

Research Resources e-Newsletter (31Jul2020 edition)

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Research Resumption & COVID-19-Related

CLINICAL RESEARCH CURTAILMENT AND 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! [Stage 2 Research Resumption guidelines](#) announced by UBC FoM.

Review the [COVID-19 UBC FoM Guiding Principles](#) for research resumption.

[Mandatory Training for UBC Faculty and Staff Back on Campus](#). All UBC employees are required to complete mandatory training prior to resuming UBC activities, or as soon as possible if they have been working on campus since the remote working arrangements were put in place. If you have not already done so, please complete this training as soon as possible. [Read more](#), or [complete the training](#) now.

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](#)

UPDATED!

Please note that any clinical (human) research project involving on-site work that needs to resume or continue will require approval from the appropriate research institute. **Research that meets resumption criteria must be submitted to the appropriate research institute (VCHRI or PHCRI) for review and approval PRIOR to resumption of any on-site research activities**, such as access of on-site resources/paperwork/databases and study visits for research participants.

For **VCHRI researchers** with human subject research projects and activities at **DHCC**, please complete the [DHCC OBGYN Template – VCHRI Human Subject Research Access Summary spreadsheet](#) and submit to Mannie at obgynresearch@vch.ca. DHCC site research personnel (including PI, staff, and trainees) of projects approved by VCHRI for Stage 1 resumption should review the [OBGYN DHCC Research Resumption Safety Plan](#), obtain PPE and complete training as applicable prior to resumption of on-site research activities.

For **PHCRI researchers** with human subject research projects and activities at the **Howe St. Campus**, please complete the [PHCRI Human Subject Research Access Summary spreadsheet](#).

For **PHSA/BCCHR researchers** with human subject research projects and activities at the **Oak St. Campus**, please refer to research resumption information available at <https://hub.bcchr.ca/auth/login.php?origin=/> (requires log in with BCCHR/PHSA/UBC credentials).

Please contact your site research manager ([Mannie Fan](#) for VGH/DHCC, [Nikki Koenig](#) for SPH, or [Ariadna Fernandez](#) for BCWH) if you have any questions or concerns.

OTHER COVID-19-RELATED

- **NEW!** Submit your study data into the [COVID-19 Maternal, Child and Family Study Catalogue!](#)
- [UBC's plans for re-occupying and resuming activity on campus.](#)
- [Mandatory Training for UBC Faculty and Staff Back on Campus.](#)

- [Process for phased resumption of in-person behavioural research at UBC.](#)
 - [UBC CREB Guidance for Resumption of Research version Jun 2020](#)
 - 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.
 - The [UBC Research Staff and Trainee Emergency Fund](#) has been suspended While CRCEF is in progress.
 - UBC has launched Phase 1 of the [Canada Research Continuity Emergency Fund \(CRCEF\)](#) process. The CRCEF program will provide wage support for March 15 to August 29, 2020, covering 75% of eligible wages, up to a maximum of \$847/week. Eligible projects must have experienced loss or reduction in industry or foundation funding, or have curtailed research activity, due to COVID-19. [Read more...](#)
* Please note PHC, VCH, and PHSA will roll out their own processes for funds residing with them.
 - 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](#)
 - [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) NEW! CCNA's Talking Brains Webinar Series. Upcoming webinar on **August 7, 2020 at 10am:** “**Improbable Encounter: Dr. Gillian Einstein meeting Dr. Neil Cashman.**” Is there any connection between sex and gender and molecular neuroscience in the context of dementia research? What are the potential links between ovarian hormones, memory, and protein misfolding? How can these areas become more connected thanks to the **CCNA** network? Join us for an out-of-the-box and out-of-the-comfort-zone conversation with Drs. Einstein and Cashman. [Register here.](#)

(3) NEW! Next **BC Women's WHRI Research Rounds** will take place **August 21, 2020** from **8:00-9:00am** by Zoom: “Impact of COVID-19 on Women's Wellbeing in British Columbia: Preliminary Results from a Qualitative Study” presented by **Dr. Julia Smith**. For more info, contact Marsha Simons at marsha.simons@cw.bc.ca

(4) ONGOING! 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.

(5) 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](#).

(6) **Save the Date!** Our next annual faculty research forum, the **Dr. Fred Bryans Faculty Forum 2021**, will be taking place on Thursday, **February 4, 2021**. Mark your calendars now! More information to follow.

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.

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(4) 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](#)

(5) **IHDCYH-related Funding Opportunities Impacted:**

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

(6) [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.**

(7) 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.**

(8) 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 **Duchess 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](#).

(9) 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.**

(10) 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....](#)

(11) 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...](#)

(12) 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...](#)

(13) 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...](#)

(14) **UPDATED!** 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: April 13, 2021.**

Research Resources

(1) **NEW! Did you know?...** [HealthChat](#) is an online platform for groups of health care professionals (HCPs) to connect and collaborate. Whether you are a member of a network, community of practice, or administering a program, you can create a profile and create or join a secure group space to share and develop your work. Open to clinicians, administrators, and health leaders. [Find out more...](#)

(2) Announcing the **CHIWOS [Women Centred-HIV Care Toolkits](#)**. Around 14,500 women live with HIV in Canada, and delivering integrated care that responds to their needs & priorities is essential. Based on findings from the Canadian HIV Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health

Cohort Study (CHIWOS) and an extensive community-collaborative research program, 2 new toolkits have been developed on [Women-Centred HIV Care](#).

* **Toolkit for women living with HIV** as a self-management and health self-advocacy tool.

* **Toolkit to support HIV clinicians and community-based organizations** to deliver Women-Centred HIV Care

Both of these toolkits are now available online! [Read more...](#)

(3) [Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on trainees of the WHRI](#). The WHRI is excited to share some preliminary results from their trainee survey. Between May 6 and June 30, 2020, 119 trainees from across BC's universities and a range of training programs & fields of study completed a survey seeking to understand the direct and indirect impacts of COVID-19 on students and trainees engaged in women's health research. [Read more...](#)

(4) [Resources from CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network \(CTN\)](#) in the fight against COVID-19 (including [online research toolbox](#)). [Read more...](#)

(5) [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.

(6) 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.

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!