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- **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC):** Research Grants and Partnerships – Upcoming Webinars – September 5 to November 27

- **National Multiple Sclerosis Society:** Grants, Pilot and Center Awards – Pre-application deadline September 10, 2018

- **Orphan Disease Center Million Dollar Bike Ride Pilot Grant Program:** LOI deadline September 10, 2018, Proposal due date October 15, 2018

- **Weston Brain Institute:** Biomarkers Against Neurodegenerative Diseases (BAND) 3 – Letter of Intent deadline September 10, 2018

- **Canada Council for the Arts:** Explore and Create – Application deadlines September 12 and October 10, 2018

- **International Development Research Centre and the UK Department of Health and Social Care:** Innovative Veterinary Solutions for Antimicrobial Resistance (InnoVet-AMR) in food-producing animals: Livestock and aquaculture – Application deadline September 12, 2018

- **Emissions Reduction Alberta:** Biotechnology, Electricity and Sustainable Transportation (BEST) Challenge – Expression of Interest deadline September 13, 2018

- **Department of Defense (DoD), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs:** FY18 Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP): Grants – LOI deadline September 14, November 1, 2018

- **Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI):** Winter 2019 Pilot Award – Application deadline September 14, 2018

- **Weston Brain Institute:** Webinar September 14, 2018

- **Tinker Foundation Inc.:** Institutional Grants – LOI opening deadline July 9, 2018; Application deadline September 15, 2018

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- **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC):** Insight Grants – Notify ROADS of Intent to Apply ASAP; ROADS Information Session September 7, 2018; SSHRC Application deadline October 15, 2018

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• Grand Challenges Canada: Stars in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (Round 10) – Registration deadline September 20, 2018; Application and video deadline September 25, 2018

• The Michael J. Fox Foundation: Grants – Webinar September 6, 2018; Pre-proposal deadline September 26, 2018

• Mitacs: Globalink Research Award (GRA) – Application deadline September 30, 2018

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• Genome Canada seeks input on new strategic plan – Survey deadline October 1, 2018

• Louisville Institute: Grants – Application deadlines October 1, November 1, 2018, January 15, 2019

• BrightFocus Foundation: Standard Grants – Application deadlines October 2, November 9, 2018

• Lyle Spencer Research Awards – LOI deadline October 2, 2018; Webinar date September 5, 2018

• Department of Defense (DoD), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs: FY18 Reconstructive Transplant Research Program (RTRP) – Pre-application deadline October 3, 2018

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• Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC): Connection Grants – Application – Draft application October 11, 2018, Final Application October 25, 2018

• Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC): Partnership Development Grants – Notify ROADS of Intent to Apply ASAP; SSHRC Application deadline November 15, 2018

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• Department of Defense, Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, FY18 Gulf War Illness Research Program (GWIRP): New Investigator Award - Pre-application deadline October 18, 2018; Application deadline November 8, 2018

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- **Weston Brain Institute, Early Phase Clinical Trials: Canada – Letter of Intent is accepted on a rolling basis.**
- **Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR), Call for Proposals: International & Interdisciplinary Research Workshops – Open Call – Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.**
- **Simons Foundation, Mathematics and Physical Sciences Division: Targeted Grants in Mathematics and Physical Sciences – Letters of Intent are accepted on a rolling basis.**
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**Women’s College Hospital, Women’s Xchange: $15K Challenge**

The objective of the $15K Challenge is to offer a $15,000 in one-time one year (non-renewable) grants to support research projects that address women’s health issues at the local level. Potential projects can include:

- Identifying unmet needs within a defined community
- Exploring or testing effective solutions to problems
- Increasing the understanding of factors that influence women’s health


**Value:** Maximum $15,000 over 1 year (one-time only)

**Application Process:** The Women’s College Research Institute Notice of Intent deadline is September 7, 2018. The application deadline is October 5, 2018.

**ROADS Contact:** Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519

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**The Orphan Disease Center: Mucopolysaccharidosis Type I Pilot Grant Program**

The objective of the Type I Pilot is to develop novel nucleic and cell based treatments for MPS I. The proposed therapeutic strategies should address the CNS manifestations of MPS I in patients with the severe and attenuated forms of the disease. Approaches that also address the somatic manifestations of the disease not effectively treated with enzyme replacement therapy are welcome. The following non-inclusive lists of topics are responsive to this RFA:

1) Genome and base editing strategies to correct the common non-sense mutations responsible for MPS I;
2) Improvements with allogeneic or gene-modified autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplantation to increase efficacy and/or reduce toxicity;
3) Nucleic acid delivery technologies with improved distribution throughout the CNS and acceptable toxicity profiles;
4) Strategies to reduce toxicity of intrathecal AAV with demonstrated advantages over existing platforms/approaches using vectors expressing IDUA

[http://orphandiseasecenter.med.upenn.edu/grant-opportunities/mucopolysaccharidosis-type-i-pilot-grant-program](http://orphandiseasecenter.med.upenn.edu/grant-opportunities/mucopolysaccharidosis-type-i-pilot-grant-program)

**Value:** maximum of $150,000 over a maximum 12 months

**Application process:** The Letter of Intent deadline is September 10, 2018, by 8 pm. Applications are accepted only by invitation, the application deadline is October 15, 2018.

**ROADS Contact:** Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519
Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts, Grant Program: Grants to Individuals

The Graham Foundation is interested in providing opportunities to create, develop, and communicate a project about architecture and the designed environment that will contribute to their creative, intellectual, and professional growth at crucial or potentially transformative stages in the individual’s careers. Supporting efforts to take positions, develop new forms of expression, and engage debate; help communicate the work in the public realm and reach new and wider audiences and support new voices by giving priority to first-time applicants.

The Graham Foundation offers two types of grants to individuals: Production and Presentation Grants and Research and Development Grants.

1) Production and Presentation Grants, the objective: to assist individuals with the production-related expenses that are necessary to take a project from conceptualization to realization and public presentation. These projects include, but are not limited to, publications, exhibitions, installations, films, and new media projects.

Value: Applicants are required to submit a project budget. Grants do not exceed $20,000.

2) Research and Development Grants, the objective: to assist individuals with seed money for research-related expenses for example travel, documentation, materials, supplies, and other development costs.

Value: Applicants are required to submit a project budget. Grants do not exceed $10,000.

Application Process: The Graham Foundation Inquiry Form deadline is September 15, 2018.  
http://www.grahamfoundation.org/grant_programs?mode=individual

ROADS Contact: Christina Pellegrini, Senior Advisor, at pellegrc@mcmaster.ca or extension 27207

Grand Challenges Canada: Starts in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights – Round 10 – Request for Proposals

Grand Challenges Canada seeks bold ideas for products, services and implementation models that could transform how persistent challenges in sexual and reproductive health and rights are addressed in low- and middle-income countries. The bold ideas are expected to improve the provision and use of comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services (e.g. contraception; comprehensive sexuality education; safe abortion, where legal; and menstrual hygiene management).

http://www.grandchallenges.ca/funding-opportunities/

Value: maximum $100,000 over a maximum 12 months


ROADS Contact: Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519
Department of Defense (DoD), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program: FY18 Accelerating Innovation in Military Medicine (AIMM) – Grant

The AIMM Research Award is intended to support highly creative and conceptually innovative high-risk research with the potential to accelerate critical discoveries or major advancements that will significantly impact military health and medicine. AIMM initiative funding supports novel research concepts and other efforts that initiate or enhance potential game-changers that may not be supported by other funding mechanisms or core programs. Applications using synthetic or systems biology-based approaches or focused on autonomous healthcare are highly encouraged.


Value: up to $350,000 for up to 18 months

Application Process: The Pre-application deadline is September 19, 2018. The application deadline of this funding opportunity is January 2, 2019.

ROADS Contact: Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519

Department of Defense (DoD), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs: FY18/19 Psychological Health/Traumatic Brain Injury Research Program – Grants

The DOD has sent out pre-announcements for the following funding opportunities:

1) CTRR – Clinical Research Award (CTRR-CRA), the objective: to support applied and translational research to advance the development of knowledge and materiel products for rehabilitation and restoration of function following TBI. Supported research can include preclinical studies using human subjects or samples and observational or mechanistic clinical research studies.

Value: Maximum of $2 million for up to 3 years.


2) CTRR – Clinical Trail Award (CTRR-CTA), the objective: to support small, Phase I clinical trials to advance the development of knowledge and materiel products for rehabilitation and restoration of function following TBI in Service members, Veterans, and other individuals. Interventions should be limited, existing, and manualized. Studies may include seeking to optimize dosing in existing interventions.

Value: Maximum of $1.5 million for up to 2 years.


