

## Update: Ontario Research Fund and Early Researcher Award

### Sponsor

Formerly Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT), now the Data, Research and Innovation Division, Ministry of Colleges and Universities

### Description

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Ministry is implementing a series of temporary policy and procedural amendments to support researchers currently receiving funding from Ontario Research Fund (ORF) and Early Researcher Award (ERA) programs:

- The Ministry recognizes that in some cases costs may have been incurred related to salaries or stipends for individuals that have been recommended or required to self-isolate, and/or may be unable to work or telework for reasons related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Provided these expenses would otherwise have been eligible to be paid out of an existing ORF or ERA grant, these can be paid from current project funds.
- Any ORF and ERA projects with annual and/or financial reporting due dates between April 1, 2020 and July 31, 2020 will have the deadline extended to September 30, 2020.
- Travel cancellation/rescheduling costs resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak are eligible project expenditures within the contracted funding allocation. The Ministry will continue to assess what other unanticipated project costs will be considered eligible.
- The Ministry recognizes that communications with private sector partners (PSPs) may be difficult at this time. If this is impacting your project's financial reporting, please contact [stratprg@uoguelph.ca](mailto:stratprg@uoguelph.ca) [1] and [Shaun Wilson](#) [2] (Research Financial Services). They will reach out to the appropriate Ministry program representative to discuss.

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