And the winner is....

ResearchLink has been chosen the winner in a contest to name the University of Guelph’s new research administration and information management system. The winning submission, from Miana Plesca, College of Business and Economics, and Anna Bolinder, Animal Care Services, mirrors the system’s purpose -- that is, all research-related submissions to the Office of Research Services will be managed and linked via a common web-based e-system, connecting the various offices within the Office of Research, research administrators, faculty and other clients and stakeholders. It also complements the name of the university’s on-line learning environment, CourseLink.

Check out refreshed Office of Research website

The Office of Research website has been refreshed with a look that is more consistent with that of other University units. Features and content developed through focus groups and strategic discussions with stakeholders over the past year will not change. Your feedback on the refreshed site is welcome.

SSHRC Insight Development Grants application requirements changing

The application process for SSHRC Insight Development Grants has undergone several changes. The definition of an emerging scholar has been altered. The requirement for collaborator CCVs has been eliminated. A longer section has been added to describe the research team. The adjudication committee structure will include disciplinary committees when justified by the number of applications. And social work, law and criminology have been moved to group 4. There is also a new resource available to help with the application. **Internal deadline: January 27, 2016.**

Call to mobilize and apply water knowledge

The Canadian Water Network is soliciting proposals for projects that will synthesize, mobilize and apply knowledge that enables municipalities or service providers to establish more sustainable and resilient cities. Its objective is to integrate, share and apply existing knowledge that advances municipal needs in the areas of climate resiliency and financial sustainability of municipal water systems. **Internal deadline: February 5, 2016.**
**NSERC news**

**NSERC strategic plan released**
NSERC has released its new strategic plan, NSERC 2020, which outlines five goals intended to foster the success of discovery and innovation in Canada. They are:

- Help the next generation of researchers launch their independent careers.
- Build a science culture to improve awareness and understanding of science and engineering.
- Increase the diversity (populations, institutions, regions, sectors) and competitiveness of the research base.
- Strengthen the dynamic between discovery and innovation.
- Go global to increase Canadian participation in and access to international research.

[Read more.](#)

**Changes to NSERC engage grants**
NSERC has made changes to the Engage Grants application process, starting January 15, 2016. New requirements stipulate that eligible Engage Grants applicants must have received recent peer-reviewed support through NSERC, and that companies participating in Engage Grants must have at least two full-time employees and have been in operation for at least two years when applying. More changes will take effect starting April 1, 2016. [Read more.](#)

**Alberta-Ontario innovation program**
This Alberta-Ontario program supports cross-provincial collaborations between industry and academia to solve key industry challenges in both provinces. Industry-academic projects can also leverage existing NSERC programs that fall within NSERC’s mandate. Other programs may also be considered as federal contributions to the program on a case-by-case basis. [EOI to sponsor directly on a rolling intake basis until February 16, 2016.](#)

**Notices**

**2015 Tri-Agency financial administration guide now available**
The three federal granting agencies — the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council — have posted the Tri-Agency Financial Administration Guide. Changes made to this year’s guide supersede the previous version and took effect on November 1st, 2015. [Read more.](#)

**Workshops and Information Sessions**

**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, January 13, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in UC 334. [Read more.](#)

**Faculty information exchange series 2015-16 offers case studies in research misconduct and conflict of interest**
Participants in this exchange session will review and discuss real cases of research misconduct and learn about the responsible conduct of research policy/framework within which all researchers at U of G are to operate. This session will take place Thursday, January 14, 2016 at noon, in UC 441. [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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