Support Syrian refugees through research and knowledge mobilization

The arrival of Syrian refugees in Canada is a rare event, full of challenges for both the refugees themselves and for all Canadians. Governments and communities will need access to the latest knowledge to develop best practices in supporting and resettling refugees. With this in mind, this special call seeks to support research and mobilize knowledge in a timely way on key issues and events in the early days of the migration and resettlement process. This joint initiative aims to support targeted, practical and actionable research projects capable of delivering initial findings within six months to one year. **Internal deadline: June 6, 2016.**

Cybersecurity research and development challenge

Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE), PROMPT and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) are partnering to support industry-academic collaborative research and development projects through OCE’s Voucher for Industry Association Research and Development Challenge Program. The program will support joint industry-academic partnerships in Ontario and Quebec, which address cyber-security technology challenges leading to economic benefit for both provinces. **EOI internal deadline: June 13, 2016.**

Fort McMurray wildfire – Call for proposals

The Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction’s (ICLR) Quick Response Program promotes innovation in disaster. It was designed to allow social scientists to quickly deploy to a disaster-affected area in the aftermath of an extreme weather event or earthquake to collect perishable data. In addition to expanding academic knowledge, funded researchers submit brief reports that make preliminary analyses of recent events available to ICLR’s multidisciplinary network of researchers, practitioners, and educators, as well as other interested parties. **Internal deadline: One week prior to submission to sponsor.**

Plan ahead for upcoming Networks of Centres of Excellence competition

Plans are underway to prepare for the next Networks of Centres of Excellence competition launch, anticipated in Spring 2017. The Office of Research will support the development of a limited number of letters of intent (LOI) in the
competition. Any interested researchers who wish to lead or participate in developing a LOI are invited to contact their college’s Associate/Assistant Dean Research and the Associate Vice-President Research, Dr. John Livernois to discuss their ideas to establish a NCE, as well as any support or resources that would be helpful to develop the LOI.

Funding opportunities through the European Union Horizon 2020 program

Horizon 2020 (H2020) is the European Union (EU) funding program for research and innovation from 2014-2020. H2020 aims to enhance EU international research cooperation, and Canadian Universities are encouraged to participate in partnerships with European institutions. The EU-Canada joint research priorities have been identified as aeronautics and space, health, information and communication technology, agriculture and food, and Arctic and marine science. Internal deadline: Two weeks prior to weeks prior to the H2020 external deadline.

Connecting for Canada’s 150th Anniversary

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) has announced the launch of Connecting for Canada’s 150th, a unique series of Connection Grants to mark Canada’s 150th anniversary in 2017. This historic anniversary is an opportunity to highlight scholarly activities that mobilize research about Canada at 150: its past, its present and its future. This initiative also provides support for connection activities that exemplify the contributions of Canadian institutions and researchers in the social sciences and humanities, either to a discipline or to global fields of study. Multiple deadlines; first internal deadline: July 22, 2016.

Notices

Mitacs and NSERC announce new, streamlined joint application process
Mitacs and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) have partnered to streamline applications for projects eligible through Mitacs’ Accelerate program and NSERC’s Collaborative Research and Development grants. Read more.

ResearchLink update
The U of G’s new electronic research administration system, ResearchLink, is under development. It will provide a web-based portal for faculty members to submit and route grant and contract proposals, and protocol proposals for research involving humans, animals, biosafety and radiation through internal approval processes. This will help faculty organize their files and information related to research administration in a single database. Human Ethics, the first module to be implemented, will come on stream this summer. Changes will include the ability to e-submit to the Research Ethics Board on a smart form, track the approval process from a dashboard and delegate student tasks. Read more.

Support available for Office 365 email migration
The University of Guelph will be migrated from Zimbra to Office 365 over the weekend of July 23-24, 2016. Leading up to that date, CCS will be hosting a number of pre-migration information sessions and will also provide post-migration training. Dates and times for the sessions, as well as online resources will be posted at uoguelph.ca/office365. There will also be information booths in various buildings across campus following the migration to help configure devices and answer any questions. For more information, contact [log in to unmask].

Grant writing resources
Research Services has posted a list of resources to help both new and experienced researchers with the grant writing process. Read more.

Make sure your Tri-Agency certifications are current
To ensure compliance with Tri-Agency certification requirements, before any new research accounts are set up or instalments of existing grants are released, the Office of Research Services must confirm all appropriate certifications are valid. Certifications are required for any research project involving animals, biohazards or human participants. Read more.
**University of Guelph grant agreement - reminder**
The University of Guelph grant agreement was made available in August, 2015. Previous versions of grant templates (i.e. “grant in aid” templates) will no longer be accepted. The University of Guelph grant agreement may be used with research sponsors who do not seek the right to restrict or delay the dissemination of the results of the research; do not seek any rights to intellectual property resulting from the research; and do not seek a warranty with respect to a standard of performance. Sponsors must agree to the grant agreement terms “as is.” If a research sponsor wishes to negotiate terms appearing in the University of Guelph grant agreement, a research contract will be required. [Read more.](#)

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**Workshops and information Sessions**

**Canadian Science Writers' Association annual conference**
The Canadian Science Writers’ Association, comprising the leading science writers and communicators in Canada, will hold its annual conference at the University of Guelph **June 2-5, 2016**. The theme of the conference is The Science of Life. Among the many presentations, Dr. Malcolm Campbell, vice-president research, will moderate a panel on GMOs, with developers of the Innate potato, the Arctic Apple and the Aquabounty Atlantic salmon, as well as a canola producer from Western Canada. The local organizing committee includes Owen Roberts and Liz Snyder, Office of Research, and Chuck Cunningham and Andrew Vowles, Communications and Public Affairs. [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 **Wednesday, June 8, 2016** at 1:30 p.m. in UC 334.

**Putting Knowledge into Action -- part of faculty information exchange series 2015-16**
Jess Haines, Associate Professor, Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition; Emma Allen-Vercoe, Associate Professor, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology and Mark Fenske, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, will lead a workshop on increasing the impact of your research. This session takes place **Wednesday, June 8, 2016** at noon in UC 442. [Read more.](#)

**Advancing Water Technologies Program information session**
The [Advancing Water Technologies (AWT) Program](#) was created by the [Southern Ontario Water Consortium](#) to help Ontario small- to medium-sized enterprises leverage world-class research facilities and academic expertise to develop and demonstrate water technologies for successful introduction to the market. The Office of Research Services is hosting an information session on the AWT program to give an overview of the program, including project eligibility and requirements and information on the application process. There will also be time for questions from the audience. The session takes place **Tuesday, June 14, 2016** starting at 8:45 a.m. in Alexander Hall, Room 168. [Read more.](#)

**71st International Conference on Diseases in Nature Communicable to Man**
The annual International Conference on Diseases in Nature Communicable to Man (INCDNCM) seeks to increase knowledge and awareness of zoonotic disease within the medical and public health communities. INCDNCM conferences are multidisciplinary, including presentations on viral, rickettsial, bacterial, parasitic, and prion-related diseases acquired from natural sources, including animals (wild or domestic), contaminated water or food supplies, arthropod vectors and other sources. This conference will be hosted at the University of Guelph from **August 7 – 9, 2016**. [Read more.](#)

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**Reminders**

These granting council newsletters are now available:
[NSERC Contact](#)
[CIHR funding news](#)
[SSHRC Dialogue](#)
[CFI Innovation Now](#)

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