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## Research and Funding Flash

Early February 2022

### New Funding

#### CIHR Spring 2022 Project Grant

Information for the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)'s [Spring 2022 Project Grant](#) competition has now been posted.

The Project Grant program is designed to capture ideas with the greatest potential to advance health-related fundamental or applied knowledge, health research, health care, health systems, and/or health outcomes. It supports projects with a specific purpose and a defined endpoint.

This competition is open to applicants in all areas of health research aligned with the CIHR mandate: "To excel, according to internationally accepted standards of scientific excellence, in the creation of new knowledge and its translation into improved health for Canadians, more effective health services and products, and a strengthened Canadian health care system".

In addition funds to support Project Grant applications in specific research areas will be available through [CIHR Institutes Priority Announcements](#).

**Deadlines:**

- Registration Deadline: February 16, 2022. **Registration is mandatory.**
- MRA Deadline: March 02, 2022
- Application Deadline: March 16, 2022. **MRA required\***
- Anticipated Notice of Decision: July 14, 2022
- Funding Start Date: October 01, 2022

More information can be found on the [Research and Innovation website](#) or CIHR's [Learning for Applicants](#) page.

If you have any questions regarding the CIHR Spring 2022 Project Grant, please contact [Samantha Young](#).

*\*The internal MRA requirement is for all applicants applying for this award through the University of Toronto. For all other applicants, please contact the Research Office of the institution through which you are applying.*

#### J. P. Bickell Foundation Medical Research Grant

##### Call for Applications

The [J. P. Bickell Foundation Medical Research Grant](#) provides assistance to biomedical scientists of various departments and faculties in Ontario universities, hospitals and scientific institutions concerned with medical research.

Five to seven applicants will be chosen from across the province to receive grants of approximately \$25,000 to \$80,000 each. Only one application per qualifying institution will be accepted for consideration. As such, the University of Toronto will conduct an internal review to select one applicant to go forward with the full application.

The Research Services Office would appreciate being notified of any intent to apply in advance of the application internal deadline. Kindly send a brief email to Samantha Young ([samanthak.young@utoronto.ca](mailto:samanthak.young@utoronto.ca)) with your notice of intent no later than March 1.

If you do not intend to apply for this grant opportunity and would like to volunteer as a panel member for the 2022 J. P. Bickell Foundation Medical Research Grant internal review, please contact your Vice-Dean Research or equivalent, or Research Services directly ([samanthak.young@utoronto.ca](mailto:samanthak.young@utoronto.ca)).

Further details on this opportunity, including [program guidelines](#) and the [application form](#), can be found on the [research funding opportunity page](#).

**Deadlines:**

- **March 1, 2022:** Notice of Intent due date
- **March 22, 2022:** Internal application due date; an MRA is also required for this application
- **April 22, 2022:** Pls will be notified of final selection
- **April 30, 2022:** Final deadline for submission of full application to the J. P. Bickell Foundation

## Data Sciences Institute at U of T | Funding Opportunity

### DSI Data Access Grants - Call for Applications

The purpose of [Data Access Grants](#) is to improve data accessibility for DSI researchers and to foster research by mitigating the high cost of access to data sets.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to cover costs associated with accessing and working with large data sources. This program is expected to bring together researchers from different disciplines to work on projects through a shared trainee at a Master's, Doctoral, or Postdoctoral level.

#### How to Apply

Applications must include the following:

- Up to one-page study proposal, and,
- Up to one-page budget and justification.

The proposal and budget should detail the project costs and what data will be paid for by the DSI Data Access Grant. If relevant, please mention how the data access will address equity, diversity and inclusion. The DSI believes that equitable access to resources is crucial for creating a diverse and inclusive environment, and equity will be considered when reviewing all applications.

Further information, including eligibility, reporting and other details can be found on the [DSI Data Access Grants website](#) or you may contact [info.dsi@utoronto.ca](mailto:info.dsi@utoronto.ca).

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted four (4) times a year (November, January, April, July) until five (5) grants have been funded in a given university fiscal year (May-April).

## Digital Research Alliance of Canada

### Call for Applications

This funding call aims to build national research capacity and deliver on the [Alliance's mandate](#) to create a broad and integrated Canadian digital research infrastructure (DRI) ecosystem. Specifically, the call will address the needs of the research community related to Research Data Management (RDM), while promoting an equitable and inclusive DRI environment in Canada.

The role of the Data Champion is to develop activities at the local, regional and/or national level that advance awareness, understanding, development, and adoption of RDM tools, best practices, and resources in Canada.

The full description of the call (including FAQs on page 10) is available [here](#).

