

*Did you know?... The Research Resources e-Newsletter is now available on our department website! For this and past editions of e-newsletters, please navigate to <https://obgyn.ubc.ca/research/research-e-newsletter/>. Happy reading!*

*Do you know of an OBGYN-related Research Resource, Funding Opportunity, or an Upcoming Workshop that is missing below? Please write to let us know!*

## *Events, Workshops, and Seminars*

- (1) NEW! Calling all research teams! OBGYN Resident Research Project Fair.** On **December 11, 2019** from **1 to 2 PM** we will be hosting an inaugural "Resident Research Project Fair" in **DHCC 11268**. The purpose of the fair is to introduce our 1st year OBGYN residents to potential projects they could work on to completion during their residency. If you or your research manager/coordinator would like to speak to 1<sup>st</sup> year residents during this time, or if you have a short blurb about your research that you'd like for your site research manager to present on your behalf, please email your local Site Research Manager: Ariadna (Children's & Women's) at [afernandez@phsa.ca](mailto:afernandez@phsa.ca); Nikki (St. Paul's) at [NKoenig@providencehealth.bc.ca](mailto:NKoenig@providencehealth.bc.ca); Mannie (DHCC; BCCancer) at [obgynresearch@vch.ca](mailto:obgynresearch@vch.ca)
- (2) NEW!** The next in the [Women's Health Seminar Series](#) will feature Dr. Yvonne Lamers on the topic of "[Vitamin Adequacy in Early Life for Maternal, Child, and Long-Term Health](#)" on Monday **November 18, 2019** from **12:00 pm to 1:00pm** at the **D.M. Centre for Brain Health** at UBC.
- (3) NEW!** Check out the next [CHÉOS Work in Progress Seminar: Dr. Roxana Geoffrion](#). Dr. Roxana Geoffrion will be presenting "[Surgical Innovation: A clinician scientist's journey](#)" on **November 20, 2019** from **12:00pm to 1:00pm** at **St. Paul's Hospital Rm 1500**.
- (4) NEW!** Attend the [Full FoM Faculty Meeting](#): The next full faculty meeting will take place on Monday, **November 25, 2019** from **4:30 - 6:00 p.m.** in the **Life Sciences Centre** (UBC Vancouver, Point Grey Campus). Videoconferencing will be available in the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, Northern, and Interior, in addition to an online webcast. [Click here](#) for locations, webcast details and information on sending agenda items.

**(5) NEW! Save the date!** UBC Department of Medicine's annual festive celebration will be held at **DHCC 10/F** on Monday **December 2, 2019** from **2 to 5 PM**. Dr. Anita Palepu and the DOM Administration Office would like to invite Department of Medicine faculty members, staff, and residents to the 14th Annual Department of Medicine Festive Celebration! We hope you will be able to join us for some festive cheer!

**Date:** Monday December 2, 2019

**Time:** 2pm – 5pm

**Place:** 10th Floor, Diamond Health Care Centre, 2775 Laurel Street

**Please RSVP to:** [laurie.golding@ubc.ca](mailto:laurie.golding@ubc.ca)

**(6) UPDATED! Dr. Fred Bryans Faculty Forum (FBFF) 2020.** (UBC OBGYN) Registration is officially open for the FBFF 2020! The next FBFF will be held on Thursday, **January 30, 2020** from **9:30am to 5:30pm** at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel. **“Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the Digital Age: Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Women’s Health Care”**.

The 2020 forum will feature:

- [Matthew Trunnell](#), Chief Information Officer of [Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center](#)
- Two workshops -
  - Representing Patients’ Voices in Our Research and
  - Engaging with Policy Makers – Influencing Policy through Research
- Research from our departmental faculty.

[View the program at a glance](#). Registration is free; **[REGISTER today!](#)**

(On behalf of the Fred Bryans Faculty Forum Planning Committee – Dr. Michael Anglesio, Dr. Lori Brotto, Dr. Geoffrey Cundiff, Dr. Chelsea Elwood, Dr. Mannie Fan, Ms. Ariadna Fernandez (Chair), Ms. Rosemarie Garcia, Dr. KS Joseph, Ms. Nikki Koenig, Dr. Janice Kwon, Dr. Peter Leung, Dr. Sheona Mitchell, and Dr. Nicole Todd)

**(7) [Putting Patients First 2019 conference](#).** (BC AHSCN / BC SUPPORT Unit) **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.

