

Events, Workshops, and Seminars

- (1) **NEW! [Practicing Knowledge Translation \(PKT\) course](#)**. Oct 7th-11th, 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 Aug 8th 2019).
- (2) **Northwest Gynecological Cancer Symposium 2019**. (U of Washington) Sep 25th, 2019. [Submit an abstract](#) (deadline July 15th 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.
- (3) **[Putting Patients First 2019 conference](#)**. (BC AHSCN) Nov 20th, 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/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

(2) NEW! 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.

(3) NEW! CIHR Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health (IHDCYH): [2019 IHDCYR 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.](#)

(4) NEW! 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...](#)

(5) WHRI: [Graduate Research Award in Women's Health Grant Competition](#) – Application deadline: July 19, 2019. Award of \$12,500 for 1 year starting Sep 1. This award is meant to support research and salary costs for graduate students or postdoctoral fellows who are under the supervision of a WHRI member and who are carrying out research in the area of women's or newborn's health.

(6) UBC: [Faculty of Medicine \(FoM\) Seminar Series Fund](#) – Application deadline: July 31, 2019. Limited funding is available to support seminar series within the UBC Faculty of Medicine that meet the following criteria: 1) The seminar must be interdisciplinary and open to all interested university faculty members, staff, and students; 2) The seminar must be of clear educational value to graduate and/or undergraduate students. In addition to attendance at formal seminars, active interaction of students with visiting speakers is encouraged; 3) The majority of funding must be obtained from other sources. **The amount of the fund is up to \$1,500 per seminar.**

- (7) 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.
- (8) 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.**
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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.
- (11) CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC: [Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarhips](#) – 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.

Resources

- (1) **NEW! 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.

(2) **(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](#)

(3) **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](#)

Training Programs

(1) **UBC Faculty of Medicine Patient-Oriented Research Repository (PoRR) undergraduate student research training.**

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.

(2) [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.

Other - Survey

(1) Women's and Neonatal Digital Health: [Digital Health Survey](#). *** *Sent on behalf of BCWH and WHRI* ***

We need your input to help shape the creation of a new digital health research and services hub. This hub will be focused on women's and neonatal health and will aim to support clinicians, researchers, and decisions makers who are leveraging technologies in order to enhance research and health service delivery for these populations.



Digital technologies and digitization of information are changing health care world-wide and solving some of the biggest issues in our healthcare systems. Leveraging technology to support healthcare is the next step in optimizing the patient experience and delivering high quality, equitable and cost effective care. Presently we are conducting an environmental scan in order to take a comprehensive look at digital health projects and research focused on women's and neonatal health in the province. The short survey will identify what you feel the current gaps are in undertaking a digital health research, and will also gather information on all women/neonatal focussed digital health projects and research happening among our members province wide.

We would like everyone's input on setting these priorities and identifying gaps even if you are not involved in digital health research. Please distribute this to your networks. If you have any further questions please contact **Ciana Maher**, Research Program Manager, Digital Health, Women's Health Research Institute: **P: 604- 875-2424 Ext. 4978 E-mail: ciana.maher@cw.bc.ca**