3) CTRR – Clinical Trail Development Award (CTRR-CTDA), the objective: to support design and development of the necessary research resources that will serve as a foundation for investigator-initiated clinical trials as described above under CTRR – Clinical Trial Award (CTRR-CTA)

Value: Maximum of $200,000 for up to 1 year.
Application Process: Pre-Proposal deadline for all the above funding opportunities is **September 24, 2018.** Application deadline is **December 17, 2018.**

4) **Joint DoD and VA Long-term Impact of Military-relevant Brain Injury Consortium (LIMBIC),** the objective: is to improve our understanding of the impact of mild TBI (mTBI)/concussion on Service members and Veterans. This opportunity will support a Consortium conducting a single large longitudinal study and associated sub-studies within the scope of this opportunity. The knowledge gained through the proposed studies will be used to inform TBI pathways of care and illuminate specific target areas to improve acute TBI care and subsequent support systems for chronic care following mTBI.

**Value:** Up to $25 million for up to 5 years.

Application Process: Pre-Proposal deadline for all the above funding opportunity (LIMBIC) is **October 8, 2018.** Application deadline is **January 7, 2019.**

Announcement Website: [http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/phtbi](http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/phtbi)

**Roads Contact:** Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519

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**Google: Faculty Research Awards**

The objective of the **Faculty Research Award** is to identify and strengthen long-term collaborative relationships with faculty working on problems that will impact how future generations use technology. The award is highly competitive - only 15% of applicants receive funding - and each proposal goes through a rigorous Google-wide review process.

[https://ai.google/research/outreach/faculty-research-awards/](https://ai.google/research/outreach/faculty-research-awards/)

**Value:** The awards are structured as seed funding to support one graduate student for 1 year and awarded as an unrestricted gift.

**Application process:** The Google application deadline is **September 30, 2018.**

**ROADS Contact:** Miky (Mihaela) Dumitrescu, Senior Advisor, at dumitrm@mcmaster.ca or extension 21548

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**The Getty Foundation: Grants**

The Getty Foundation has recently announced the following funding opportunities:

1) **Getty Scholar Grants** – This grant is for established scholars, or writers who have attained distinction in their fields. Recipients are in residence at the Getty Research Institute or Getty Villa, where they pursue their own...
projects free from academic obligations, make use of Getty collections, join their colleagues in a weekly meeting devoted to an annual research theme, and participate in the intellectual life of the Getty.

http://www.getty.edu/foundation/initiatives/residential/getty_scholars.html  
**Value:** Up to $65,000 per year, Scholars may be in residence for periods ranging from three to nine months.

**Application Process:** The Getty Foundation application deadline for the Scholar Grant is **October 1, 2018.**

2) **Library Research Grants** – This grant provides partial, short-term support for researchers requiring the use of specific collections housed in the Getty Research Institute (GRI). The GRI's grant budget has been generously supplemented by donations from Getty Research Institute Council members and the Getty Conservation Institute.

http://www.getty.edu/foundation/initiatives/residential/library_research_grants.html  
**Value:** Amount depends on the distance traveled; Within California - $800; In North America - $1,500; International - $3,000. Grants range from several days to a maximum of three months.

**Application Process:** The Library Research Grant deadline is **October 15, 2018.**

**ROADS Contact:** Christina Pellegrini, Senior Advisor, at pellegrc@mcmaster.ca or extension 27207

**Kidney Foundation of Canada: Allied Health Research Grant**

The purpose of the Allied Health Research Grant is to encourage allied health professionals to pursue research relevant to the areas of nephrology and organ donation, including clinical, health services, social, cultural, environmental and population health research.

https://www.kidney.ca/sslpage.aspx?pid=1662&erid=983573&trid=a8d4f2b8-c397-437a-86bb-fdf0f50c111b  
**Value:** up to $50,000 a year for up to two years.

**Application Process:** Submit applications by **October 15, 2018 via email.**

**ROADS Contact:** Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519

**Hamilton Health Sciences JHCCF Grants – Fall 2018 Call for Applications**

Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre Foundation’s (JHCCF) main purpose is to champion and advance the vision and mandate of the Juravinski Cancer Program (JCP). Through the generosity of their donors, they fund capital redevelopment projects, purchase medical equipment and technology, and invest in research and the professional development of our staff. As part of its commitment to research, the Foundation sponsors a Research Grant Program that awards funding through a rigorous peer reviewed application process, once or
twice yearly. Staff at Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre are invited to submit grant applications to The Foundation for funding support in the areas of Research and Education:

**Research:**

**Total Research Funds Available** - $310,600 Research

- **Development Grants Maximum Funding** $50,000
- **Thematic Research Grants Maximum Funding** $100,000

**Research Specific Topics:**

- **The Hadley H. Chamberlain Award** - $3,600 available in support of Prostate Cancer Research
- **Kuhn Award in Memory of Jay Kuhn** - $10,000 available in support of Hodgkin Disease or non-Hodgkin Lymphoma Research

**Announcement Website:** [https://hamiltonhealth.ca/jhccfgrants/](https://hamiltonhealth.ca/jhccfgrants/)

**Application Process:** The application deadline for all of the above funding opportunities is **October 24, 2018**

**ROADS Contact:** Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519

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**Wabash Center: Project Grants**

The objective of the *Project Grant* is to support activities that enhance teaching and learning in the fields of religion and theology. Project grants support projects that either:

- improve teaching and learning practices
- encourage research and study of pedagogical issues
- nurture supportive teaching environments.

The following is available:

- **Small Project Grants** (review [https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/wabash-grants/small-project-grants/](https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/wabash-grants/small-project-grants/))
- **Large Project Grants** (review [https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/wabash-grants/project-grants/](https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/wabash-grants/project-grants/))

**Value:**

- **Small Project Grants:** up to $5,000
- **Large Project Grants:** up to $30,000

**Application Process:** The Wabash Centre application deadline for Small Project Grants is *any time* during the year. The deadline for Large Project Grants is **February 15, 2019**.

**ROADS Contact:** Christina Pellegrini, Senior Advisor, at pellegrc@mcmaster.ca or extension 27207
Previously Announced:

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) SSHRC Research Grants and Partnerships – Upcoming Webinars

SSHRC will be holding a series of webinars for applicants and research administrators on upcoming competitions. The webinars will be held via Adobe Connect at the following times:

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For more information about a specific funding opportunity, please contact Christina Pellegrini, ROADS, at ext. 27207 or pellegrc@mcmaster.ca

For any questions, please contact SSHRC at the relevant email address for the funding opportunity: http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/contact_us-contactez_nous/index-eng.aspx

National Multiple Sclerosis Society: Grants, Pilot and Center Awards

The National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society has recently announced the following funding opportunity:

Pilot Research Grants, the objective: to fund high-risk pilot grants to quickly test novel ideas. Funding is provided for one year to test innovative, cutting-edge ideas or untested methods, and to gather sufficient preliminary data to apply for longer-term funding.

https://www.nationalmssociety.org/For-Professionals/Researchers/Society-Funding/Pilot-Research-Grants

Value: maximum $50,000 for 1 year


Announcement Website: https://www.nationalmssociety.org/For-Professionals/Researchers/Society-Funding

ROADS Contact: Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519

Orphan Disease Center Million Dollar Bike Ride Pilot Grant Program
The Orphan Disease Center (ODC) at the University of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce the 2018 Million Dollar Bike Ride Pilot Grant Program. The program is now open and offering 39 different research grant opportunities focusing on 23 different rare diseases. This program provides a one-year grant to support research related to a rare disease represented in the 2018 Million Dollar Bike Ride. Number of awards and dollar amounts vary per disease based on fundraising totals by each disease team. This Request for Applications (RFA) is open to the international community. All individuals holding a faculty-level appointment at an academic institution or a senior scientific position at a non-profit institution or foundation are eligible to respond to this RFA.

http://orphandisecenter.med.upenn.edu/grant-opportunities/2018-million-dollar-bike-ride-grant-program

Value: Number of awards and dollar amounts vary per disease based on fundraising totals by each disease team.

Application Process: The LOI deadline for the above funding opportunity is September 10, 2018. The Proposal due date is October 15, 2018.

ROADS Contact: Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519

Weston Brain Institute: Biomarkers Against Neurodegenerative Diseases (BAND) 3

The objective of the BAND is to stimulate analyses across Alzheimer’s disease (AD), Parkinson’s disease (PD), and other neurodegenerative diseases to 1) increase understanding of pathogenesis similarities and differences, 2) analyze across existing data, 3) support projects that aim to develop and/or advance:

- innovative data models,
- biomarker discovery,
- assay standardization,
- genetic profiling,
- harmonize existing data set phenotypes,
- analyze cross-disease or longitudinal analyses of existing data,
- inclusion of other neurodegenerative diseases related to PD and AD, or imaging development.

http://westonbraininstitute.ca/band3/

Value: maximum $150,000 in total costs, inclusive of both direct and indirect costs, up to 2 years. Indirect costs may not exceed 10% of direct costs.


ROADS contact: Miky (Mihaela) Dumitrescu, Senior Advisor, at dumitrm@mcmaster.ca or extension 21548
**Canada Council for the Arts: Explore and Create**

The objective of *Explore and Create* is to 1) support artists’ research, development, creation and production of work, and professional development, and 2) support Canadian artists, artistic groups and organizations committed to the creation and dissemination of innovative, vibrant and diverse art.

The program advances Canadian artistic practices by encouraging artists to a) investigate creative processes, and b) take risks that lead to the development of unique works destined to connect with the public. Canada Council for the Arts has announced the following:

1) **Research and Creation**, the objective: to support the initial stages of the creative process. The grants provide support for creative research, creation, and project development.  

**Value:** up to $25,000 to a maximum of $50,000 over 2 years

**Application process:** Profile Validation Deadline – Applicants must create an account and submit one or more profile(s) for validation at least 30 days before they want to apply. The Application deadline is **September 12, 2018**.

2) **Professional Development for Artists**, the objective: to support the career growth/professional advancement of Canadian artists and artistic groups by encouraging participation in a wide range of development opportunities. The grants fund activities in all artistic disciplines.  
   [http://canadacouncil.ca/funding/grants/explore-and-create/professional-development-for-artists](http://canadacouncil.ca/funding/grants/explore-and-create/professional-development-for-artists)

**Value:** up to $10,000 for duration of project

**Application Process:** Profile Validation Deadline – Applicants must create an account and submit one or more profile(s) for validation at least 30 days before they want to apply. The Application deadline is **October 10, 2018**.

**Announcement Website:** [http://canadacouncil.ca/funding/grants/explore-and-create](http://canadacouncil.ca/funding/grants/explore-and-create)

**ROADS Contact:** Christina Pellegrini, Senior Advisor, at [pellegrc@mcmaster.ca](mailto:pellegrc@mcmaster.ca) or extension 27207

**International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the UK Department of Health and Social Care: Innovative Veterinary Solutions for Antimicrobial Resistance (InnoVet-AMR) in food-producing animals: Livestock and aquaculture**

The InnoVET-AMR seeks proposals for research that will develop innovative veterinary solutions, focused on product development, to reduce the therapeutic (prevention and control) and non-therapeutic (growth promotion) use of antibiotics by farmers, while still protecting animal health and welfare.  

The InnoVet-AMR initiative is divided into two themes focused on reducing the use of antibiotics in the livestock (poultry and swine) and aquaculture sectors, in low and middle-income countries (LMICs).  


The research team must include at least one researcher from an institution based in a LMIC as principle investigator, or co-applicant.
Applications must describe how gender equity and environmental considerations will be integrated into the design and implementation of the proposed research. Proposals need to demonstrate how the project will involve women from all participating organizations in the research team, and throughout the research process.


**Value:** Projects must be between $1 - 3 million each for a maximum 33 months. Projects should plan for 1.5 months start-up, 30 months to conduct research, and 1.5 months to close. Projects are expected to begin in either March or April of 2019.

**Application process:** The IDRC application deadline is **September 12, 2018.**

**ROADS Contact:** Nathan Coschi, Senior Advisor, at coschimn@mcmaster.ca or extension 21581

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**Emissions Reduction Alberta (ERA): Biotechnology, Electricity and Sustainable Transportation (BEST) Challenge**

The objective of the **BEST Challenge** is to support technologies that demonstrate the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Alberta, and secure the province’s success in a lower carbon economy. Innovators with technology scale-up, demonstration, and first-of-kind implementation projects in the areas of biotechnology, electricity, or sustainable transportation are invited to apply review [Examples of Potential Projects](http://eralberta.ca/best-challenge/) Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with other organizations and engage with Alberta’s post-secondary and research institutions. Applications can be submitted from around the world, however, projects must be piloted, demonstrated, or implemented in Alberta.

**Value:** maximum $10 million per project over 3 years. The ERA will only match contributions toward eligible expenses on a maximum one-to-one (1:1) basis.

The ERA will not match other government funds provided directly for the proposed project (provincial, federal, or international), or future revenue associated with the outcomes of the project such as offset credits, Canadian SR&ED credits, or sales revenue from the project’s end-products.

**Application process:**
The ERA expression of interest deadline is **September 13, 2018.**

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Department of Defense (DoD), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs: FY18 Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP) - Grants

The Department of Defence has recently announced the following funding opportunities:

1) **Breakthrough Award Levels 1 and 2 II**, the objective: to support promising research that has high potential to lead to or make breakthroughs in breast cancer.

**Funding Level 1:** Innovative, high-risk/high-reward research that is in the earliest stages of idea development. Research with potential to yield new avenues of investigation. Proof of concept. No preliminary data required. DoD FY18 Breast Cancer Breakthrough Award Levels 1 and 2.

**Funding Level 2:** Research that is already supported by preliminary data and has potential to make significant advancements toward clinical translation.


**Value:**

**Level 1:** up to $375,000 for up to 3 years; **Level 1 with partnering PI option:** up to $600,000 for up to 3 years

**Level 2:** up to $750,000 for up to 3 years; **Level 2 with partnering PI option:** up to $1 million for up to 3 years

**Application Process:** The Letter of Intent deadline is **November 1, 2018.** The application deadline is **November 15, 2018.**

2) **Breakthrough Award Levels 3 and 4 II**, the objective: to support promising research that has high potential to lead to or make breakthroughs in breast cancer.

**Funding Level 3:** Advanced translational studies that have potential for near-term clinical investigation. Small-scale clinical trials may apply. DoD FY18 Breast Cancer Breakthrough Award Levels 3 and 4

**Funding Level 4:** Large-scale projects that will transform and revolutionize the clinical management and/or prevention of breast cancer. Near-term clinical impact is expected. Human clinical testing is required. PIs are expected to have experience in successfully leading large-scale projects.


**Value:**

**Level 3:** up to $2.5 million for up to 4 years; **Level 3 with partnering PI option:** up to $4 million for up to 4 years

**Level 4:** up to $10 million for up to 4 years; **Level 4 with partnering PI option:** up to $10 million for up to 4 years

**Application Process:** The Letter of Intent deadline is **September 14, 2018.** The application deadline is **December 10, 2018.**
Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI): Winter 2019 Pilot Award

The objective of the **Pilot Award** is to provide early support for exploratory ideas, particularly those with novel hypotheses for autism. Appropriate projects include those considered higher risk with less assurance of ultimate impact, but with the potential for transformative results. In particular, SFARI encourages applications that propose research to link genetic or other autism spectrum disorder (ASD) risk factors to molecular, cellular, circuit, or behavioral mechanisms of ASD. Investigators new to the field of autism are encouraged to apply for these awards.

https://www.sfari.org/grant/pilot-awards-request-for-applications/?tab=rfa

**Value:** maximum $300,000 including 20% indirect costs over a maximum 2 years

**Application process:** The SFARI application deadline is **September 14, 2018.**

**ROADS Contact:** Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519

Weston Brain Institute: Webinars

The Weston Brain Institute will host a webinar:

**Collaborating with the Centre for Drug Research and Development (CDRD) on the preclinical development of novel therapeutics in neuroscience**

**Date & Time:** September 14, 2018; 3:00 - 4:00pm EDT

**Register at:** https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/338747830024416002

Announcement Website: http://westonbraininstitute.ca/webinars-2018/

Tinker Foundation Inc. Institutional Grants

The objective of the **Institutional Grants** program is to support the creation of effective policy changes to improve the lives of Latin Americans.

Five program areas have been identified in which focused, expert research and innovation has the potential to make significant positive impact:

- Democratic Governance, [http://www.tinker.org/content/democratic-governance](http://www.tinker.org/content/democratic-governance)
- Education, [http://www.tinker.org/content/education](http://www.tinker.org/content/education)
All projects must have a strong public policy component, offer innovative solutions to problems facing these regions, and incorporate new mechanisms for addressing these programmatic areas. Activities may include but are not restricted to research projects, workshops, and conferences. The Foundation encourages collaboration among organizations in the United States and Latin America, and prefers to fund those institutions that are actively engaged with external stakeholders in addressing an issue of concern. Funding for general support may be considered on a limited basis.

Value: Applicants submit a budget and estimate the duration of their project.

Application process: The Tinker Foundation will begin accepting letters of inquiry as of July 9, 2018. The application deadline is September 15, 2018.

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Sony: 2018 Sony Research Award Program

Sony has recently announced the following funding opportunities:

1) Faculty Innovation Award, the objective: to conduct cutting-edge research in Sony’s general areas of interest partnering with university faculty. The partnership will help cultivate advanced concepts and fertilize Sony’s own research and development.
Select most relevant keywords to your submission at https://www.sony.com/research-award-program#FacultyInnovationAward

Value: maximum $100,000
Application process: The Sony application deadline is September 15, 2018.

2) Focused Research Award, the objective: to conduct research in the areas of Sony’s immediate interest.
Review https://www.sony.com/research-award-program#FocusedResearchAward

Value: maximum $150,000; The grant may be renewed for subsequent years.
Application process: The Sony application deadline is September 15, 2018.