**(8) [The 2019 BC Cancer Summit](#)** is taking place **November 21-23, 2019**, at the **Sheraton Wall Centre** in downtown Vancouver. This event provides oncology education, professional development, and unique networking opportunities for BC Cancer’s oncology professionals from all specialties and disciplines. [Register here](#).

**(9) The [Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting \(CNPRM\)](#)** is happening **February 12-15, 2020** (in Banff, AB). **Abstract submission deadline: November 4, 2019.**

- (10) The [5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Health Research Symposium](#) is taking place Wednesday **March 4, 2020**. This year's theme will be Digital Health, an umbrella term used to describe the application of information and communication technologies (ICTs) to areas of health, health care and wellbeing. The term encompasses eHealth, mHealth, virtual health as well as emerging areas, such as the use of advanced computing sciences in 'big data', genomics, virtual reality and artificial intelligence. The symposium is geared toward researchers, trainees, and other research stakeholders. An email with registration instructions for the symposium will be sent in the coming months.
- (11) [Medical Disorders and Pregnancy 2020](#). (UBC FoM CPD) **April 18, 2020 at the Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel**. This accredited event is an educational conference designed for practitioners who deal with the management of disorders in pregnant patients. It is intended to provide a focused, expert review of common medical conditions in pregnancy as well as practical strategies for their management. Resources and clinical guidelines will be highlighted to support decision-making. Registration to open soon.
- (12) The [Global Experts Meeting on Frontiers in Gynecology and Obstetrics](#) is going to be held during **April 27-29, 2020** in San Francisco, USA.
- (13) The UBC [Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Academic Day](#) is an annual event where trainees present completed research projects along with an invited guest speaker who presents their own research. All divisions within our department take turns hosting the event and choosing the guest speaker. It is attended by trainees and faculty within our department. It is held over 1.5 days starting with an afternoon poster session followed by a full day of paper presentations. Eligible trainees include Ob/Gyn residents, sub-speciality fellows within our department and graduate students in the RDS program. The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual OBGYN Academic Day will take place on **Tuesday May 5 (poster presentations) and Wednesday May 6 (paper presentations), 2020**. Additional information will be posted in November.
- (14) [Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada \(SOGC\) Annual Clinical and Scientific Conference 2020](#), **June 9-12, 2020** (Ottawa, ON)
- (15) [Provincial Clinical Trials Conference 2020](#). (Clinical Trials BC) Clinical Trials BC's very first Provincial Clinical Trials Conference 2020 will be held on **June 17-18, 2020**, at the Vancouver Convention Center West. Join the waiting list [here](#).
- (16) **Did you know?...** The [Women's Health Seminar Series](#) feature multidisciplinary research on women's health. The goal of the series is to provide multidisciplinary training and mentorship for trainees, across a broad range of women's health research topics. The series is open to all interested faculty, clinicians, staff, and trainees. Seminars are held on **Mondays 12-1pm** at the **D.M. Centre for Brain Health** at UBC. Check out the [Fall 2019 schedule here](#).

# Awards and Funding Opportunities

- (1) **NEW! UBC FoM: [Distinguished Researcher Awards](#).** The Faculty of Medicine recognizes our outstanding researchers with this award. Candidates are nominated by fellow faculty members on the basis of a distinguished research career, recognition in the research community, contributions to student educational growth, and commitment to equity and diversity over the past year.

One award will recognize outstanding basic science research in the areas of health and life sciences. One award will recognize outstanding clinical or applied research to improve health outcomes of populations.

Nominees must be senior faculty in the UBC Faculty of Medicine at the rank of Senior Instructor, Professor of Teaching, Associate Professor, or Professor, with distinguished research careers. Awardees are selected by the UBC Faculty of Medicine Research Committee.

Acceptance of this award is accompanied by a lecture at the annual "*Building the Future: Faculty of Medicine Research Trainee Day & Lecture Series*" in May 2020.

