

**University Delegates Meeting  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – 12:30-1:30pm (EDT)  
Meeting Minutes**

**Chair:** