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**NEWS & UPDATES**

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

*Karim Fouad*

Professor, Physical Therapy
with *Dave Bennett*

Professor, Faculty of Rehabilitation

Canadian Institutes of Health Research Project Grant with a value of $956,250 for the project entitled, Role of inflammation in recovery after spinal cord injury.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

*Lauren Beaupre*

Professor, Occupational Therapy

*Allyson Jones*

Professor, Physical Therapy
with *Martin Ferguson-Pell*

Professor, Faculty of Rehabilitation

Canadian Institutes of Health Research Project Grant with a value of $100,000 bridge funding for their study entitled Preoperative e-Health to Prepare for Elective Total Joint Replacement Surgery: The Prep@Home Randomized Feasibility Trial.
CIHR Project Grant Application Guide

The UofA Library has posted this guide to help applicants through developing their CIHR project grant application for Pillars 2 to 4, patient-oriented research. It will give advice on what reviewers expect to see in applications based on past reviewer feedback. It also provides links to the available resources for developing your project.

The guide can be found here. Note that you'll need your UAlberta login information.

New Data Management Plan Brief Guides and Primers

Portage has published new DMP Brief Guides and Primers, in English and French, to assist researchers who are new to creating data management plans. These convenient two-page resources cover the basics of what a DMP is, why researchers should create a DMP, what the standard components of a DMP are, and how researchers can create their own DMPs.

Brief Guide - Data Management Plan
Primer - Data Management Plan

Electronic Consent Guidelines

REO has recently posted to their website the Electronic Consent Guidelines, which describes electronic methods of informed consent documentation. Electronic documentation of consent may be used when researchers conduct the consent process with participants in person, as well as when potential participants are not physically present with the researcher during the consent process. In either situation, the consent process itself should be designed to ensure that participants are adequately informed about the research, can easily ask and get answers to questions, and recognize that participation is voluntary.

UPCOMING EVENTS & SESSIONS

Research Brown Bag

Neurosciences, Rehabilitation & Vision Strategic Clinical Network: Opportunities for Provincial Collaboration
Thursday, March 24th, 2021
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Zoom

Join us in welcoming Dr. Kiran Panahi-Manesh, Assistant Scientific Director of the Neurosciences, Rehabilitation & Vision Strategic Clinical Network (NRV SCN). Dr. Manesh will be introducing the NRV SCN and its mandate, describing some of its current projects and initiatives, and detailing how these may lead to collaboration with the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Dr. Manesh is an interdisciplinary researcher with training in health research methodology, law and bioethics, and an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences at the Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary. Her research experiences span complex pediatric homecare, secondary data use, and shared decision making.

Meeting link: uAlberta.ca.zoom.us/j/98270903713?pwd=R1LGC9vHbH0dldVRlNYTg5dHdJdz09
Meeting ID: 982 7090 3713
Passcode: 884541

Mock Peer Review Workshop for Early Career Researchers

This 2-hour workshop will provide an overview of the CIHR Project Grant review process with participation from Peer Review Committee Chairs, Scientific Officers, and Reviewers.
In addition to describing the key elements of the review process, the workshop will include a mock grant review and an interactive session with panel members. To facilitate discussion, we invite participants to register and submit questions in advance.

March 9, 2021, 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Register [here](#)

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**Festival of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities**

FURCA is the annual, campus-wide celebration of undergraduate research, showcases the research and creative achievements of undergraduate students across all disciplines.

March 9-11, 2021
More information found [here](#). Registration is not required.

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**Research Data Management Planning**

Topics covered will include the importance and benefits of DMPs, how they can support your research, what makes a ‘good’ DMP, as well as an in-depth look at their content. Both a hands-on demonstration of the freely available Portage Data Management Planning (DMP) Assistant as well as important updates regarding this platform will be offered.

Thursday, March 11, 2021
1:30pm - 3:00pm
Register [here](#)

**Registration is limited**

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**University of Alberta Clinical Investigator/Coordinator Orientation**

QMCR, REO, RSO, WCHRI, EPICORE, AHS, SPOR and NACTRC have joined efforts and are pleased to announce the third University of Alberta’s Quarterly Investigator/Coordinator Clinical Research Orientation days. This one-day event designed to orient clinician researchers, coordinators and other interested stakeholders to the key administrative and support services necessary and available for conducting both industry-sponsored and investigator-initiated clinical trials at the University of Alberta.

Friday, March 19th, 2021
8:30am-3:15pm
Register [here](#)

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**NDSF Summit 2021 - Crafting the Canadian Open Research Commons**

The 4th National Data Services Framework (NDSF) Summit is a forum where the Canadian research community can learn, collaborate, exchange ideas, and discuss common issues, with a goal of developing a shared understanding of the current data management landscape and recommendations for future initiatives.

The Summit theme, Crafting the Canadian Open Research Commons, indicates a digital research infrastructure ecosystem that available to all Canadian researchers, and one that is interoperable at a global level.

The 2021 NDSF Summit outcomes will be distributed widely in the Canadian DRI ecosystem, and directly to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED), the National Digital Research Infrastructure Organization (NDRIO), and other key stakeholders.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Human Frontier Science Program: Research Grant Program

These grants are meant to allow teams of independent researchers to develop new lines of research through a new collaboration. Priority will be given to new, innovative research projects and teams including members from outside the life sciences. Applicants for RG-Program are encouraged to include independent investigators early in their careers as members of their team.

The aim of the program is to foster research collaborations between laboratories in different countries. Therefore, teams must meet the following conditions:

1. A research project with all team members in one country is not eligible.
2. Clear priority will be given to intercontinental collaborations.

More details found here
Letter of Intent due: March 18, 2021

Worker's Compensation Board (WCB) of Alberta: Alberta Research Grants Competition

This grant provides funding to high-quality research projects which address pressing issues such as:

- Obtaining optimal clinical and return-to-work outcomes.
- Improving the efficiency, effectiveness and fairness of claims management and the workers’ compensation system.

WCB-Alberta's Research Program provides full funding for projects and sponsorship for co-funding, data access and collection.

More details found here
Applications due: April 9, 2021

CIHR: Training Grant - Health Research Training Platform (2021/22 Pilot)

The Health Research Training Platform (HRTP) Pilot funding opportunity is intended to support the development of interdisciplinary, inter-jurisdictional, and intersectoral research training platforms that will attract a diverse cadre of high-caliber trainees and ECRs, and equip them with the skills required for academic and non-academic careers.

For an application to be eligible:

1. The Nominated Principal Applicant (NPA) who will act as the platform leader must be an independent researcher or a knowledge user.
2. The NPA must be affiliated with an eligible institution
3. In addition to the NPA, at least two other members identified as Principal Applicants (PAs) must be included.
4. Collectively NPA and PAs must:
   - Be affiliated with at least three different eligible institutions, one of which must not be a member of the U15 Group of Canadian Research Universities
   - Be based within a minimum of three provinces and/or territories;
   - Include at least one ECR.
5. For an application to be eligible, the proposed training platform must:
Identify at least eight mentors representing different institutions, disciplines, jurisdictions, sectors and career stages.

The applicant team (NPA, PAs, or Co-Applicants) must be interdisciplinary and intersectoral.

Identify one member who serves the function of an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Champion with expertise in sound EDI practices and principles.

More information found here
Registration due: April 21, 2021