**Nomination deadline: November 29, 2019.**

- (2) **NEW! MSFHR: [2020 Scholar Award](#).** LOI deadline: **November 29, 2019.** This program allows early-career researchers to establish an independent research career, build a leading research program, and expand their potential to make significant contributions to their field.
- (3) **NEW! MSFHR: [2020 Research Trainee Award](#).** LOI deadline: **November 29, 2019.** This program is designed to attract, recognize, and support outstanding early career researchers who have recently completed a PhD, or are a health professional eligible for a fellowship (or equivalent) program, by providing funding that helps protect time for health research activities.
- (4) **NEW! UBC Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences: [2019 John McNeill Excellence in Health Research Mentorship Award](#).** This prestigious award for Excellence in Health Research Mentorship recognizes outstanding mentorship by faculty members at any stage in their academic career in any of UBC's health-related disciplines and who have served a minimum of 2 continuous years at UBC's Vancouver Campus. An award of **\$10,000** and a commemorative certificate will be presented to the recipient in the fall of each year by the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, in honour of Dean Emeritus John McNeill. **FoM internal Nomination deadline: December 2, 2019.** Nominations should be submitted by email to [fom.recognition@ubc.ca](mailto:fom.recognition@ubc.ca).
- (5) **NEW! RSC: [2020 Royal Society of Canada Fellowship](#).** The RSC serves Canada and Canadians by recognizing leaders in research and innovation and mobilizing them in open discussion and debate about complex and timely issues in the headlines or on the horizon. **Nomination deadline: December 2, 2019.**
- (6) **NEW! D.A. Boyes Society: [D.A. Boyes Memorial Award](#).** The D. A. Boyes Society, in honor, and memory, of Dr. David Alexander Boyes' lifetime commitment to teaching and engagement announce the third year of the Memorial Research Award. This is a grant competition designed

to provide critical review, with rapid turn-around, and funding for proposals that would not be eligible to receive funding at the national level. Examples would be clinical projects without a basic science component, projects for which there is a hypothesis but no preliminary data, smaller circumscribed projects that are self-limited. This award is open to all learners within the Department. There will one award available for up to \$5000. **Application deadline: January 31, 2020.**

(7) **NEW! MCC:** [2020 Medical Council of Canada \(MCC\) Research in Clinical Assessment Grant](#). The purpose and priorities of the 2020 competition are the encouragement of innovations in the assessment of clinical competence or performance of students, postgraduate trainees or practitioners. Priority will be given to proposals that show promise in contributing to the knowledge and understanding of measurement in clinical assessment and to clinical program evaluation methods for medical education. The proposal must focus on research, not development, in the assessment of performance or clinical assessment. **Application deadline: February 1, 2020.**

(8) **Rivkin Center:** [Pilot Study Awards](#). These awards support new avenues of ovarian cancer research and to expand understanding of the disease, broadly defined. Valued at \$75,000 totalled over 2 years. **Application deadline: December 2, 2019.**

(9) **CIHR/SPOR:** [SPOR National Training Entity](#). The [Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research \(SPOR\)](#) is a national coalition of federal, provincial and territorial partners (patients and informal caregivers, provincial health authorities, academic health centres, charities, philanthropic organizations, private sector, etc.) dedicated to the integration of research into care. Patient-oriented research refers to a continuum of research that engages patients as partners, focuses on patient-identified priorities and improves patient outcomes. This research, conducted by multidisciplinary teams in partnership with relevant stakeholders, aims to apply the knowledge generated to improve healthcare systems and practices. The aim of the SPOR National Training Entity (NTE) is to support capacity development in the broader patient-oriented research community by leveraging existing training efforts, supporting the career development of patient-oriented researchers in a systematic manner, and supporting implementation specialists who will integrate patient-oriented research into the health system. This work involves moving beyond common and/or siloed approaches to training by engaging stakeholders and/or community members from all relevant disciplines, sectors, geographies and cultural perspectives. **LOI deadline: December 10, 2019. Full application deadline: June 30, 2020. [Find out more...](#)**

(10) **MSFHR:** The Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) has opened applications for the [2020 Scholar Competition](#). This program allows early career researchers to establish an independent research career, build a leading research program and expand their potential to make significant contributions to their field. The award term is five years. More information can be found on the [MSFHR Scholar program page](#). Please check the page regularly for up-to-date deadlines and webinar dates/times. [UBC SPARC](#) will be offering four open house sessions for Scholar applicants. One-on-one consultations will be available in 15-minute timeslots on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact [Elizabeth Cheu](#) or [Sharon Marsh](#) to secure a time. To take full advantage of your meeting, please prepare in advance so that you can bring with you a list of questions, draft sections and, if resubmitting, your MSFHR reviewer comments.