Announcement Website: https://www.sony.com/research-award-program#Overview

Contact: McMaster Industry Liaison Office (MILO)

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- Health Sciences: Bertha Monrose, monrose@mcmaster.ca, extension 22416
- Social Sciences, Humanities, Business: Suzanne Ferenczi, ferenczs@mcmaster.ca, extension 20299
Department of Defense (DoD), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs: FY18 Parkinson’s Research Program (PRP) – Grant

The DOD has recently announced the following funding opportunities:

1) **Investigator-Initiated Research Award**, the objective: to support highly rigorous, multidisciplinary, high-impact research projects that have the potential to make an important contribution to Parkinson’s disease research and/or DoD FY18 Parkinson’s Investigator-Initiated Research Award 4 patient care. This award mechanism supports the full spectrum of research from basic science through clinical research that specifically focuses on scientific and clinical Parkinson’s disease issues, which, if successfully addressed, have the potential to make a major impact in understanding, preventing, diagnosing, or treating Parkinson’s disease or enhancing the wellbeing of individuals experiencing the impact of the disease.


**Value:** Individual PI awarded $1.5 million for up to 3 years. Partnering PIs awarded $2 million for up to 3 years.

2) **Early Investigator Research Award**, the objective, to impact an area of paramount importance in Parkinson’s disease. The application must clearly and explicitly describe the potential impact of the proposed study on Parkinson’s disease and convey its level of significance. The research should benefit individuals with Parkinson’s disease, including Service members and Veterans, by improving the understanding, prevention, diagnosis, and/or treatment of Parkinson’s disease. DoD FY18 Parkinson’s Early Investigator Research Award

5 The proposed research must be relevant to active duty Service members, Veterans, military beneficiaries, and/or the American public


**Value:** up to $340,000 for up to 2 years.

**Application Process:** The LOI deadline for both of the above funding opportunities is **September 17, 2018**. The application deadline for both of the above funding opportunities is **October 3, 2018**.

**ROADS Contact:** Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519

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**Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC): Insight Grants**

The objective of the **Insight Grant** is to provide support for long-term research initiatives central to advancing knowledge. The grant enables scholars, both emerging and established in the social sciences and humanities, to address complex issues pertaining to individuals and societies, and to further our collective understanding. Research initiatives may be undertaken by an individual researcher, or a team of researchers working in collaboration.
Value: Applicants may choose one of two streams when applying for an Insight Grant, depending on the amount of funding required.

Stream A:
$7,000 - $100,000 over 2-5 years; A minimum request of $7,000 is required in at least one year.

Stream B:
$101,000 - $400,000 over 2-5 years; A minimum request of $7,000 is required in at least one year. A maximum of $100,000 is available in a single year.

Application Process: Notify ROADS of intent to apply by ASAP. The initial draft of the application is due to ROADS by September 18, 2018. The final draft and signed application approval form are due to ROADS by October 9, 2018. The SSHRC application deadline is October 15, 2018.

ROADS Contact: Christina Pellegrini, Senior Advisor, at pellegrc@mcmaster.ca or extension 27207

Department of Defense (DoD), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs: FY18 Epilepsy Research Program (ERP) - Grants

The Department of Defence has recently announced the following funding opportunity:

1) Idea Development Award, the objective: to solicit research to understand the magnitude and underlying mechanisms of PTE related to the ERP’s mission. The focus areas of the ward are Epidemiology, Makers and mechanisms, and Longitudinal Studies. This award offers two levels of funding: Level 1 – is intended to support high-risk or high-gain applications with Principal Investigators (PIs) at or above the level of a postdoctoral fellow (or equivalent), but below the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent). Level 2 - is intended to support a more mature, hypothesis-driven research project.


Value: Level 1: up to $300,000 for up to 2 years. Level 2: up to $500,000 for up to 3 years.


Announcement Website: http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/erp
The Department of Defense has recently announced the following funding opportunities:

1) **Convergence Science Research Award (CSRA)**, the objective: to support efforts to generate research resources, tools, or novel research efforts for researchers and/or practitioners in health sciences.


   **Value**: up to $500,000 for up to 3 years

2) **Quality of Life Research Award (QUAL)**, the objective: to support preclinical, basic, epidemiological, or quality-of-life research to alleviate or characterize the common symptoms of TBI and AD/ADRD related to the PRARP’s mission.


   **Value**: up to $500,000 for up to 3 years

3) **New Investigator Research Award (NIRA)**, the objective: to support early-career investigators interested in novel research efforts or new technologies within TBI and AD/ADRD.


   **Value**: up to 225,000 for up to 3 years

4) **Research Partnership Award (RPA)**, the objective: to create an avenue for partnerships between investigators to address a research problem or question in a manner that would be unachievable through separate efforts.


   **Value**: up to $1,300,000 for up to 3 years

**Application Deadline**: The LOI deadline for the above funding opportunities is **September 20, 2018**. The Application deadline for the above funding opportunities is **October 4, 2018**.

**Announcement Website**: [http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/prarp](http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/prarp)

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Department of Defense (DoD), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs: FY18 Prostate Cancer Research Program (PCRP) – Grants

The DoD PCRP has recently announced the following funding opportunity:

The Health Disparity Research Award supports promising research ideas that have high potential to make a significant impact in eliminating disparities in prostate cancer incidence, morbidity, mortality, and survivorship. The PCRP is interested in research that addresses all different aspects that contribute to health disparity in prostate cancer, including, but not limited to, social, cultural, and/or biological contributors. Proposed research ideas should be innovative, but primary emphasis will be placed on the potential impact of the proposed work.


Value: Established Investigators: $1 million for 3 years. New Investigators: $600,000 for 3 years.


Announcement Website: http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/pcrp

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Grand Challenges Canada: Stars in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (Round 10)

The objective of this funding opportunity is to 1) support bold ideas for products, services, and implementation models that could transform how persistent challenges in sexual and reproductive health and rights are addressed in low- and middle-income countries, 2) use scientific/technical, social and business innovation to save and improve lives.

The bold ideas are expected to improve the provision and use of comprehensive, sexual and reproductive health services (e.g., contraception, comprehensive sexuality education, safe abortion (where legal), and hygiene management). Of particular interest to Grand Challenges Canada are innovations that improve the prevention of, and response to, sexual and gender-based violence and to child, early, and forced marriage in order that girls and women are empowered and have greater influence over their lives and futures.

It is mandatory for all applicants from Canada to have a collaborator based in an eligible country other than Canada. Existing and new collaborations are equally encouraged, particularly those that will bring additional components of Integrated Innovation to the project.


By the end of the grant, innovators are expected to have demonstrated proof of concept of the idea, developed a plan for scale and sustainability, and attracted interest from key stakeholders and partners needed to proceed along a path to scale and sustainability. Successful innovators will be invited to apply for Transition to Scale.
funding.


**Value**: Successful proposals will be awarded seed grants, up to $100,000 over 12 months, to develop and test the proposed innovation. Grand Challenges Canada aims to award approximately 80 seed grants in this round.

**Application process**: The Grand Challenges Canada registration deadline is **September 20, 2018**. The application and 2 minute video deadline is **September 25, 2018**.

**ROADS Contact**: Christina Pellegrini, Senior Advisor, at pellegrc@mcmaster.ca or extension 27207

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The Michael J. Fox Foundation (MJFF): Grants

The Michael J. Fox Foundation has recently announced the following funding opportunities:

**Core Funding Programs**

1) **Target Advancement**, the objective: to support research characterizing promising, novel Parkinson’s Disease (PD)-relevant targets, or continuing target biology work on established PD targets. Preferred targets for this program already demonstrate links to PD in human patient populations. The award is well-suited to projects in which hypothetical or experimental rationale for a target is compelling, but limited, and study results can make the case for continuing (or discontinuing) a line of research.

https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=27

**Value**: maximum $150,000 over 12-18 months

**Application process**: The MJFF pre-proposal deadline is **September 26, 2018**.

2) **Therapeutic Development / the Therapeutic Pipeline Program**, the objective: to support prospective studies or retrospective studies utilizing existing data in human biofluids.

The **Therapeutic Pipeline Program** advances PD therapeutic development along the pre-clinical and clinical path (both drug and non-pharmacological therapeutics including gene therapy, biological, surgical and non-invasive approaches). The Program is open to industry and academic investigators proposing novel approaches, or repositioning approved or clinically safe therapies from non-PD indications.

All proposals must have a well-defined plan for moving toward clinical utility for patients.

https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=28

**Value**: **Pre-clinical**, $100,000 - $500,000 over 1-2 years; **Clinical**, $1-2 million over 2-3 years

**Application process**: The MJFF pre-proposal deadline is **September 26, 2018**.
3) **Outcome Measures**, the objective: 1) to support research that will develop or optimize biomarker tools (imaging, non-invasive or biochemical biomarkers) and clinical outcome measures to assist in diagnosis and therapeutic development, and 2) to inform clinical trial design, execution and interpretation of results.

