

Events, Workshops, and Seminars

- (1) **NEW!** [CIHR Project Grant: "Insights from Peer Review" Roundtable Discussion](#). **August 8, 2019**. Location: **UBC Point Grey campus (TBA)**. Come hear from a panel of experts on the CIHR Project Grant peer review process.
- (2) **NEW!** [World Sexual Health Day celebration](#). (WHRI) **September 4, 2019**. The focus this year will be on trainees, students, fellows, and other researchers in training to present their completed research, research in progress, or any planned research. Talks will be rapid-fire (approximately 5 minutes each). If interested, please submit your abstract and abstract title of no more than 300 words to whri_cwbc@cw.bc.ca and include "World Sexual Health Day abstract" in the email subject line. The deadline for abstracts is **August 23, 2019**.
- (3) **NEW!** [What, Why, Where, When and How to Hold Your First First-In-Human Trial](#). (Johnson & Johnson Innovation in partnership with Clinical Trials BC) **September 12, 2019 from 1:30pm to 5:00pm at UBC Robson Square**. Tickets are \$20 (General Public or Licensed Physician) or \$10 (Student/Academic) each: use discount code **TRIALSBC** for 20% off ticket price. [Register now](#).
- (4) **NEW!** The [5th International Neonatal & Maternal Immunization Symposium](#) will be held in Vancouver on **September 15-17, 2019**. The 3 day symposium will provide up-to-date information on key areas in maternal and neonatal immunization from vaccine development through to immunization program implementation. Registration information is available [here](#).
- (5) **UPDATED:** [Northwest Gynecological Cancer Symposium 2019](#) will be held **September 25, 2019** from 8AM to 7PM at **U of Washington, Seattle**. [Submit an abstract](#) (deadline **July 15, 2019**). [Registration](#) includes participation in all events including catered lunch and reception. There is **NO FEE** for registration. Individuals submitting abstracts will be automatically registered.
- (6) [Practicing Knowledge Translation \(PKT\) course](#). **October 7-11, 2019**. Are you interested in learning how to implement practices using comprehensive methods and the best available evidence? The Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital is accepting applications for their upcoming 5-day course on Knowledge Translation (KT). [Apply now](#) (deadline **August 8, 2019**).
- (7) [Putting Patients First 2019 conference](#). (BC AHSCN) **November 20, 2019** at the Marriott Vancouver Pinnacle Downtown. An annual conference hosted by BC SUPPORT Unit designed to encourage learning and collaboration between patients interested in patient-oriented research (POR), health researchers, health care providers and health system decision makers.

Awards and Funding Opportunities

- (1) **NEW!** CIHR: [Fall 2019 Project Grant](#). **Registration deadline: August 14, 2019. Application deadline: September 11, 2019.** The program is open to applicants in all areas of health research that are aligned with the CIHR mandate. Funding is also available for specific research areas. Refer to the [Project Grant: Fall 2019 Priority Announcements \(Specific Research Areas\)](#) for further details.

Project Grant webinars: CIHR is hosting webinars on **August 7** and **August 28** to guide applicants and answer questions on how to apply. [Register today](#).

- (2) **NEW!** TD Bank: [The TD Ready Challenge](#). **Application deadline: August 23, 2019.** Up to **TEN (10) one-time \$1,000,000 grants** are available. Each year, the TD Ready Challenge will invite eligible organizations to submit applications that offer solutions for a problem statement that is connected to one of the four drivers of change of the Ready Commitment: Financial Security, Vibrant Planet, Connected Communities and Better Health. **The 2019 TD Ready Challenge Problem Statement focuses on Better Health.** This year's Challenge seeks to provide financial support to organizations that have designed innovative solutions to help improve access to early detection and intervention for diseases, with the goal of helping to increase equitable health outcomes for more people.

