2016 Highway Infrastructure Innovation Funding Program

The Highway Infrastructure Innovation Funding Program is soliciting research proposals to assist the Ontario Ministry of Transportation in meeting current and future challenges in traffic operations, intelligent transportation systems, engineering materials, investment planning, highway design, environmental, geomatics, bridges, construction and maintenance. Internal deadline: April 8, 2016.

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Stormwater management and nutrient loading in the Lake Simcoe watershed

Current stormwater infrastructure is not typically designed to handle the scale of storms that are increasingly prevalent today. The effects of conveying large amounts of stormwater with no treatment and undersized infrastructure have led to negative impacts on receiving waters, including loading of chemical contaminants, pathogens and excess nutrients. Canadian Water Network’s Canadian Municipal Water Consortium is soliciting proposals to help guide strategic investments by providing a better framework for the prioritization of best management practices. Internal deadline: April 8, 2016.

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Networks of Centres of Excellence International Knowledge Translation Platforms

The Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) secretariat has announced a competition to fund networks under a new initiative within the NCE suite of programs – the NCE-International Knowledge Translation Platforms (NCE-IKTP) initiative. The goal of the NCE-IKTP initiative is to support international collaborations between networks, centres, consortia and their partners to accelerate knowledge translation in areas of mutual strategic interest. Proposed networks must be driven to address key problems, challenges or opportunities of high strategic importance for the socio-economic benefit of partners and end users in Canada and abroad. Internal deadline: April 18, 2016.

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CIHR Team Grant: Biomarkers for nutrition and health

Numerous national and international authorities have presented general concepts for identification of biomarkers of disease. However, clear recommendations on biomarkers of nutrition and health are lacking. This call focuses on the
identification and validation of biomarkers that are modulated by diet and indicate a change in health status and/or the risk of developing diet-related diseases. **Mandatory pre-application to sponsor directly: April 19, 2016.**

**Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funding opportunities**

*Grand Challenges China*
This challenge focuses on calls for innovative concepts for safe, effective, affordable and widely utilized interventions (such as vaccines and therapeutics) with the potential to protect against the acquisition, progression or transmission of infectious diseases that disproportionately affect the world’s poorest people. This request for proposals will fund grants to collaborations comprised of teams at Chinese-based institutions and those based outside of China. **LOI to sponsor directly: March 14, 2016. Read more.**

*Grand Challenges Explorations*
Grand Challenges Explorations fosters early-stage discovery research to expand the pipeline of ideas for solving our greatest global health and development challenges. In this round, applications are being solicited for six topics: family planning, contraceptive drug discovery, malaria elimination, childhood cryptosporidium infection, antimicrobial resistance and global health priority areas. **Internal deadline: May 4, 2016. Read more.**

**Hosting a UofG research conference, symposium, or workshop?**

The Office of the Vice-President (Research) regularly receives requests for sponsorship and support for research events, e.g. conferences/symposia/workshops, organized by faculty members and student groups that enhance the profile of UofG in the wider scholarly community. See the **sponsorship request memo** for details on eligibility, process and reporting requirements.

**Notices**

*Canadian Institutes of Health Research's Career Trajectory Survey*
In January, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) invited past trainees supported with CIHR funds to complete the Career Trajectory Survey to help better understand the impact CIHR’s funding has had on trainees’ professional development and subsequent career trajectories. Results from this survey will help inform the implementation of future CIHR training approaches and will be available in fall 2016. **Read more.**

**Deadlines and the 2016 government year end**
The Office of Research Services (ORS) processes a high volume of government contracts and invoices in the months of February and March each year. In advance of the anticipated high volume, ORS asks researchers to submit government contracts with March 31, 2016 deadlines as soon as possible, to ensure adequate time is provided for contract review, negotiations, finalization, account set-up, and invoicing requirements. **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.**

**Workshops and information Sessions**

*Faculty information exchange series 2015-16 offers tips on social media use for researchers*
Malcolm Campbell, Vice-President (Research), Mike von Massow, Associate Professor School of Hospitality, Food and Tourism Management, CBE and Melanie Parlette-Stewart, MLIS, Blended Learning Librarian will lead a discussion on using social media to make your research more visible. This session takes place Thursday, March 17, 2017 at noon, in UC
The artful science of pitching - Gryphons' LAAIR training seminar

Frank Erschen, professional pitch coach, will provide an open seminar on how to pitch your research to investors. The seminar has been arranged as training for those applicants pitching in the Gryphons’ LAAIR 2016 finale, but is open to anyone to attend and learn. It takes place Wednesday, March 30 2016 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. in PAHL Room 1810. Seats are limited, to reserve a spot contact Andrea Weeks: [log in to unmask].

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, April 13, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in UC 335. Read more.

Ontario-Quebec cybersecurity research and development challenge partnering forum

Ontario Centres of Excellence and Prompt Inc., in partnership with the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, are launching a program that aims to develop innovative new technologies, products and services in cybersecurity. A partnering forum is being held to give an opportunity to learn more about the program and network with potential industry or academic partners. The forum is being held Wednesday, April 6, 2016 in Ottawa, Ontario. Read more.

Reminders

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

Check the Office of Research website, the Office of Research Facebook page and the Office of Research Twitter feed (@UofGResearch) for other current funding opportunities, updates and important deadlines in between editions of the INSIDER.

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