Funding will be directed to projects that will improve the precision of measuring PD in humans. This could include enriching subject populations in clinical trials, developing markers of target engagement, or discovery or validation of objective outcomes that track disease progression.

https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=29

**Value**: maximum $750,000 over 1-3 years  
**Application process**: The MJFF pre-proposal deadline is **September 26, 2018**.

**Open Targeted Opportunity**

4) **Using Epidemiological Datasets to Identify Risk and Protective Factors for Parkinson's Disease**, the objective: to support studies using large, existing epidemiological datasets to identify factors that decrease the risk of PD.

The purpose of this program is to identify factors such as lifestyle behaviors (e.g., diet and exercise), or use of pharmacological or other medical interventions that decrease the risk of PD, and could be used to develop prevention and/or treatment approaches.

The MJFF is especially interested in funding projects that utilize large longitudinal datasets, and will prioritize collaborative efforts that bring together teams of investigators with access to multiple diverse datasets.

https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=40

**Value**: maximum $500,000 over 1-2 years  
**Application process**: The MJFF pre-proposal deadline is **September 26, 2018**.  
**Funding Opportunities Informational Webinar** **September 6, 2018**, 12:00-1:00pm ET  

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**Mitacs: Globalink Research Award (GRA)**

The Mitacs Globalink Research Award provides $6,000 for senior undergraduate and graduate students in Canada to conduct 12–24-week research projects at universities overseas.
The following opportunities support travel and research from Canada to universities in:

- Australia
- Brazil
- China
- EU member countries
  - In France, both universities and Inria Research Centres are eligible host institutions
- Israel
- India
- Japan
- Korea
- Mexico
- Norway
- Saudi Arabia
- Tunisia
- United Kingdom
- United States


**Value:** up to $6,000 for research projects between 12 -24.

**Application Process:**

To Travel in January 2019, apply by **September 30, 2018.**

Students can submit applications at any time but are encouraged to apply **at least 16 weeks prior to their planned departure.**

**ROADS Contact:** Christina Pellegrini, Senior Advisor, at pellegrc@mcmaster.ca or extension 27207

**Mitacs – Career Connect: Internships**

Mitacs Career Connect provides meaningful work experience for young graduates while helping companies find the talent they need to grow their business. We currently have opportunities for projects that aim to protect the environment, create positive environmental outcomes, or address an environmental or climate change-related challenge.

Eligible hiring organizations include:

- Post-secondary institutions
- For-profit organizations, including sole proprietorships
- Provincial, territorial, regional, and municipal governments
- Not-for-profit, non-governmental, and Indigenous organizations
Eligible interns must be: Between 15 and 30 years old at the start of their internship, a post-secondary graduate, a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or refugee


Value: between $20,000 - $25,000 for up to 6 months

Application Process: The application deadline for the Mitacs Career Connect Grant is **October 1, 2018**.

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**Genome Canada seeks input on new strategic plan**

Genome Canada is developing a new strategic plan to 1) reaffirm their role in Canadian research and innovation, and 2) ensure they continue to effectively support genomics researchers and users of genomics in the years ahead. Genome Canada is in the process of consulting a wide range of stakeholders, as part of a national consultation that will inform the strategic plan. Genome Canada invites you to complete a short survey to make your voice heard on the future of genomics in Canada.

To access the survey: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/gcplan](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/gcplan).


Deadline: The survey will remain open until **October 1, 2018**.

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**Louisville Institute – Grants**

The Louisville Institute has recently announced the following funding opportunities:

1) **Project Grant for Researchers**, the objective: to support research, reflection, and writing by academics and pastors concerning Christian faith and life, the practice of ministry, and/or religious institutions. Acceptable projects include those that may involve independent study, consultations, or collaborative projects involving pastors and academics [https://louisville-institute.org/programs-grants-and-fellowships/grants/project-grant-for-researchers/](https://louisville-institute.org/programs-grants-and-fellowships/grants/project-grant-for-researchers/).

Value: maximum of $30,000 for a maximum of one year.

Application process: The Louisville Institute application deadline is **October 1, 2018**.

2) **Sabbatical Grant for Researchers**, the objective: to enable academics and religious leaders the ability to conduct a major study that can contribute to the validity of Christianity in North America, that 1) addresses Christian faith and life, 2) the practice of ministry, and/or 3) adaptive challenges confronting religious institutions. [https://louisville-institute.org/programs-grants-and-fellowships/grants/sabbatical-grant-for-researchers/](https://louisville-institute.org/programs-grants-and-fellowships/grants/sabbatical-grant-for-researchers/)

Value: maximum $40,000 for a maximum of one year.

Application process: The Louisville Institute application deadline is **November 1, 2018**.
3) **First Book Grant for Minority Scholars**, the objective: to assist junior, non-tenured, religion scholars of color to complete a major research project on an issue in North American Christianity, related to the priorities of the Louisville Institute (i.e., *to enrich the religious lives of Americans*).

**Value**: maximum of $40,000 for a maximum of one year.  
**Application process**: The Louisville Institute application deadline is **January 15, 2019**.

Announcement Website: [https://louisville-institute.org/programs-grants-and-fellowships/grants/](https://louisville-institute.org/programs-grants-and-fellowships/grants/)

**ROADS contact**:  
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**BrightFocus Foundation: Standard Grants**

The BrightFocus Foundation has recently announced the following funding opportunities:

1) **Alzheimer’s Disease Research (ADR) Standard Award**, the objective: to provide significant funding for researchers who have already generated some amount of preliminary data, but are often required to demonstrate additional, significant progress before they can apply to governmental or industrial funding agencies.  
review the *Alzheimer’s Disease Research Program* at [https://www.brightfocus.org/research/alzheimers-disease-research-program](https://www.brightfocus.org/research/alzheimers-disease-research-program)  
**Value**: maximum $300,000 over 3 years  
**Application process**: The BrightFocus Foundation application deadline is **October 2, 2018**.

2) **National Glaucoma Research (NGR) Standard Award**, the objective: to provide significant funding for researchers who have already generated some amount of preliminary data, but are often required to demonstrate additional, significant progress before they can apply to governmental or industrial funding agencies.  
review the *National Glaucoma Research Program* at [https://www.brightfocus.org/research/national-glaucoma-research-program](https://www.brightfocus.org/research/national-glaucoma-research-program)  
**Value**: maximum $200,000 over 2 years  
**Application process**: The BrightFocus Foundation application deadline is **November 9, 2018**.

Announcement Website: [https://www.brightfocus.org/grants/types-grants](https://www.brightfocus.org/grants/types-grants)  
**ROADS Contact**: Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519

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**Lyle Spencer Research Awards**

The objective of the Lyle Spencer Research Awards is to improving the practice of education, independent of any particular reform agendas or methodological strictures.
https://www.spencer.org/lyle-spencer-research-awards

**Value:** maximum of $1 million

**Application Process:** The Letter of Intent deadline is **October 2, 2018.**

**Informational Webinar**

September 5, 2018 at 11:00 am CDT.

**Webinar Website:**
https://spencer.smartsimple.us/ex/ex_Bvtpage.jsp?token=HQsIRh8GZV0xaQxZeXsJSSldWYA%3D%3D&parentids=2411426

**Roads Contact:** Christina Pellegrini, Senior Advisor, at pellegrc@mcmaster.ca or extension 27207

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**Department of Defense (DoD), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs: FY18 Reconstructive Transplant Research Program (RTRP) – Grants**

The DOD has sent out pre-announcements for the following funding opportunity:

**Concept Award (CA),** the objective: supports the exploration of a highly innovative new concept or untested theory that addresses an important problem relevant to reconstructive transplant. Preliminary data are NOT allowed.


**Value:** Maximum of $200,000 for up to 18 months.

**Application Process:** Pre-Application (Letter of Intent) deadline is **October 3, 2018.** The Application deadline is **October 24, 2018**

**Announcement Website:** http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/rtrp

**Roads Contact:** Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519

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**National Geographic Society: Grants**

The National Geographic Society supports bold, innovative and potentially transformative projects that have a primary focus in conservation, education, research, storytelling, or technology.

The National Geographic Society has recently announced the following funding opportunities:
1) **Early Career Grant**, the objective: to offer less experienced individuals an opportunity to lead a project. Applicants are not required to have an advanced degree. Applicants with more than five years of professional experience in the field of their project focus are not eligible to apply.

**Value**: $5,000 - $10,000 USD, maximum 1 year

**Eligibility** at https://www.nationalgeographic.org/grants/eligibility/

2) **Exploration Grant**, the objective: to support experienced project leaders. The applicant and his or her team members are expected to demonstrate successful completion of similar projects with measurable and/or tangible results.

