

**Dalla Lana**  
School of Public Health

## Research and Funding Flash

Late April 2022

### New Funding

## SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants

### Residential Schools Joint Initiative

SSHRC is partnering with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, as part of the response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, to offer a unique opportunity for short-term funding to support Indigenous community-led research and related activities involving community decision-making processes, research, and actions regarding residential school sites in Canada.

This [NCTR-SSHRC joint initiative](#) is in the form of a one-time funding opportunity, the Partnership Engage Grants—Residential Schools Joint Initiative (PEG RSJI). SSHRC is committed to invest up to \$1M over the **June 2022 PEG** competition to support residential schools related projects. PEG RSJI grants are valued at a **maximum amount of \$50,000 per project** for a duration of one year.

Please note, regular SSHRC PEG applications may also be submitted in this round, with the usual maximum budget of \$25,000. Details are available on the [SSHRC PEG webpage](#).

For further information, please see the [SSHRC PEG RSJI webpage](#). For details on the internal submission/approval process please visit [Research Services website](#).

**Deadlines:** MRA (Internal) – noon, Friday, June 10, 2022 - (may take several days for divisional approval, please submit well in advance). Submissions of online application (Internal) – noon, Tuesday, June 14, 2022

# Data Sciences Institute

## Call for Catalyst Grant Applications

The University of Toronto [Data Sciences Institute](#) (DSI) is pleased to launch round 2 of its research Catalyst Grant competition. The DSI Catalyst Grant is a competitive seed funding program, offering \$100,000 over 1-2 years, for multidisciplinary teams forming a Collaborative Research Team (CRT).

A proportion of the Catalyst Grants are prioritized for research projects related to the DSI [Thematic Programs](#). Applicants are encouraged to attend a webinar to learn more about the DSI and the overall Catalyst Grant application process. Please check [our website](#) for details.

**Deadlines:** LOI: July 15, 2022, 11:59 PM. Full Online Application: November 4, 2022, 11:59 PM

For additional information and access the complete application guidelines via [https://datasciences.utoronto.ca/dsi-home/funding/funding\\_opportunities/catalyst\\_grants/](https://datasciences.utoronto.ca/dsi-home/funding/funding_opportunities/catalyst_grants/)

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Abraham at [awards.dsi@utoronto.ca](mailto:awards.dsi@utoronto.ca).

## The Manchester-Melbourne-Toronto (MMT) Research Fund

The University of Manchester, the University of Melbourne, and the University of Toronto are contributing matching funds to support collaborative bilateral and trilateral research initiatives through a joint call for proposals. The overall aim of the Manchester-Melbourne-Toronto (MMT) Research Fund is to encourage and provide initial support for the development of high-quality research activities that include Early Career Researchers.

**Funding:** Up to approximately \$22,000 CAD for bilateral and approximately \$33,000 CAD for trilateral

**Duration:** 18 months, beginning October 2022

Each application will be assessed by a joint committee of members from all three institutions.

**Deadlines:** Application: June 16, 2022 (1 PM EDT), Notification to successful applicants: August 2022

For more information please see the [funding opportunities page](#) or contact Kevin Rowley, Research Officer at [kevin.rowley@utoronto.ca](mailto:kevin.rowley@utoronto.ca)

## Award Announcements

# Robbins-Ollivier Award for Excellence in Equity

## Call for Nominations

The Division of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation invites internal nominations for the inaugural [Robbins-Ollivier Award for Excellence in Equity](#), which has been launched by the Canada Research Chairs Program to fund bold and potentially game-changing projects that will take action to address persistent systemic barriers in the research ecosystem and academia. Three Awards, each valued at \$100,000 over one year, will be presented annually to eligible faculty members or teams of faculty members nominated by Canadian institutions.

The University of Toronto may submit only **one nomination** for this competition per year. Internal nominators are encouraged to review the [selection criteria](#) carefully and ensure nominated projects meet the criteria robustly.

**Deadlines:** To nominate a faculty member or team for consideration by the committee, complete the following steps:

- Submit an online [Expression of Interest](#) by April 29, 2022.
- Submit components a) and b) of the Robbins-Ollivier Award [Nomination Package](#) in a single PDF document to [vpri.awards@utoronto.ca](mailto:vpri.awards@utoronto.ca) by May 20, 2022.

Further Information: [Robbins-Ollivier Award for Excellence in Equity Homepage](#)

## 2023 SSHRC Impact Awards: Call for Internal Nominations

The Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation invites internal nominations for the 2023 [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council \(SSHRC\) Impact Awards](#) for faculty, which recognize outstanding researchers and celebrate their research achievements, research training, knowledge mobilization, and outreach activities funded partially or entirely by SSHRC.

Internal nominations are now open for the following four awards:

[Gold Medal](#) for sustained leadership, dedication and originality of thought (\$100,000);

[Insight Award](#) for outstanding achievement arising from a research project funded partially or completely by SSHRC (\$50,000);

[Connection Award](#) for an outstanding SSHRC-funded initiative to facilitate the flow and exchange of research knowledge within and/or beyond the academic community (\$50,000);

[Partnership Award](#) recognizing a SSHRC-funded formal partnership for its outstanding achievement in advancing research, research training, or knowledge mobilization (\$50,000).