#### Value and Duration

Total budget for funding call is \$916,000 CAD with each project being funded up to \$50,000 CAD. The funds are to be used exclusively for salary/stipends and pay-related benefits of the applicant/team for the project duration.

#### Application Process

Submit your application directly to the sponsor using their electronic [Application Form](#). Applications should also be routed via [MRA](#) (MyResearchApplications) in time to meet the sponsor deadline.

The evaluation scorecard is also available [here](#) to assist with drafting applications.

**Deadline:** Thursday, **February 3, 2022, at 5 pm EST**.

Should you have any questions please contact: [funding-subventions@alliancecan.ca](mailto:funding-subventions@alliancecan.ca).

# Award Announcements

## CANSSI Ontario STAGE Program Call for Applications

[CANSSI Ontario STAGE \(Strategic Training for Advanced Genetic Epidemiology\)](#) is a formal and comprehensive training program in Genetic Epidemiology and Statistical Genetics, the first of its kind in Canada and one of few in the world.

The program offers training and career development opportunities designed to cross-train individuals at the interface of genetics and population health sciences in genetic epidemiology and statistical genetics—two disciplines currently facing a massive shortage of qualified individuals in Canada and elsewhere.

Trainees who successfully complete all components of the program will receive a certificate of completion. Trainees funded through STAGE will receive the distinction of “STAGE Fellows in Genetic Epidemiology Research.”

### Recruiting STAGE Mentors

Candidates are responsible for selecting, contacting, and securing the commitment of a primary and two other mentors to jointly supervise them in a STAGE collaborative transdisciplinary research project. Although candidates must secure the primary mentor's commitment at the application stage, obtaining a primary mentor's commitment does not guarantee admission to STAGE.

### Mentorship Panel Guidelines

Your mentorship panel must include three mentors from each of the program's three main disciplines of genetic epidemiology research (see [Mentors by Discipline](#)), where at least one mentor belongs to subsections 1.1 and/or 2.1.

For more information on required materials/documents, submission details or to [apply](#), please visit the [CANSSI Ontario Stage Program Website](#).

**Deadline:** **February 28, 2022.** Evaluation of applications: around one month from the deadline

## CANSSI Ontario Top-ups Postdoctoral Fellows Data Science

CANSSI Ontario offers top-up opportunities for trainees with Ph.D. degrees interested in pursuing multidisciplinary, data-driven research.

Top-ups are for \$10,000 for two years (\$5,000 per year) for highly competitive applicants to attract the best talent to Ontario.

Applicants must assemble a team of at least two supervisors from different disciplines who will be integrally involved in mentorship and training of the CANSSI Ontario fellow. The proposed research should be data-driven, proposing the development of novel statistical or computational methods or application of existing methods in novel ways.

For additional information please visit the [CANSSI Ontario Top-ups](#) website or contact [Esther Berzunza](#), Program Manager.

**Deadline:** CANSSI Ontario is currently accepting proposals for the October 15, 2021, competition.

# Other News

## Zero Fee Publication Agreement with PLOS

Under an expanded agreement, negotiated via the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) with Public Library of Science (PLOS), beginning January 1, 2021, author publication costs for [all twelve PLOS journals](#), including PLOS ONE will be fully covered.

In the case of PLOS Medicine, PLOS Biology, and the newly launched PLOS Sustainability and Transformation, this agreement continues a key benefit of our previous agreement and extends a 25% discount to non-U of T corresponding authors for papers where U of T researchers are co-authors.

This deal is part of the [ongoing strategy by the University of Toronto Libraries \(UTL\)](#) to support initiatives that work towards immediate and barrier-free access to research.

For more information explaining how this agreement works:

Visit UTL's [Publishing Discounts](#) webpage for details of the [PLOS Flat Fee](#) deal and the continuing [PLOS CAP](#) deal

**Questions or comments?** Consult your [Campus Liaison Librarian](#) or email the Scholarly Communications & Copyright Office at [scholarly.communications@library.utoronto.ca](mailto:scholarly.communications@library.utoronto.ca)

## Reminders

### SSHRC Partnership Grant Program

[The Partnership Grant Program](#) Stage 1 application is submitted as the first step in a two-step application process. Only applicants successful at the first stage will be invited to submit an application at the second stage. *Those considering applying for [SSHRC's February Stage 1](#) deadline should contact Research Services to discuss their proposal as early as possible.*

**Deadline: Friday, 4 February 2022**, internal for online submission, RSO will give the application a final administrative review and with institutional approval will forward it to SSHRC by the sponsor deadline, **Feb 10th. (MRA deadline is Jan 28th)**