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COVID-19 Resources & Support

COVID-19 RESEARCH CURTAILMENT AND RESEARCH RESUMPTION

- Please note the remote work policy remains in effect
- Site specific resumption processes have been finalized – see below

Review site-specific information here:



NEW! CLINICAL RESEARCH RESUMPTION AT HOSPITAL SITES

The process for applying for clinical research resumption has been finalized.
Please review information specific to your research site:

VCHRI

- Review the [VCHRI guidance](#)
- Research team/unit lead to compile study information in [VCHRI excel sheet](#)
- Submit to research@vch.ca and cc: dom.research@ubc.ca

PHCRI

- Review the [PHCRI guidance](#)
- Research team/unit lead to compile study information in [PHCRI excel sheet](#)
- Submit to vpresearchsupport@providencehealth.bc.ca and cc: dom.research@ubc.ca

For additional details please see COVID-19 research updates at [VCHRI](#) and [PHCRI](#)

OTHER COVID-19-RELATED

- [UBC CREB Guidance for Resumption of Research version Jun 2020](#)
 - The Canadian Medical Association is [surveying its members](#) on their experiences with federal support during COVID-19
 - Prime Minister announces [support for research staff](#) in Canada
 - The Faculty of Medicine (FoM) has [announced](#) a province-wide [COVID-19 Clinical Research Coordination Initiative](#) to help coordinate research activities, identify research gaps, share resources and liaise with the BC health system. Applications for the [UBC Research Staff and Trainee Emergency Fund](#) are being accepted until **August 31**
 - In the phased resumption of on-campus research (excluding clinical research), FoM is prioritizing work that cannot be performed off-site. **All activities require approval and [completion of the FOM Faculty-PI Access Request Form](#).**
 - [UBC COVID-19 Working Group Summaries](#) – a summary of the working group findings & recommendations
 - [COVID-19 Research Guide](#) (BC Ministry of Health: Health and Human Services Library)
 - [Faculty of Medicine - Resources for Research](#)
 - [OBGYN Useful Links on Research and COVID-19](#)
 - WHRI [COVID-19 Researcher Resources](#)
 - [BC AHSN's COVID-19 Response](#)
 - [Updates for Clinical Trials BC regarding COVID-19](#)
 - [Research Ideas in a Context of COVID-19](#)
 - [Resources from CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network \(CTN\)](#) in the fight against COVID-19 (including [online research toolbox](#))
 - [COVID-19 Research Underway at UBC](#)
 - [BC COVID-19 Research Inventory](#)
 - [Rapid Clinical Trials Training for COVID-19](#)
 - [REBC's Rapid Ethical Review Process for COVID-19 Clinical Research](#)
 - [Guidance Notes and Regulatory Requirements for Informed Consent in Research During a Pandemic](#) from REBC, CTBC, and Fraser Health
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Events, Workshops, and Seminars

(1) Thursday BCWH Interprofessional Grand Rounds: Effective immediately, until further notice, these will be “virtual”. Options for participating as an attendee: *Option #1*, by **Zoom** – weekly email reminders from Kerrie Glover (CWBC) will contain the Zoom meeting info, which can be accessed via any web browser on your computer, laptop, or mobile device -- please ensure your microphone and video options are turned OFF when you connect; *Option #2*, via **Recording** – all sessions are recorded and are available for viewing after the session at <https://obgyn.ubc.ca/faculty-resources/rounds/med-video-on-demand/>. Password: obgynrounds.

Attendance Credit: As there won't be any sign-in sheets, if you attend via Zoom, please send an email to kglover@cw.bc.ca after the rounds session so she can track your attendance. Participants are also encouraged to complete the evaluation form (available on the weekly reminder email). Please check the Obstetrics and Gynecology website weekly for any updates for possible cancellations or changes at <https://obgyn.ubc.ca/faculty-resources/rounds/>.