- (3) **NEW!** CIHR: [Data Analysis Using Existing Databases and Cohorts](#). **Registration deadline: September 5, 2019. Application deadline: October 10, 2019.** **Up to ~23 awards of between \$450,000 (reproductive, maternal, child, and youth health) and \$1,000,000 (cancer prevention and control) are available for a 1-year period.** Funding is available for applications that use data from existing Canadian cohorts, databases, cohort catalogues, and data platforms, that are relevant to **reproductive, child, and/or maternal health** in any one or more of [IHDCYH's six strategic priorities](#). **"Canadian" data sources** are those where the data are either held in Canada or the principal investigator/custodian of the data to be used is based at a Canadian institution / organization.

- (4) **NEW!** BC Support Unit in partnership with MSFHR: [Pathway to Patient-Oriented Research P2P Awards](#). **LOI deadline: September 6, 2019.** LOI submissions meeting the award eligibility criteria will be **invited to submit a full application**. P2P Awards are offered by the BC SUPPORT Unit in partnership with the [Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research \(MSFHR\)](#). These awards help BC-based patient-oriented research teams pilot and test the feasibility of their research project, to make their future grant applications stronger. Through P2P Awards, we hope to build and strengthen capacity in patient-oriented research in BC. A P2P overview webinar was held on September 14th, 2018 – [view the recording here](#).

- (5) **NEW!** CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC: [Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships](#). **Application deadline: September 18, 2019.** The fellowship is valued at **\$70,000 per year for a 2-year period**. Successful applicants will positively contribute to the country's economic, social and research-based growth.

- (6) **NEW!** UBC: [Grants for Catalyzing Research Clusters](#). **Notice of Intent (NOI) deadline: September 23, 2019. Application deadline: November 12, 2019.** Fostering collaboration is a central priority in UBC’s new strategic plan ([Shaping UBC’s Next Century](#)). The Grants for Catalyzing Research Clusters (GCRC) competition was jointly created by the Vice-President Research & Innovation and the Provost & Vice-President Academic to enable the formation and growth of interdisciplinary clusters of research excellence. Researchers from all disciplines are invited to apply.

Award Details: We invite applications led by PIs from all disciplines who seek to propel their clusters towards global leadership. Applicants will be asked to self-identify on the application if the proposed cluster should be considered as *Emerging* or *Established*. *Emerging* clusters may request an award up to \$100,000 per proposal (and up to \$15k trainee supplement). *Established* clusters may apply for awards up to \$200,000 (and up to \$30k trainee supplement). Applications must include a strong budget justification that aligns specific activities with goals and expected outcomes. A total funding envelope of \$4M is available for this competition.

Generalized characteristics and potential catalytic activities are presented here for illustrative purposes:

	<i>Examples of cluster characteristics</i>	<i>Examples of catalytic activities</i>
<i>Emerging clusters</i> (up to \$100k)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emerging leaders (collaborative history a bonus) Some knowledge mobilization activities Defined pathway to impact Strong academic impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure group grants Demonstrate group collaboration Initiate and develop partnerships Community engagement Joint or collaborative events Joint or collaborative events
<i>Established clusters</i> (up to \$200k)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognized internationally as leaders Sustained knowledge mobilization activities Strong socio-economic impact Securing self-sustaining funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand international partnerships Deepen community engagement Partner across sectors Development of an innovation pipeline

- (7) **NEW!** UBC: [Faculty Research Awards](#) (various). **Nomination deadlines: September/October 2019.** These awards are **valued at between \$3,000 and \$15,000** and serve to recognize individual investigators who demonstrate excellence in research.

- (8) **NEW!** CIHR: [CIHR Fellowship 2019-2020](#). **Application deadline: October 1, 2019.** Supporting applicants at the post-PhD or post-health professional degree stages. **The awards consist of a stipend and a research allowance.** The maximum amount awarded for a single award is **up to \$60,000 per annum for up to 5 years** – the value and duration of

each award will be determined by the degree(s) held, licensure (where applicable), location of tenure, and experience of the applicant.