Location: SPARC Office (Room 101, [6190 Agronomy Road](#))

- **Tuesday, January 7, 1-4pm**
- **Thursday, January 9, 1-4pm**
- **Tuesday, January 14, 1-4pm**
- **Thursday, January 16, 2-4pm**

(11) **New Frontiers in Research Fund: 2020 Transformation Stream** – Anticipated Program Launch. The [New Frontiers in Research Fund \(NFRF\) Transformation stream](#) is will launch shortly and competitions are anticipated to be held every two years. Transformation projects are expected to be valued at up to \$4M per year (including indirect costs) for up to six years (3 years of initial funding, with an additional 3 years following a successful mid-term review). For the inaugural competition, it is anticipated that six to eight national projects will be funded. Preliminary details can be found on the [NFRF Transformation website](#). Note that applications will follow a [three-stage process](#). UBC researchers interested in leading a NFRF Transformation application are encouraged to contact the [UBC SPARC](#) office as soon as possible so we can appropriately disseminate information and plan a comprehensive support strategy. Note that this is not a requirement to apply.

(12) **CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC: [Healthy Cities Research Training Platform \(HCRTF\)](#). LOI deadline: December 10, 2019. Approximately SIX (6) developmental grants each of up to \$25,000, and ONE (1) full application grant of up to \$825,000 per year for up to 6 years, are available.** The purpose of this funding opportunity is to facilitate the development of an interdisciplinary, cross-sectoral training initiative that will generate cutting-edge knowledge and build capacity for implementation science and solutions-based research. This funding opportunity will support a team in designing and delivering a national research training initiative focused on how to create, implement, and scale innovative, solution-based interventions in a variety of urban contexts focused on promoting healthy, resilient, sustainable and equitable cities. Accomplishing this goal will require experts from diverse disciplines including public health, epidemiology, economics, sociology, law, ethics, engineering, environmental science and urban planning, which is why partnership across the three research funding agencies is essential. The application process for the HCRTF will consist of a Letter of Intent (LOI) stage, where up to six successful applicants will receive developmental grants, and a Full Application stage where one application will receive the full grant. The HCRTF is a major component of the CIHR [Healthy Cities Research Initiative](#) (HCRI).

(13) **CIHR: [Spring 2020 Project Grant](#). Registration deadline for Spring 2020 round: February 5, 2020. Application deadline: March 4, 2020.**

(14) **Did You Know?...** **VCHRI: [Research funding opportunities \(various\)](#).** VCH Research Institute offers a variety of internal awards and funding competitions for individual investigators and teams. Learn more about upcoming awards, including application deadlines: [Investigator Award](#), [Innovation and Translational Research Award](#), [Knowledge Translation Challenge](#), and [Team Grant](#).

(15) **Did You Know?...** 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...](https://bcsupportunit.ca/news/funding-o...) to learn more!

- (16) **Did You Know?...** [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](#).

## *Research Resources and Other News etc.*

- (1) **NEW! [Important information about CST go-live](#)**: St. Paul's, Mount Saint Joseph and Holy Family hospitals will go live with the new CST Cerner electronic health system on November 16, 2019. This new system will help improve the safety, quality and consistency of patient and resident care across Providence Health Care, as well as across Vancouver Coastal Health and Provincial Health Services Authority. If your research work is impacted by the transition, visit the Transformation Central website to ensure you are up-to-date on the latest CST news, communications materials and resources... [Read more](#)
- (2) **Did You Know?...** The province-wide [Clinical Trial Management System \(CTMS\) project](#), spearheaded by Clinical Trials BC, was officially launched in September 2018. CTMS is a powerful business operations tool that enables the management of many aspects of clinical trials at the site level, including: study start-up timelines, tracking and reporting of protocol information and accrual data, study financial management and billing compliance. [Read more...](#)
- (3) **Did You Know?...** [Clinical Trials BC](#), one of the 3 units within the [BC Academic Health Science Network \(BC AHSN\)](#), supports research teams in their work to build capacity, efficiency and regulatory excellence in clinical trials. With a focus on program development, regulatory and quality training, tools and resources for research teams and improving the trial participation experience, the team at Clinical Trials BC is working to promote our province as a "world-class destination for clinical trials".
- (4) **Did You Know?...** The [Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute \(PCORI\)](#) is committed to advancing patient-centered, stakeholder-engaged research and the meaningful involvement of patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other healthcare stakeholders throughout the entire research process. PCORI also supports the uptake of engagement



practices and methodologies within the broader healthcare research community. PCORI has developed a set of [resources for researchers to support patient engagement](#) in their research practices.

