NSERC funding news

**Discovery Grants Program supports ongoing programs**
NSERC Discovery Grants recognize the creativity and innovation that are at the heart of all research advances. Recipients of Discovery Grants are not restricted to the specific activities described in their applications, but may pursue new research interests, provided they are within NSERC’s mandate. This provides researchers with the flexibility to pursue promising research avenues as they emerge and the opportunity to address higher-risk (higher reward) topics. **External deadline to sponsor: August 3, 2015. Read more.**

**Connect Grants cover three former grants**
As of April 1, 2015, the three NSERC grants formerly known as Interaction, Regional Opportunities fund and Partnership Workshops were combined into one grant called Connect. Connect Grants provide targeted financial support to encourage post-secondary researchers at universities and/or colleges to connect with industry and other knowledge end-user communities in order to form new partnerships. **Internal deadline: One week prior to application submission to NSERC. Read more.**

**NSERC Research Tools and Instruments 2016**
Research Tools and Instruments (RTI) grants foster and enhance the discovery, innovation and training capability of university researchers in the natural sciences and engineering by supporting the purchase of research equipment. The RTI Grants Program provides the primary avenue to obtain up to $150,000 in support for research tools and instruments with a total net cost between $7,001 and $250,000 (excluding taxes, shipping and handling). **Colleges to specify internal deadlines. Read more.**

**Of interest to subatomic physics researchers**
The Subatomic Physics MRS Program facilitates the effective access of Canadian researchers working in subatomic physics to major and unique national or Canadian-based international experimental or thematic research resources. SAP-MRS grants are not intended to support resources that are standard in a discipline or commonly available in Canadian universities. **External deadline to sponsor: August 3, 2015. Read more.**

The Subatomic Physics Research Tools and Instruments (SAP-RTI) grants foster and enhance the discovery, innovation and training capability of researchers in the field of subatomic physics by supporting the purchase of research equipment and installations. SAP-RTI grants are awards that assist buying or developing research equipment that costs more than $7,000. **Internal deadlines vary. Read more.**

**Contest promotes social sciences and humanities**
The Canadian Public Relations Society is partnering with the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) for the new SSHRC Award for Excellence promoting the benefits and impacts of social sciences and humanities research. Post-secondary institutions of all sizes in Canada will be invited in January to submit public relations activities recognizing the value of social sciences and humanities research. **Contest deadline is March 7, 2016.**
Rare diseases: models and mechanism network

The Clinical Advisory Committee of the Rare Diseases: Models and Mechanisms Network invites applications from clinicians and clinician scientists who have discovered novel genes in patients with rare diseases and wish to collaborate with a model organism investigator who is able to carry out functional analysis on an orthologous gene in a model system. **Internal deadline: One week prior to external deadline.**

Research to reduce isolation among seniors

Employment and Social Development Canada is offering funding for pan-Canadian projects that help to reduce social isolation among seniors. Funding can provide support for projects that develop and implement collaborative, multi-partner approaches that measurably reduce the rate of social isolation among seniors in a target population. **Internal deadline: June 26, 2015.**

Road safety research funding opportunity

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation 2015 Road Safety Research Partnership Program invites research proposals that facilitate the transfer of knowledge, skills and methodologies from another discipline to road user safety research, and to promote work that complements the research projects and research expertise within MTO that are available in the academic and broader public sector community. **Internal deadline: July 6, 2015.**

Ministry of Research and Innovation Launches ORF-RE Round 8

The Ontario Research Fund (ORF) promotes research excellence of strategic value in Ontario by supporting new leading-edge, transformative and internationally significant research. ORF-RE provides up to one-third of the total value of a project, with the remainder coming from a combination of private sector and institutional contributions. Learn more at an information workshop on Tuesday, June 23, 3–4 p.m. in UC 103. **Notices of Intent to apply for ORF-RE Round 8 are due July 24, 2015.**

Cats are winners thanks to this feline research foundation

Winn Feline Foundation is a non-profit, charitable organization that funds research into health issues affecting cats. Winn Feline Foundation is partnering with the San Francisco Foundation to make funds available for feline health studies. Faculty veterinarians and post-doctoral fellows are eligible. **Internal deadline: July 27, 2015.**

Notices

**Go deep with Guelph research on global map**
The international reach and impact of University of Guelph research can now be seen visually on a [global map](#). Researchers can submit new information about their international research activity – recent publications, new collaborators, new projects, etc. – by submitting information on the website’s portal.
Alberta-Ontario Innovation Program under development
The Alberta–Ontario Innovation program, sponsored by Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE) [http://oce-ontario.org/] and Alberta Innovates Technology Futures (AITF), [http://www.albertatechfutures.ca/], is intended to build bridges between companies and academic researchers, and offers valuable benefits to both. OCE says this program is moving beyond pilot status and continues to present exciting opportunities for industry-academic research collaborations with a strong economic outcome focus. [Read more.]

