powering Agriculture: An Energy Grand Challenge for Development seeks proposals for innovative technologies and business models at the intersection of clean energy and agriculture in developing countries. This program supports new and sustainable approaches to accelerate the development and deployment of clean energy solutions that increase agriculture productivity and value. **Internal deadline: January 29, 2015.** [Read more.](#)

**Sheep marketing agency invites research proposals**
Research proposals are invited from the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency that drive competitiveness and profitability in the sheep industry. These are the agency’s priority areas: animal health, nutrition and marketing; product quality and economics; genetics; reproduction and production systems; environment; food safety; and animal welfare. **LOI deadline to sponsor directly: January 30, 2015.** [Read more.](#)
Heritage and culture research for Nova Scotians

The Nova Scotia Museum Research Grant Program supports research that improves Nova Scotians' understanding of heritage, or offer a different interpretation of the province's cultural history. **Internal deadline: January 27, 2015.**

Especially for students: Challenges facing the energy sector

The David McFadden Energy Entrepreneur Challenge invites university and college students from across Ontario to address challenges facing the energy sector. Up to 10 finalists will be selected to pitch their idea at OCE's Discovery trade show and conference April 27-28, 2015. The theme for this year’s Energy Entrepreneur Challenge is “Meeting the Energy Challenge of Remote Communities.” **Entry deadline: February 3, 2015.**

Support for Canada-Brazil research studies

The Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada offers the Canada-Brazil Awards (Joint Research Projects) to support team-oriented research projects between Canadian and Brazilian universities in key areas of mutual cooperation. The Canada-Brazil Awards (Joint Research Projects) provide scholarships for exchanges of researchers and graduate students involved in reciprocal, team-based research projects. **Internal deadlines: February 2 and 17, 2015.**

Reminders

**Working with deadlines**
The Office of Research Services strives to help ensure the accuracy, completeness, and compliance with sponsor/University policies for research submissions, providing feedback prior to submission. Researchers are to submit complete, final versions of proposals by the posted internal deadlines. For more information, refer to guidelines on minimum processing times. For proposals prepared using the sponsor's online system (including but not limited to CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC, OMAFRA), submit proposals online and OR-5 forms at the same time, by the posted internal deadline.

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