(2) CANCELLED - June/July VGH Medicine Grand Rounds. Grand rounds will resume virtually on **September 3, 2020**. Questions? Email to dom.research@ubc.ca

(3) The OBGYN Resident Research Project Fair for Year 1 residents will be taking place on **July 8, 2020**; more details to follow. Are you a research faculty member looking for a resident to work on a research project? Do you have updates to share about your ongoing or completed resident research projects? Please email with details to your respective Site Research Manager (**Ariadna Fernandez** at afernandez@phsa.ca (BCWH); **Nikki Koenig** at NKoenig@providencehealth.bc.ca (SPH); or **Mannie Fan** at obgynresearch@vch.ca (VGH/BCCA))

(4) ONGOING – [Gynecologic Cancer Initiative Trainee Webinar Series](#). **June 5 to July 31, 2020**. Led by Dr. Gillian Hanley, this is an 8-week webinar series, covering the molecular biology, epidemiology, prevention, treatment, and survivorship of all gynecologic cancers. GCI researchers are featured each week, and all trainees, staff, and clinicians are encouraged to join. [Register here](#).

(5) NEW! The Women's Health Research Institute (WHRI) is offering their first **Summer Social Media Series**, a 4-part workshop to support researchers' social media needs. The workshop includes lectures, group discussions, and breakout sessions.

Topics include: **Social Media 101:** platforms and practice

Social Media Planning: partnerships, recruitment, and knowledge translation

Social Media Metrics: tips and tools for data collection and visualization

Dates + Times: **July 15 & 29, August 12 & 26**, from **2:00-4:00pm**.

Registration is open to both individuals and teams – students and trainees are welcome!

For more info, contact Nicole Prestley at nicole.prestley@cw.bc.ca or 604-816-7552.

(6) NEW! Next **BC Women's WHRI Research Rounds** take place **July 17, 2020** from **8:00-9:00am** by Zoom: "Women focused digital health research: Conducting digital research and case study presentation of a digital health research project" presented by **Ciana Maher** (Digital Health Research Manager WHRI) & **Madison Lackie** (Research Coordinator: The SUPPORT Study). For more info, contact Marsha Simons at marsha.simons@cw.bc.ca

(7) [International Gynecologic Cancer Society](#) (IGCS) is offering the **[COVID-19 Virtual Tumor Board Series](#)**. Information regarding the understanding of COVID-19 is continually evolving and its impact on the care of gynecologic oncology patients is rapidly changing. The IGCS is bringing together the global gynecologic oncology community in these unprecedented times to allow IGCS to learn the needs of members and further expand their education offerings. IGCS is extending an invitation to members to come together to discuss gynecologic oncology cases with special considerations for COVID-19. Previous sessions' webinar slides & recording now available. Beginning in May, IGCS will begin holding COVID-19 tumor board sessions once per month. [Find out more](#).

(8) The **[Global Experts Meeting on Frontiers in Gynecology and Obstetrics](#)** is going to be held during **September 8-10** in **San Francisco, CA, USA**. Theme: "*Expedite the Future Frontiers in Gynecology and Obstetrics Care*". [Register now](#).

Awards and Funding Opportunities

(1) Funding agency updates are available from the UBC Research Finance **[COVID-19 Funding Agency Updates](#)** page.

(2) **[COVID-19 Grant Program Update](#)** research funding updates are also available from the WHRI website.

(3) Review of the **Spring 2020 Project Grant competition** (CIHR) will proceed! CIHR **[recently announced that it will reinstate the Spring 2020 Project Grant competition](#)** with revised timelines to adjudicate the competition over the summer (June-August peer review process). To be clear, all applications previously submitted to the Spring Project Grant competition will proceed to peer review, with only the following exceptions:

- Nominated Principal Applicants (NPAs) who were **offered a financial extension linked to their Investigator-Initiated research (IIR) grant or bridge grant** will need to take extra steps to keep their application in the Spring 2020 competition.

-For any NPA who **previously chose** to withdraw their application, CIHR will contact them in order to confirm if they would like it to remain withdrawn from this competition as we move forward.