The University of Toronto may submit **one nomination** to each award competition per year. For details about the nomination process please visit the [VPRI website](#).

**Deadlines:** First, reach out to [research.dlsph@utoronto.ca](mailto:research.dlsph@utoronto.ca) by Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (if more than one applicant interested in a given award, more information may be requested for internal selection)

Expression of Interest: May 25, 2022, Internal Deadline: 12:00pm, June 8, 2022, Sponsor Deadline (projected): April 1, 2023

## New Canada Gairdner Awards for Mid- and Early-Career Investigators

The [Canada Gairdner Momentum Award](#) (\$50,000) will annually recognize two mid-career investigators, typically 10-15 years past their first independent research appointment, working in Canada who in their last 6 active years have produced exceptional scientific research contributions with continued potential for impact on human health.

To discuss nominating a candidate, please contact your [divisional awards coordinator](#).

For further details and access to the submission portal, please see the [Momentum Award homepage](#).

The [Gairdner Early Career Investigator Awards](#) offer an opportunity for faculty and professionals at the Assistant Professor or equivalent rank working at Canadian institutions to present their research as part of the Gairdner Science Week events in October 2022 and participate in a networking session with 2022 laureates.

**Deadline:** August 1, 2022. Application requirements and the submission portal are available on the [Gairdner ECI Award homepage](#). Information sessions about both awards will be held in May and June; interested nominators and nominees [may register here](#).

The Gairdner Awards suite also includes the following awards for outstanding biomedical and global health researchers: [Canada Gairdner International Award](#), and [Canada Gairdner Global Health Award](#).

**Deadline:** Nomination - October 1, 2022

## Other News

## Apply to become a member of CIHR's Institute Advisory Boards

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is recruiting members to join its Institute Advisory Boards (IABs). Diversity of expertise and experience are key to the success of IABs.

Members from all communities are encouraged to apply, especially those from groups historically underrepresented in research, including Black, Indigenous, and racialized communities; LGBTQ2S+ communities; Francophone communities; and persons with disabilities.

[Visit the CIHR website](#) for more information on IABs, including how to apply.

**Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted until May 2, 2022.

## Updates to Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration

Please be advised that the Agencies, comprised of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), have made minor revisions to the [Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration](#) (the "Guide") retroactive to **April 1, 2022**.

A complete summary of changes is provided on the [Tri-Agency website](#).

For more information about the renewed Guide, including how it affects members of the U of T research & innovation community, and to access links to training tools, please visit the [U of T Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration - Renewal webpage](#).

## Best Practices and Resources for Developing Your Research Honours & Awards Strategy

### New Workshop

The Division of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation in collaboration with the Centre for Research & Innovation Support, hosts a 90-minute virtual session on *Best Practices and Resources for Developing Your Research Honours & Awards Strategy*. This session is relevant to faculty in all disciplines and at all stages of their career; Honours & Awards Directors and coordinators, as well as peer nominators.

### Schedule and Registration:

May 5, 2022, 10:30am – 12:00

pm - Registration: <https://cris.eve.utoronto.ca/home/events/2399>

Questions about registration can be directed to [cris@utoronto.ca](mailto:cris@utoronto.ca)

## Reminders

### [Community Partnership Research Program](#)

This initiative is intended to help create new collaborative research partnerships, or nurture early-stage partnerships, between the University and community partners.

**Deadlines:** Full applications due Monday, May 2, 2022, submitted via [MRA](#) (My Research Applications).

### [Using NVivo: A Tool to Support Your Qualitative and Mixed Method Research Workshop](#)

This session highlights what NVivo is, its key features, and the types of projects NVivo is useful for.

**Event Date:** May 3, 2022.

### [NSERC and SSHRC Grants: Unfunded Extensions - Due to continued COVID-19 Impact](#)

Information about the extensions and other COVID-19 responses by NSERC and SSHRC are available on their respective websites.

**Deadlines:** Agencies to be informed of any such extensions by April 29, 2022.

### [International Doctoral Cluster \(IDC\) - Call for applications](#)

U of T is calling for applications to the International Doctoral Clusters (IDC) Program.

**Deadlines:** Four annual competitions; May 15th, September 15th, December 15th, and February 15th. Notification to successful applicants within 8 weeks of submission.

### [International Policy Ideas Challenge 2022 - Call for proposals](#)

Global Affairs Canada (GAC) is pleased to announce the sixth edition of the International Policy Ideas Challenge. For any other questions, contact [Global Affairs Canada](#).

**Deadline:** Application - May 20, 2022

### [Data Sciences Institute - Call for Data Access Grants](#)

The University of Toronto [Data Sciences Institute](#) (DSI) is pleased to announce our third round for Data Access Grants.

**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).

### [Connaught Global Challenge Research Programs](#)

The **Connaught Global Challenge Award** aims to heighten U of T's contribution to important issues facing society through the advancement of knowledge, and the transfer and application of solutions.

**Deadlines:** [Application](#) deadline is May 16, 2022. Questions can be directed to the [Connaught Secretariat](#)