**Value**: $10,000 - $30,000, maximum 1 year

https://www.nationalgeographic.org/grants/preparing-your-proposal/

3) **Requests for Proposals**, the objective: to support certain key issues; **“Documenting Human Migrations”**

**Value**: Typical proposal requests should be less than $30,000; however, applicants may request up to $70,000. (up to 20% of the total may be used as a stipend for the applicant and/or team members)

https://www.nationalgeographic.org/grants/grant-opportunities/documenting-human-migrations/

**Announcement website**: https://www.nationalgeographic.org/grants/grant-opportunities/

**Application process**:
The National Geographic Society application deadline is **October 3, 2018**.

**ROADS Contact**:
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**WADA seeks nominations for 2019 Standing Committees**

In accordance with WADA’s Statutes concerning Standing Committee composition and rotation, on an annual basis, the Agency seeks nominations from its stakeholders for candidates to fill vacancies on its Standing Committees.

Accordingly, WADA is inviting stakeholders to consider their respective regions and organizations; and, to nominate suitable candidates for the Agency’s 2019 Standing Committees to fill the following upcoming vacant terms

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**Application Process:** Include a letter of endorsement and a curriculum vitae, which fully outline the candidate’s experience and expertise; and be forwarded to WADA’s executive Office, by **Friday 5 October 2018**.

**Contact:** Ms. Marjorie Chinnarassen of WADA’s Executive Office (by e-mail: marjorie.chinnarassen@wada-ama.org or fax: +1 514 904 8743).

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**Michael J. Fox Foundation and Weston Brain Institute Computational Science Fellowship**

The Michael J. Fox Foundation and Weston Brain Institute Computational Science Fellowship program is a collaboration between the two organizations with the goal of supporting research that will apply sophisticated computational approaches and expertise to advance therapeutic development for neurodegenerative diseases of aging.

The objective: To support research that will apply sophisticated computational approaches and expertise to advance therapeutic development for neurodegenerative diseases of aging.


**Value:** up to $150,000 for up to 18 months

**Application Process:** The Proposal deadline is October 8, 2018.

**Informational Webinar:**

**Date and Time:** September 14, 2018 at 12:00 pm

**Registration:** [https://www.michaeljfox.org/understanding-parkinsons/webinar-registration.php?id=46&e=1815798&k=E73C0CA81F2A86F573959A8836BB34E1](https://www.michaeljfox.org/understanding-parkinsons/webinar-registration.php?id=46&e=1815798&k=E73C0CA81F2A86F573959A8836BB34E1)

**ROADS Contact:** Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519
Department of Defense (DoD), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs: FY18 Lupus Research Program (LRP) – Grants

The Department of Defense has recently announced the following funding opportunities:

1) **Concept Award**, the objective: to support the exploration of highly innovative new concepts or untested theories that address important problems relevant to lupus. This award mechanism supports high-risk, high-reward studies that have the potential to reveal entirely new avenues for investigation. The application must describe how the new idea will enhance the existing knowledge of lupus or develop an innovative and novel course of investigation.


**Value:** up to $150,000 for up to 1 year.

**Application Process:** The LOI deadline for the Concept Award is **October 10, 2018.** The application deadline is **November 7, 2018.**

2) **Impact Award**, the objective: support the full spectrum of research projects or ideas that specifically focus on scientific and clinical lupus issues, which, if successfully addressed, have the potential to make a major impact in lupus research. Applications should include a well-formulated, testable hypothesis based on strong scientific rationale that is established through inferential reasoning and/or critical review and analysis of the literature. Inclusion of preliminary data is encouraged.


**Value:** up to $525,000 for up to 3 years.

**Application Process:** The LOI deadline for the Impact Award is **October 10, 2018.** The application deadline is **November 7, 2018.**

**Announcement Website:** [http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/lrp](http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/lrp)

**ROADS Contact:** Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519

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**Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Connection Grants**

Connection Grants are expected to respond to the objectives of the Connection program. They support events and outreach activities geared toward short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization initiatives. These events and activities represent opportunities to exchange knowledge and to engage on research issues of value to those participating. Events and outreach activities funded by a Connection Grant may often serve as a first step toward more comprehensive and longer-term projects potentially eligible for funding through other SSHRC funding opportunities listed in SSHRC's Funding search tool.
Value: between $7,000 to $25,000 for events, and up to $50,000 for other outreach activities for up to 1 year; higher amounts for outreach activities may be considered if well justified

Application Process: The initial draft of the application and letters of support are due to ROADS, by October 11, 2018. Please note, applications received after this date may not receive a full review. The final drafts, and a completed and signed Application Approval Form, are due to ROADS by October 25, 2018. ROADS will submit the application to SSHRC by 4:30 pm on November 1, 2018.

ROADS Contact: Christina Pellegrini, Senior Advisor, Development, ROADS, at pellegrc@mcmaster.ca or extension 27207.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC): Partnership Development Grants COLLABORATIVE HOUSING RESEARCH NETWORK INITIATIVE


SSHRC and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Joint Initiative

A new SSHRC/CMHC joint initiative is now available for Partnership Development Grant applicants.

SSHRC and CMHC are partnering to fund research related to housing in order to help set the stage for the creation of a Collaborative Housing Research Network. Research projects undertaken by teams composed of academics, as well as non-academics, will focus on 5 priority areas that were determined by CMHC:

1. Housing for those in greatest need;
2. Community Housing Sustainability;
3. Northern Housing;
4. Sustainable Housing and Communities;
5. Balanced Supply of Housing

The first stage of this two-stage competition will be through the Partnership Development Grants competition. Successful applicants will be invited to submit a proposal at the second stage.

Value:
$80,000 for 1 year

Application process:
Notify ROADS of intent to apply by August 30, 2018.
The initial draft of the application is due to ROADS by **October 16, 2018**. The final draft and signed application approval form are due to ROADS by **November 8, 2018**.

The SSHRC application deadline is **November 15, 2018**.

**ROADS contact:**
Christina Pellegrini, Senior Advisor, at pellegrc@mcmaster.ca or extension 27207

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**Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC): Partnership Development Grants**

The objective of the **Partnership Development Grant** is to provide support to new or existing formal partnerships to:

1) develop research and/or related activities, knowledge mobilization and the meaningful involvement of students and emerging scholars, in the social sciences and humanities, by fostering new partnerships with existing and/or potential partners; or

2) design and test new partnership approaches for research and/or related activities that may result in best practices or models, that either can be adapted by others, or have the potential to be scaled up to a regional, national or international level.

Partnerships may be between academic institutions, or between one or more academic institutions and one or more non-academic partner organizations.  


Proposals may involve any disciplines, thematic areas, approaches or subject areas eligible for SSHRC funding. Review **Subject Matter Eligibility** at [http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/apply-demande/background-renseignements/selecting_agency-choisir_organisme_subventionnaire-eng.aspx](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/apply-demande/background-renseignements/selecting_agency-choisir_organisme_subventionnaire-eng.aspx)

**Value:**
$75,000 to $200,000 over 1 - 3 years

**Application process:**
Notify ROADS of intent to apply ASAP. The initial draft of the application is due to ROADS by **October 16, 2018**. The final draft and signed application approval form are due to ROADS by **November 8, 2018**. The SSHRC application deadline is **November 15, 2018**.

**ROADS contact:**
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**Department of Defense (DoD), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, FY18 Gulf War Illness Research Program (GWIRP): New Investigator Award (NIA)**
The objective of the *GWIRP New Investigator Award* is to 1) support investigators new to the field of GWI research at different stages of career development, and 2) promote new ideas in GWI research and establish proof-of-principle for further development in future studies.

Basic through clinical research is allowed under this award mechanism. The types of studies that will be supported include those aimed at identification of objective measures (e.g., biomarkers) to distinguish healthy Veterans from those with GWI, studies to improve the understanding of the pathobiology underlying symptoms, and preclinical development of interventions for GWI. Review *Topics of Special Interest*, page 4, at [http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/pa/FY18-GWIRP-NIA.pdf](http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/pa/FY18-GWIRP-NIA.pdf)

In FY17, the GWIRP awarded infrastructure support for a GWI biorepository. The *Boston Biorepository, Recruitment, and Integrative Network (BBRAIN) for GWI* has now been established for the retention and distribution of biospecimens and/or data related to GWI research. Applicants are encouraged to contribute biospecimens and data to this repository network. The NIA offers a nested *Biorepository Contribution Option* with higher levels of funding for qualified applications.

**Announcement Website:** [http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/gwirp](http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/gwirp)

**Value:**
maximum $500,000 over 3 years
Application submissions to the NIA with the *Biorepository Contribution Option:* Applicants may include additional direct costs up to $16,000 associated with the contribution of samples and data to the BBRAIN. (maximum funding $516,000)

**Application Process:** The DoD pre-application deadline is October 18, 2018. The application deadline is November 8, 2018.

**ROADS Contact:** Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519

**MEOPAR AND Oceans Network Canada (ONC): Call for Proposals**

MEOPAR, in partnership with Ocean Networks Canada (ONC), has released the second iteration of the *Early Career Faculty (ECF) program.* The objective: for early-career faculty investigators to contribute to and participate in MEOPAR’s broad interdisciplinary, multi-institutional research effort, thereby growing and extending their network of collaborators and interactions with stakeholders.