- * [Read the full message from Dr. Michael Strong \(May 28, 2020\)](#)
- * [More Information for the research community](#)
- * [Frequently asked questions: Spring and Fall 2020 Project Grant Competition](#)

(4) UPDATED! IHDCYH-related Funding Opportunities Impacted:

- [Early Career Investigators in Maternal, Reproductive, Child & Youth Health \(2020\)](#) - **Delayed**
- [Planning and Dissemination Grants \(Winter 2020 Competition\)](#) - **Delayed**

(5) GCI: [Accelerating Grants Program](#). The Gynecologic Cancer Initiative (GCI) Clinical Trials Group is pleased to launch another round of funding for the Accelerating Grants program. This program provides funding for interventional, observational, and translational clinical research studies focused on gynecologic cancers. The intent of these grants is to support research related to patients. ~~LOI deadline: May 5, 2020.~~ **Full application deadline: July 6, 2020.**

(6) MSFHR: [Health Professional-Investigator Competition](#). The MSFHR Health Professional-Investigator (HP-I) Program is designed to help close the gap between health research and its implementation by supporting health professionals who are actively involved in patient care to conduct and apply research relevant to health and/or the health system. To be eligible, applicants must commit to spending a minimum of 50% of their time conducting research for the duration of the award (up to 5 years). New for the 2020 competition, two separate applicant streams have been introduced: a **physician stream** and a **non-physician stream**. Applicants must select the most applicable stream for their application. ~~LOI deadline: February 10, 2020.~~ **FoM internal deadline: July 6, 2020. Application deadline: July 17, 2020.**

(7) [2020 Women's Health Research Institute Catalyst Grants](#) (WHRI/BCWF) These pilot grants will go towards funding projects in women's and/or newborn's health. A total of six awards at **\$25,000** each will be available. Must be a member of the WHRI to apply. The LOI must be submitted using the following link: <https://rc.bcchr.ca/redcap/surveys/?s=LEMTKKYMW7>; please note you will not be able to save the LOI once it has been started so ensure you can complete the LOI in a single sitting. ~~LOI deadline June 11, 2020.~~ **Application deadline: July 15, 2020.** Application instructions are available [here](#).

(8) PlanH: [2020 PlanH Grant Streams](#) are now accepting applications. **PlanH** is distributing 20 grants across 2 streams: Social Connectedness (15 grants of \$5,000 each), and Health Community Engagement (5 grants of \$15,000 each). For more information about the grant streams and to access the application guide, visit planh.ca/funding or email grants@planh.ca for more information. **Application deadline: July 15, 2020.**

(9) SSHRC: [New Frontiers in Research Fund. 2020 Transformation Competition](#). Supports large-scale, Canadian-led interdisciplinary research projects. The objective of the Transformation stream is to support large-scale, Canadian-led **interdisciplinary** research projects that address a major challenge with the potential to realize **real and lasting change**. The challenge may be fundamental, leading to a scientific breakthrough, or applied, with a social, economic, environmental, or health impact. Projects are expected to be world-leading, drawing on **global** research expertise, when relevant. Value ranges from \$2 million to \$4 million per year (including indirect costs) for up to 6 years. Number of awards depends on the amounts requested in successful applications. **NOI deadline: February 18, 2020. LOI deadline: July 15, 2020. Full application deadline: To Be Determined.**

(10) US Department of Defense (DOD) Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP): [FY20 Ovarian Cancer Research Program \(OCRP\)](#) -- various funding opportunities are available. ~~Pre-application deadline: April 30, 2020 &~~ **Application deadline: July 30, 2020.**

(11) [Faculty Research Awards](#) (UBC FoM). Various awards available. UBC recognizes individual investigators who demonstrate excellence in research. **NOI deadline: July 31, 2020. Final submission deadline: October 15, 2020.**

(12) **NEW!** SSHRC: [New Frontiers in Research Fund 2020 – Exploration competition](#). Valued at **up to \$125,000 per year for up to 2 years** for research teams of 2 or more, the NFRF 2020 Exploration competition is intended to support high-risk, high-reward & interdisciplinary research. Apply now if you have a bold, new research idea that is risky but has the potential to deliver game-changing impacts. **NOI deadline: August 18, 2020. Application deadline: October 20, 2020.**