Improvements to the CCV
An assortment of improvements to the CCV have been put forward by NSERC. They include shorter loading time, assorted formatting, and publication references formatted to reflect common academic practice. [Read more.]

Important change to the NSERC Discovery Grants Program
NSERC will no longer be accepting team grant applications for Discovery Grants. Existing team grants will continue to receive support until their last installment. Researchers who are supported by an NSERC Team Grant should submit an individual Discovery Grant application when submitting a new request for funding. [Read more.]

Increase to eligible in-kind partner contributions for NSERC research partnership grants
The maximum eligible actual salary costs that can be noted on applications as the industrial partner in-kind contribution, will increase from $80 per hour to $100 per hour. This change is in response to requests from the industrial community, recognizing that salaries for industrial scientific, engineering and technical staff have increased over the past decade. [Read more.]

Changes to SSHRC Insight Grants
SSHRC has announced a number of changes to the process for the next Insight Grant competition, which were previously communicated to the research community. For example, SSHRC will not use the Research Portal and CCV for the next SSHRC Insight Grants competition. Instead, it will continue to use its existing online, legacy application system for this competition. [Read more.]

RefWorks access ends in July
Researchers using the RefWorks citation management tool through the Library are encouraged to save their data. RefWorks access ends on July 31, 2015. Visit the following page on the Library website to see how staff members can help you navigate this change: [bit.ly/1SAcj1i.]

LimeSurvey closing
With the availability of the Qualtrics Research Suite online survey system, the legacy LimeSurvey system will be shut down. On August 31, 2015, LimeSurvey's new survey creation capability will close. No new surveys will be able to be created on the LimeSurvey system after this date. Completion of, and access to existing surveys and responses will continue to be available until August 31, 2016. [Read more.]

Workshops and information sessions

MITACS Workshop: Attract international students to support your research project in 2016
Learn how to attract sponsored international senior undergraduate students and returning graduate interns to support your research program for 12 weeks from May to September, 2016. Mitacs will be on campus to guide researchers through the Globalink Research Internships and Globalink Graduate Fellowship programs on Friday, June 12, from noon – 1:30 p.m. in MacKinnon 318. [Read more.]

Early Researcher Award information session
Anticipating an upcoming Early Research Award competition, the Office of Research is hosting an information session for interested applicants. This program helps promising, recently appointed Ontario researchers build their research teams and improve Ontario’s ability to attract and retain the best and brightest research talent. The session will take place Friday, June 19 from 9-11 a.m. in UC 103. For more information, contact sbates@uoguelph.ca. [Read more.]

Ontario Research Fund – Research Excellence information session
The Ministry of Research and Innovation has launched Round 8 of the Ontario Research Fund-Research Excellence (ORF-RE) program. An information session with MRI personnel will take place Tuesday, June 23, 2015 from 3-4 p.m. in UC 103. For more information, contact sbates@uoguelph.ca. [Read more.]

Ethics discussion and information
Ethics clearance is required before any research is conducted involving human participants. Applications to involve humans in research are reviewed by the Research Ethics Board. The Director of Research Ethics offers weekly brown bag lunches and monthly information sessions to help guide faculty and students through the process. The next
monthly session is July 8, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in UC 334. Read more.

Faculty information exchange: Looking for Research Funding? We’ve got a Tool to Help
Tom Crabtree, IT Analyst, Office of Research will lead a hands-on workshop to learn the basics of ProQuest Pivot including: locating, tracking and sharing funding opportunities as well as maintaining your Pivot profile. This workshop takes place July 16, 2015, noon – 1 p.m., SCIE 1304. Read more.

Reminders

These granting council newsletters are now available:
NSERC Contact
SSHRC Dialogue
CFI Innovation Now
CIHR Funding News

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