- (5) **Did You Know?...** The [BC SUPPORT Unit](#) at the [BC AHSN](#) is also working to advance patient-oriented research. Are you a researcher who is new to patient-oriented research (POR)? Find other people to collaborate with, and get access to more tools, resources, and information about POR in BC. Check out these [handy tips](#) on being a patient partner / patient engagement for research teams.
- (6) **(CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC) [Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans - TCPS 2 \(2018\)](#)**: CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC have recently updated their joint policy to promote the ethical design and conduct of research involving humans. [Read more...](#)
- (7) **Did You Know?...** (PHCRI/MSFHR) The [Providence Health Care Knowledge Translation Community of Practice \(PHC KT CoP\)](#) welcomes researchers, clinicians and other PHC staff members who want to learn with their colleagues about creative and effective ways to improve patient health through use of research evidence. The PHC KT CoP was established in 2015 to bring knowledge translation resources to health research and clinical care professionals across disciplines. The initiative is led by Aggie Black, Director, Health Services & Clinical Research and Knowledge Translation, and Emily Zamora, Clinical Resource Dietitian at PHC, with the support of PHC Research Institute and Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research. **Want to attend KT CoP meetings?** The PHC KT CoP meets quarterly. The agenda will include: (1) KT Concepts -- we'll have a brief discussion of a major KT concept; (2) "Brag & Steal" -- showcasing resources/tools; (3) "Share & Solve" -- sharing projects & getting input.
- (8) **Did You Know?...** *\*\*\*Sent on behalf of WHRI and Perinatal Services BC\*\*\** (PSBC/WHRI) Access to the [BC Perinatal Data Registry for WHRI Members](#). The Women's Health Research Institute (WHRI) is pleased to partner with Perinatal Services BC (PSBC), allowing WHRI members to have streamlined access to data from the BC Perinatal Data Registry (BCPDR) through a dedicated in-house Data Analyst at the WHRI. The BCPDR contains maternal, fetal, and neonatal health information for an estimated 99% of all deliveries and births that occur in British Columbia. From the year 2000, the BCPDR has captured approximately 45,000 births per year, including data on maternal postpartum readmissions up to 42 days post-delivery and baby transfers and readmissions up to 28 days after birth. Access to person specific (record level) de-identified data from the BCPDR can be provided for addressing a specific set of research questions. Aggregate data without personal information that are expressed in summary form (i.e. total births, average age of mother at delivery, total cesarean sections, etc.) are also available to assist with research planning.

The WHRI is now able to accept, review, and approve data access requests, as well as providing the data, for WHRI members. We are able to offer co-ordination of the entire data access request process, including guidance, support, and advice to WHRI members who are preparing an application for BCPDR data.

You are able to apply for [research data](#) from the BCPDR facilitated through the WHRI if:



- You are a WHRI member, or under the supervision of WHRI member
- You require access to an unlinked set of data from the BCPDR. You cannot link WHRI BCPDR data with any other data.
- Your project has been approved by a Research Ethics Board.
- **You have contacted the WHRI Data Analyst prior to submission of the Data Access Request.**

You are able to apply for **aggregate data** from the BCPDR facilitated through the WHRI if:

- You are a WHRI member, or under the supervision of WHRI member.
- You are requesting data for provincial or sub-provincial (e.g. Health Authority) summary data that do not include personal information or potential identifiers.
- You require the data for the purposes of research planning only.
- **You have contacted the WHRI Data Analyst prior to submission of the Data Access Request.**

For more information on the BCPDR facilitated by the WHRI, including a list of available fields, please see our website: <http://whri.org/bc-perinatal-data-registry/>

**Questions?** Please contact **Emma Branch** (WHRI Data Analyst), Tel: 604-875-2424 x4796 Email: [emma.branch@cw.bc.ca](mailto:emma.branch@cw.bc.ca)

- (9) **(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](#).
- (10) **(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.
- (11) **[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...](#)
- (12) **(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...](#)

- (13) **Did You Know?...** (CHEOS) [Clinical Research 101](#). The Centre for Health Evaluation & Outcome Sciences (CHEOS) offers Clinical Research 101, a series of online articles to help researchers and clinicians navigate the clinical research process.
- (14) 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...](#)