(13) CFWH: [2020 CFWH Awards, Fellowships, and Grants](#). The [Canadian Foundation for Women's Health \(CFWH\)](#) and its partners are pleased to promote and support research initiatives in the field of women's health. The **CFWH General Research Grants** (of up to \$20,000) are awarded to those committed to finding solutions to the reproductive health issues that face women both in Canada and around the world. Open to any area within the field of obstetrics and gynaecology, these grants aim to help make further advancements in women's health treatment, research, and education. The **Duchesnay International Elective Fellowships** (of between \$2,500 and \$4,500 per fellowship x 2 fellowships awarded per year) are available to OBGYN residents who desire to complete an elective of 4-8 weeks in duration in a healthcare centre in a developing country. The **Dawn Walker Grant** (in the amount of \$5,000) is awarded to one or more individuals (HCPs or students) in support of health policy training and development for HCPs to better prepare them to contribute to the development of health care policy for children and women. The **Andre Lalonde Bursary** is awarded to up to 2 individuals each year to support the work of Canadian physicians within Canada in areas of special needs (i.e. aboriginal women's health, under-service groups, nutrition in pregnancy and newborns) – the award will consist of \$1,500 to the applicant and \$1,000 to the host

institution. **Application deadline: September 21, 2020.** Guidelines and application forms are available [here](#).

(14) MSFHR: [2020 Convening & Collaborating \(C2\) and Reach Competitions](#). Guidelines are now available for the [2020 C2 Competition](#) and the [2020 Reach Competition](#). These KT-focused competitions will open in early March, and will aim to help ensure research has the maximum impact on health and the health system by (a) fostering collaboration between researchers and research users, (b) supporting the co-development of research questions and dissemination of research evidence. The C2 and Reach Competitions are being held concurrently, with each award providing a maximum of \$15,000 over a 1-year period. **Application deadline: September 28, 2020.**

(15) NEW! CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC: [Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships \(2020-2021\)](#). Each award valued at \$70,000 per year for up to 2 years. **Application deadline: October 1, 2020.** [Find out more...](#)

(16) NEW! CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC: [Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral Program \(CGS-D\)](#). Each award valued at \$35,000 per year for up to 3 years. **Application deadline: October 17, 2020** for direct applicants or **November 21, 2020** for university applicants. [Find out more...](#)

(17) CCHCSP: [Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program – Training Paths](#). These awards are directed at candidates with an interest in child and youth health research. Various levels of awards are available (doctoral, post-doctoral, career development, career enhancement). **Application deadline: November 1, 2020.** [Read more...](#)

(18) NEW! CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC: [Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships \(Vanier CGS\)](#) doctoral research award. Each award valued at up to \$50,000 per year for up to 3 years. **Application deadline: November 3, 2020.** [Read more...](#)

Research Resources

(1) [REACH BC Launch](#). REACH BC is an online platform that will connect the public with research opportunities related to their health conditions and/or interests, to ultimately advance health care and improve health outcomes in British Columbia.

* **Researchers: Submit your research opportunity.** We invite the academic research community to submit their health research opportunities related to COVID-19 or any other clinical or behavioural research opportunities that are actively recruiting. Create your Researcher account [here](#).

* **Volunteers: Connect to health research opportunities**

We are populating the REACH BC Directory with various research opportunities. There are currently research projects recruiting for COVID-19, Autism, Emergency Medicine, Reproduction and Sexual Health. Opportunities will be continually added. Visit <https://www.reachbc.ca/> to learn more.

(2) Check out the [BC COVID-19 Research Inventory](#). In response to the rapidly-evolving pandemic, BC AHSN and its three operational units have created a single inventory of current COVID-19-related research projects based in BC. This inventory is intended to foster as much connection, coordination, and collaboration as possible to avoid any unnecessary duplication of research effort.

(3) *Do you need help with research tasks that can be carried out remotely?* Qualified WHRI research staff are available to offer assistance to investigators who are looking for support with tasks that can be carried out in a remote work environment. Examples of such research tasks include would include protocol development, drafting funding grant and ethics applications, data entry and data cleaning, creating online surveys, social media-based recruitment, among others. For more information about the personnel supports that are currently available, please contact **Kathryn Dewar** (kdewar@cw.bc.ca).

(4) Who is [Research Ethics BC \(REBC\)](#)? How does REBC facilitate health systems change in the province? What is their role inside the [BC Academic Health Science Network \(BC AHSN\)](#)? Watch the [short video](#) that answers these questions and more – [watch now on the BC AHSN's YouTube Channel](#).

If you have any news, events, or funding opportunities you would like to share please contact us at obgynresearch@vch.ca. We would love to hear from you!