**Value:** a maximum of $100,000 for up to 2 years.

**Application Process:** the application deadline is October 29, 2018 by 4 pm AST.

**ROADS Contact:** Nathan Coschi, Senior Advisor, at coschimn@mcmaster.ca or extension 21581
Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation: J. Edouard Samson Award

The premier award for orthopaedic research in Canada, the J. Edouard Samson Award, recognizes the best career orthopaedic research. This award is intended to promote further research by the recipient. The recipient will present his/her research at the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Orthopaedic Association (presentation opportunity to be determined). The award consists of an educational grant and a personal research grant to be used by the recipient at the Canadian institution where he/she currently resides.

https://whenithurtstomove.org/grants-and-research/j-edouard-samson-award/

Value: up to $30,000 for up to 5 years.

Application Process: Apply to the above funding opportunity by October 31, 2018.

ROADS Contact: Miky (Mihaela) Dumitrescu, Senior Advisor, at dumitrm@mcmaster.ca or extension 21548

Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation: Canadian Orthopaedic Research Legacy (CORL) – Grant

The CORL program was founded in 2006 to help ensure the legacy of Canada's world-class status in orthopaedic research; thereby ensuring orthopaedic patients reap the reward of new techniques and treatments made possible through research grants from this program.

https://whenithurtstomove.org/grants-and-research/canadian-orthopaedic-research-legacy-grant/

Value: up to $20,000 for up to 1 year

Application Process: Apply to the above funding opportunity by October 31, 2018.

ROADS Contact: Miky (Mihaela) Dumitrescu, Senior Advisor, at dumitrm@mcmaster.ca or extension 21548

Partnership for Clean Competition (PCC): Research Grants and Micro-Grants

The PCC supports research that contributes to a movement in addressing doping’s root causes and ultimately decreasing the use of performance-enhancing drugs by all participants, in all sports, at all levels of play. The PCC has recently announced the following funding opportunities:

1) Research Grants, the objective: to support projects advancing knowledge in the anti-doping sphere. review Research Priorities at http://www.cleancompetition.org/about/research-priorities/

Value: $10,000 - $400,000 (the average funding amount is $225,000)
The duration of the project is determined by the applicant. A Pilot Project receives funding for 1 year.

Application Process: The PCC Research Grants pre-application deadline is November 1, 2018
2) **Micro-Grants**, the objective: to fund high quality projects which fill immediate gaps in anti-doping knowledge.

http://www.cleancompetition.org/programs/micro-grants-program/

**Value: Micro-Grants:** for projects requiring less than $75,000 and fewer than 6 months to complete

**Application process:** The PCC accepts Micro-Grant requests year-round.

**Announcement website:** http://www.cleancompetition.org/

**ROADS contact:** Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519

**Department of Defense (DoD), Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs: FY18 Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Research Program (DMDRP)**

The Department of Defense has recently announced the following funding opportunity:

**Career Development Award,** the objective: to support early-career investigators in conducting impactful Duchenne research under the mentorship of an experienced muscular dystrophy researcher as an opportunity to obtain the funding, mentoring, and experience necessary for productive, independent careers at the forefront of Duchenne research. Applicants should also demonstrate that the proposed research has high potential to lead to or make breakthroughs in Duchenne.


**Value:** up to $275,000 for up to 2 years.

**Application Process:** The LOI deadline for the Career Development Award is November 14, 2018. The application deadline is December 5, 2018.

**Announcement Website:** http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/dmdrp

**ROADS Contact:** Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519

**Fulbright Canada: Awards for Canadian Scholars**

Fulbright Canada has recently announced the following Awards for Canadian Scholars:

1) **Canadian Traditional Scholar Awards,** the objective: to enable emerging and established scholars, post-doctoral researchers and experienced professionals to conduct research, teach, or undertake a combination of both activities for one semester or a full academic year at any university or research center of their choice in the United States. Fulbright Canada is particularly interested in encouraging research on contemporary issues relevant to Canada, the United States and the relationship between the two countries. Applicants should also clearly document the need to be in residence in Canada to carry out the project.

http://www.fulbright.ca/programs/canadian-scholars/traditional-awards.html
Value: up to $12,500 for one semester, September 2019 or January 2020.

Application Process: The application deadline for the Canadian Traditional Scholar Awards is **November 15, 2018 at 5pm.**

2) **Canadian Visiting Research Chairs** are pre-arranged affiliations that allow scholars to conduct research/lecture on subjects important to that university. Partner universities are excited to welcome the Fulbright Visiting Chairs into campus life and encourage them to engage with students, faculty, and the broader community. Fulbright Visiting Research Chairs can guest lecture in university courses, mentor students, lecture in public venues, network, and promote their research, while representing the Fulbright program, and their home and host institutions.  

http://www.fulbright.ca/programs/canadian-scholars/visiting-chairs-program.html

Value: up to $25,000 for one semester, September 2019 or January 2020.

Application Process: The application deadline for the Canadian Visiting research Chairs is **November 15, 2018.**


ROADS Contact: Nathan Coschi, Senior Advisor, at coschimn@mcmaster.ca or extension 21581

**Genome Canada: Genomic Applications Partnership Program (GAPP) - Round 14**

The objectives of the **GAPP** are to:

1. accelerate the application of Canadian genomics-derived solutions from academia to real-world opportunities and challenges defined by industry, not-for-profit, and public sector **Receptors**;
2. channel Canada’s genomics capacity into sustainable innovations that benefit Canadians;
3. enhance the value of Canadian genomics technologies by de-risking and incentivizing follow-on investment from industry and other partners;
4. foster mutually beneficial collaboration and knowledge exchange between Canadian academia and technology Receptors.


Small or start-up companies may be considered as per the following guidelines, review https://www.genomecanada.ca/sites/default/files/pdf/en/gc-gappinvestmentstrategyandguidelines.pdf.

Small-scale proof-of-concept/validation/pilot projects through to large-scale projects will be accepted. Projects should not be in the discovery phase.


Value:
The total project size is $300,000 to $6 million.

Co-funding:
- 1/3 investment from Genome Canada;
- 1/3 provided by the Receptor partner (cash and/or in-kind); and
- 1/3 of other co-funding (non-Genome Canada).

The duration of GAPP projects should be a minimum of 1 year to a maximum of 3 years. Shorter or longer terms will be considered only if a strong rationale is provided.

Application Process: There is a three-stage, gated application process for this program: 1) Registration and Expression of Interest (EOI), 2) EOI / Project Pitch (invited), 3) Supplementary Proposal (invited).

Deadlines: Notify ROADS and Ontario Genomics, as soon as possible, your intent to apply to Round 14 competition. Submit your Draft EOI to ROADS for review by November 5, 2018. The Ontario Genomics Draft EOI deadline is November 19, 2018.

ROADS Contact: Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519

Government of Canada, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada: Accessible Technology Program

The objective of the Accessible Technology Program is to address the need for more assertive technologies for persons with disabilities. [https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/programs/accessible-technology/program-funding.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/programs/accessible-technology/program-funding.html)

Value: Maximum $22.3 million for a maximum of 5 years

Application process: The Government of Canada application deadlines are:
- January 2, 2019 to receive funding starting early 2019-20;
- June 2, 2019 to receive funding starting late 2019-20;
- January 2, 2020 to receive funding starting early 2020-21;
- June 2, 2020 to receive funding starting late 2020-21;
- January 2, 2021 to receive funding starting early 2021-22
- June 2, 2021 to receive funding starting late 2021-22

Contact: Gay Yuyitung, Executive Director, McMaster Industry Liaison Office (MILO), at yuyitun@mcmaster.ca or extension 23164

ICLR AND MEOPAR Call for Proposal – 2018 Spring Flooding

The Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction (ICLR) and the Marine Environmental Observation Prediction and Response (MEOPAR) Network of Centres of Excellence invite proposals from social scientists to quickly
deploy to a disaster-affected area in the aftermath of an extreme event to collect perishable data. The objective: to support research that will learn from disaster events in order to better prevent disasters and protect communities in the future. This joint funding opportunity is being made available under the ICLR Quick Response Program (QRP) and MEOPAR’s Prompt Data Collection Program (PDC).


Value: Applicants are required to submit a budget that cannot exceed $5,000 for a QRP application or $10,000 for a PDC application.

Application Process: There is no fixed deadline for submitting proposals, proposals are submitted and reviewed on an ongoing basis. NOTE: Notify ROADS of Intent to Apply ASAP.

ROADS Contact: Christina Pellegrini, Senior Advisor, at pellegrc@mcmaster.ca or extension 27207

Weston Brain Institute, Big Ideas: Canada

The objective of the Big Ideas: Canada is to support a large-scale, pivotal project that will have a significant and sustained impact on accelerating translational research on the development of therapeutics for neurodegenerative diseases of aging.