- (9) **NEW! Gairdner Foundation:** [2020 John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award](#). **Nomination deadline: October 1, 2019.** The prestigious John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award recognizes the world's top scientists who have made outstanding achievements in Global Health Research.
- (10) **NEW! Mitacs:** [Support for Graduate Students in Canada](#): **Mitacs** builds partnerships between academia, industry, and the world – to create a more innovative Canada. Mitacs is providing support for graduate student research and professional development in all academic disciplines. [Read more...](#)
- (11) **NEW!** Are you a health researcher who's looking for funding opportunities in patient-oriented research? The [BC SUPPORT Unit](#) maintains a list of grants that might be of interest to you. Visit our Funding Opportunities page at bcsupportunit.ca/news/funding-o... to learn more!
- (12) **NEW! PlanH**, implemented by [BC Healthy Communities Society](#) (BCHC), facilitates local government learning, partnership development and planning for healthier communities where we live, learn, work and play. Working together with health authorities, UBCM and the Ministry of Health, PlanH supports the Province's health promotion strategy. Plan H understands that finding and securing funding that is relevant to the needs of your community can be challenging. In order to better assist you in developing your healthy community projects and/or programs, PlanH has compiled a list of funding opportunities that might be worth knowing about, along with guides and resources to support your grant writing activities: navigate to <https://planh.ca/training-support/other-funding-opportunities> then click the drop-down from "Health Research" for a [list of health research-related funding opportunities](#).
- (13) **CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC + UK Research and Innovation (UKRI):** [Canada-UK Artificial Intelligence Initiative](#) – **Intention to Submit Deadline: August 19, 2019; Application Deadline: September 12, 2019.** The rapid development and ever-growing global investment in AI illustrates the undeniable impact that these technologies are having, and will have, on our economies, health, and societies. Canadian agencies and UKRI are jointly supporting the development of collaboration in AI with the aim to build competitive and resilient economies and maximize the social and health benefits.

This unique collaboration requires each project to include a PI based in Canada and a PI based in the UK, and the PIs will equally share the leadership and project management responsibilities. Proposals will be required to demonstrate a significant degree of, or novel approach to, interdisciplinarity, with research that cuts across at least 2 of the following research domains: social sciences and humanities, health and biomedical sciences, and natural sciences and engineering including computational and/or mathematical sciences.

Approximately **ten (10) projects will be funded**. For Canadian researchers / successful applicants, the maximum amount available is **C\$173,333 (£102,000) per year for up to 3 years**.

A webinar will be held on July 17, 2019 from 16:00 to 17:00 UK time (8:00 to 9:00 PST). To register (deadline July 12, 2019) please email aiukcanada@esrc.ukri.org

(14) WHRI/BCWHF: [2019 Catalyst Grant Competition](#) – LOI deadline: August 1, 2019. Application deadline: September 30, 2019. Six (6) awards each of \$25,000 are available. The purpose of this funding is to facilitate pilot research projects to support the advancement of knowledge in women's and newborn's health. Awards are open to BC researchers at a university or research hospital setting, but candidates must be a member of the WHRI, and have not been a successful Principal Applicant in the previous three years of Catalyst Competitions. Eligible researchers include post-doctoral fellows, clinical fellows, research associates, clinician scientists and academic researchers.

(15) CIHR: [CIHR Sex and Gender Science Chair](#) – Application deadline: Oct 8, 2019. Funding up to \$175,000 per year for 4 years is available to support applications that seek to grow the science of sex and gender research.

(16) CIHR Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health (IHDCYH): [2019 IHDCYH Talks Video Competition](#) – Application deadline: October 15, 2019. This competition is intended to improve knowledge translation (KT) of research within the Institute's [mandate](#) and/or [strategic research priorities](#). There will be funding for **ONE (1) first-place prize of \$3,000, ONE (1) runner-up prize of \$1,000, and TWO (2) specially-commended prizes of \$750 each.** Read the news announcement here. [Read the July 3rd CIHR News Announcement here.](#)

(17) CIHR/SSHRC/NSERC: [Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral \(CGS D\) Program](#) – Application deadline: October 17, 2019. Awards valued at \$35,000 per year for up to 3 years are available. Joint programs with a professional degree (e.g., MD/PhD, DVM/PhD, JD/PhD, MBA/PhD) as well as **clinically oriented programs of study**, including clinical psychology, are eligible if they have a significant autonomous research component.

(18) CIHR: [Women's Health Clinical Mentorship Grant](#) – Application deadline: October 22, 2019. Twelve awards each of \$50,000 (1 year) are available. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to advance clinical research in women's health and to build capacity in the next generation of women's health clinician-researchers. The aim is for trainees, students or residents to be paired with and mentored by a women's health clinician-specialist on a one-year research project with the goal of improving clinical care.

(19) CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC: [Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships](#) – Application deadline: November 6, 2019. Valued at \$50,000 per year for 3 years during doctoral studies. Application open to Canadian citizens, permanent residents, and foreign citizens. Areas of research eligible for funding support include Health Research, Natural Sciences and/or Engineering Research, and/or Social Sciences and Humanities Research.

(20) CIHR: [SPOR Innovative Clinical Trial Multi-Year Grants](#) – LOI deadline: August 28, 2019. Application deadline: November 12, 2019. Approximately 7 grants each of up to \$750,000/year for up to 4 years are available. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to enable investigators to undertake innovative CTs (iCTs) by supporting the development and

testing of innovative methodologies and design, integrated with the principles of SPOR (Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research), and to build capacity for ICT research through training and mentoring. CIHR will be hosting an informational webinar on July 22, 2019 from 2 to 3 pm.

(21) CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC: [New Frontiers in Research Fund \(NFRF\)](#) – This initiative will fund international, interdisciplinary, fast-breaking, and high-risk research. *NFRF is composed of 3 streams to support groundbreaking research: **EXPLORATION** (building strength in high-risk, high-reward and interdisciplinary research), **TRANSFORMATION** (building strength and leadership in interdisciplinary and transformative research), and **INTERNATIONAL** (enhancing opportunities for Canadian researchers to collaborate with international partners).* Current funding opportunities: **[2019 EXPLORATION Competition](#)** – **NOI deadline: August 7, 2019. LOI deadline: September 4, 2019. Application deadline: December 10, 2019.** One hundred (100) grants are available. Successful projects will be funded at up to \$125,000 per year for up to 2 years. **UBC SPARC** is pleased to provide support services and resources to interested applicants. [Read more...](#)

Resources

(1) REMINDER: Patient Family Advisory Council (OVCARE)

OVCARE has created a Patient and Family Advisory Council, where patients and family members are generously donating their time to become patient partners for OVCARE and the Gynecologic Cancer Initiative. Patient-oriented research has been increasingly important in health research. Engaging patients can be a transformative for patient/families but it is equally important for researchers in developing their project focus and design.

Patient partners can be involved in several ways including, but is not limited to:

- Writing support letters for grant funding
- Helping to identify overall research focus
- Consulting on specific research projects to ensure that this is fitting for the demographic
- Assisting in the design of clinical research studies by informing the patient perspective
- Identifying and developing quality improvement projects to improve the patient experience
- Assisting and consulting on the development of knowledge translation components of the research

If you are interested in bringing your research, project idea, grant proposal, etc to this advisory council please email Stephanie Lam at stlam@bccrc.ca. Please note, the PFAC meets every 2 months, please ensure that there is adequate time to prepare and engage meaningfully with the patients before any deadlines. If there may be something of interest, please try to connect with Stephanie ASAP. The next meeting will be on **August 20th 2019**.

(2) NEW! [BC Biobank Registration Program](#). The program focuses on collections of human samples that are collected, stored, and used for health research.

Inclusion Criteria:

New biospecimen research collections that arise in the course of pursuing - basic research projects, translational research studies, clinical studies and trials, i.e. when creating a collection to support future health research.