The Institute defines neurodegenerative diseases of aging to include:
- Alzheimer’s disease
- Dementia with lewy bodies
- Frontotemporal dementia
- Multiple system atrophy
- Parkinson’s disease
- Progressive supranuclear palsy
- Vascular contributions to the above diseases (not stroke-mediated vascular disease)
- Prodromes to the above diseases, including: a) mild cognitive impairment as prodromal to Alzheimer’s disease, b) REM sleep behaviour disorder as prodromal to Parkinson’s disease.

http://westonbraininstitute.ca/funding-opportunities/big-ideas-canada/

Value: $5,000,000 to $20,000,000 over 5 years. Applicants must identify the total cost of the project, split by year, and major category of expense.

Application Process: The Weston Brain Institute Letter of Intent is due now. The Letter of Intent is accepted on a rolling basis.

ROADS Contact: Christina Pellegrini, Senior Advisor, at pellegrc@mcmaster.ca or extension 27207

Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction (ICLR): Quick Response Program

The objective of the ICLR Quick Response Program is to allow social, behavioural and economic scientists to
quickly deploy to a disaster-affected area in the aftermath of a flood, extreme weather event, or earthquake to collect perishable data. The program promotes innovation in disaster research by favoring students, new researchers, and novel areas of study.

Although all proposals will be considered, the ICLR has identified areas where it would like to see the literature developed. This list may be updated from time to time. Proposals that engage one or more of the following topics, or classes of disasters will be given extra weight:

1) Adaptation/Mitigation behaviours;
2) Hazard risk communication - pre/post disaster;
3) Community recovery/household recovery capacity;
4) Resilience indicators;
5) Damage assessments (social/environmental/economic);
6) Interagency and intergovernmental coordination;
7) Perceptions of natural hazards;
8) Post disaster mitigation – build back better.

In addition to expanding academic knowledge, funded researchers submit brief reports that make preliminary analyses of recent events available to ICLR’s multidisciplinary network of researchers, practitioners and educators, as well as other interested parties.

[https://www.iclr.org/quickresponse.html](https://www.iclr.org/quickresponse.html)

**Value**: $2,500 supports research expenses within Canada and the United States
The research expenses may include travel to the disaster-affected area(s), accommodation, research assistants, etc. A maximum $5,000 is available for an exceptional proposal.

**Application process**: The ICLR will accept applications at all times.

**ROADS contact**: Leanna Fong, Senior Advisor, at fongl@mcmaster.ca or extension 21583

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**Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI): Grants**

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute is a binational organization that promotes understanding between India and Canada through academic activities and exchanges. The Institute has recently announced the following funding opportunities:

1) **Global Initiative for Academic Network (GIAN) Programme**, the objective: to tap the talent pool of scientists and entrepreneurs internationally to encourage their engagement with the Institutes/Departments of Higher Education in India to 1) augment the country’s existing academic resources, 2) accelerate the pace of quality reform, and 3) elevate India’s scientific and technological capacity to global excellence. (review [Scope of GIAN](http://www.sici.org/programmes/details/global-initiative-for-academic-network-gian-programme/), priority areas at [http://www.sici.org/programmes/details/global-initiative-for-academic-network-gian-programme/](http://www.sici.org/programmes/details/global-initiative-for-academic-network-gian-programme/))

**Value**: Up to $8,000 USD for 12-14 hours of contact, and up to $12,000 for 20- 28 hours of contact to cover travel and honorarium. Local hospitality will be arranged by the host institution. The duration (number of weeks/days) can be mutually decided by the host institution and the visiting faculty. The funding for the courses by the Institutes shall be partially supported through various schemes.
Application Process: Applications can be submitted throughout the year.

2) Shastri Faculty-In-Residence Programme (FIR)/Global Initiative for Academic Network (GIAN), the objective: for Canadian faculty members, scientists, and entrepreneurs to take up engagements at Indian institutions. This Programme is projected to tap the talent pool of Canadian faculty and to 1) encourage them to connect with the institutes of Higher Education in India to boost the country’s existing academic resources, 2) accelerate the pace of quality reform, and 3) elevate India’s scientific and technological capacity to global excellence.
(review Scope, priority areas at http://www.sici.org/programmes/details/faculty-in-residence-programme-fir-open/)

Value: $8,000 – $12,000 USD for 1 or 2 weeks

Application Process: Applications can be submitted throughout the year.

3) SICI Membership Development Fund (SMDF) 2017-18, the objective: to publicize and promote SICI mandates, as well as programs and grants offered by SICI Canada and India offices, to its Canadian Members Council Institutions to 1) enable faculty, student and staff of his /her institution to apply, and 2) receive the benefits of being active members of the SICI.

Value: Each Canadian member institution will receive up to $500 CND.

Application Process: Applications can be submitted throughout the year.

ROADS Contact: Leanna Fong, Senior Advisor, at fongl@mcmaster.ca or extension 21583

Weston Brain Institute, Early Phase Clinical Trials: Canada

The objective of the Early Phase Clinical Trials program is to provide significant support for 1) translational research to accelerate the development of therapeutics for neurodegenerative diseases of aging, and 2) clinical trials and/or clinical trial sub-studies that have excellent preliminary data.

All projects must involve the development of a therapeutic and/or a tool.


Value: maximum $1,500,000 per project over a maximum 4 years

Application Process: The Weston Brain Institute letter of intent is accepted on a rolling basis.

ROADS Contact: Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519
Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR), Call for Proposals: International & Interdisciplinary Research Workshops – Open Call

The objective of the *International & Interdisciplinary Research Workshops* is to explore key questions of global importance that can best be addressed through interdisciplinary, international teams. CIFAR invites the global research community to submit proposals for workshops that are centered on complex, fundamental, critical questions that have the potential to impact multiple sectors of society internationally.

The *Open Call* is now accepting workshop proposals from any field of humanities, engineering, social, natural, or biomedical sciences. Topics that are timely in the context of world events, high-risk, or which have strong potential for advancement or refinement through a collaborative and interdisciplinary approach, are encouraged. At least one researcher must be based in Canada. Other participants are expected to be geographically diverse.

[https://www.cifar.ca/assets/researchworkshops/](https://www.cifar.ca/assets/researchworkshops/)

**Value:** CIFAR will provide up to $50,000 to support short-term, time-limited interactions between 10-20 participants.

**Application Process:** The CIFAR will accept applications on a *rolling basis*.

**ROADS Contact:** Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at [viscarvl@mcmaster.ca](mailto:viscarvl@mcmaster.ca) or extension 24519

Simons Foundation, Mathematics and Physical Sciences Division: Targeted Grants in Mathematics and Physical Sciences

The objective of the (new) *Targeted Grants in Mathematics and Physical Sciences* program is to support high-risk projects of exceptional promise and scientific importance in mathematics, theoretical physics and theoretical computer science.

[https://www.simonsfoundation.org/funding/funding-opportunities/mathematics-physical-sciences/targeted-grants-in-mps/](https://www.simonsfoundation.org/funding/funding-opportunities/mathematics-physical-sciences/targeted-grants-in-mps/)

**Value:** There is no recommended funding limit. Expenses for experiments, equipment, computations, personnel and travel are allowable. The grant provides funding for up to 5 years.

**Application Process:** Letters of Intent are considered on a *rolling basis* with a response time within 2 months.

**ROADS Contact:**
Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at [viscarvl@mcmaster.ca](mailto:viscarvl@mcmaster.ca) or extension 24519
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC): NSERC Committee Membership

The Research Office for Administration, Development & Support (ROADS) encourages you to consider joining NSERC Committees. Being a Committee Member is a valuable experience that demonstrates your involvement in the community and peer evaluation process, and highlights your expertise in your field.

NSERC invites the Canadian research community (i.e., universities, scientific societies, governments and companies) to submit the names of individuals for possible service on its program-related standing committees, and its various selection committees and panels.

Nominees should be individuals who:

- are known and respected for their capabilities;
- know and understand Canadian university-based research;
- display both breadth and depth of understanding and knowledge in their field and beyond;
- exercise good judgement; and
- are able to recognize value to Canada as a whole.


**ROADS contact:**
Nathan Coschi, Senior Advisor, at coschimn@mcmaster.ca or extension 21581

McMaster Institute for Research on Aging - MIRA AND LCMA Matching Funds for Research Opportunities

In order to improve the positioning of McMaster’s researchers in external funding competitions, MIRA and the Labarge Centre for Mobility in Aging (LCMA) have allocated funding that could be used to match or leverage external funds. The process for requesting these funds can be found by following the link below. This process is intended to be used for requests related to externally funded, peer-reviewed grant competitions that require a matching component.


**Value:** Matching funds up to $100,000

**Application Process:** Submissions to MIRA should be sent to MIRAinfo@mcmaster.ca at least one month before the grant submission is due.

**ROADS Contact:** Virginia Viscardi, Senior Advisor, at viscarvl@mcmaster.ca or extension 24519