Exclusion Criteria:

Biospecimen collections that are

- intended for clinical purposes
- part of industry sponsored studies
- stored for less than three months

Click [here](#) to get a full list of tissues and formats included and excluded in the program

Benefits and Value of the Program:

Engagement with the program will give researchers

- access to education about handling research biospecimens
- increased access to known-quality fit-for-purpose biospecimens
- the ability to draw on similar cohorts in order to validate their studies
- increased competitiveness – quality of future data generated on biospecimens of known standard can be recognized by journals and peer reviewers

For more information about why this program is being implemented download the [Health Research Council of BC Joint Statement](#).

- (3) NEW! (BC Patient Safety & Quality Council) [A Guide to Patient Engagement](#):** By inviting patients, family members and caregivers to work in partnership with your health care team, you are taking an important step to making health care better for all British Columbians. In this resource, we'll cover the essentials of patient engagement, how to prepare for it, where you can find patient partners and how to engage them well. [Download the guide](#).
- (4) NEW! (UBC Faculty of Medicine) [Patient-Oriented Research Repository \(PoRR\)](#):** PoRR is a repository of patient-oriented research (POR) projects with the aim of connecting interested undergraduate students with ongoing projects at UBC. If you are a PI looking for a suitable undergraduate trainee to work on your POR project, or if you are a trainee interested in gaining experience on a research project where patient engagement has been prioritized, please visit [PoRRMed](#) for more information.
- (5) NEW! (UBC Faculty of Medicine) [Postdoctoral Enhanced Scholar Program](#)** is designed for postdocs to transition into professional positions in teaching, research, business, or clinical settings through self-directed formal training and career development. All UBC FOM postdocs are eligible to join this free program and will receive a certificate upon completion. [Read more...](#)
- (6) NEW! [Honeybee](#)** is a new, free recruitment platform that aims to connect researchers and participants.

Honeybee is not restricted to a specific location or demographic as our mission is to build a global community that's more knowledgeable/educated about study participation all around. We're based out of Toronto but trying to expand to researchers globally to match the amount of interest for research participation from users and social media followers around the world (including US and Australia!)

We are currently focusing on helping academic and hospital researchers because these areas have the most difficulty and lower budget for recruitment. We're easily reaching the young adult (Age 18 – 25 yo) demographic via free social media marketing but we've connected participants to a variety of studies including children (parents enrolling them) to older adults studies, in both healthy and diseased populations. Since we've only launched two months ago, you may have noticed that our studies are based in Toronto. But we're working rigorously to grow and expand by connecting with major academic institutions like UBC!

Honeybee wants to help researchers with the recruitment process and to customize their platform according to user feedback. Honeybee knows recruitment can be the hardest aspect of conducting a research study; through building a community of friendly researchers and participants, we want to change the way people perceive research participation to solve this challenge, long-term. Our [website](#) was launched in May 2019. Consider joining Honeybee in building a research community together! [Read more...](#)

- (7) **NEW! [The Canadian Cancer Clinical Trials Network \(3CTN\)](#)** is a pan-Canadian initiative to improve the efficiency and quality of clinical trials in Canada. 3CTN will provide support and coordination for a network of teams at cancer treatment centres and hospitals. With regional participation, 3CTN will enable sites to increase their capacity and capability to conduct academic trials. [Read more...](#)

- (8) **(UBC) [SPARC Support and Resources](#)**: SPARC is a unit in the VP, Research and Innovation portfolio of the university that aims to assist faculty researchers by providing strategic research funding development services and resources designed to develop capacity, build collaborations, increase CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC grant application success rates, and enhance research excellence at UBC. SPARC services and resources are available to researchers at UBC's Vancouver, Okanagan, and academic hospital campuses. [Read more...](#)

- (9) **(CHEOS) Informed Consent 101**: Proper collection & documentation of participant consent is a core component of ethical research. The 14th instalment in Clinical Research 101 series is by Project Manager Laura Zunino, who provides an overview of the process & why it matters. [Read more...](#)

(10) MSFHR launches **KT Pathways**: Do you create or use research evidence? KT Pathways, developed in partnership with PHC, is a FREE digital assessment and learning tool designed to help you assess your knowledge translation strengths and identify potential areas for development. The tool also provides tailored training materials and support based on the results. [Read more...](#)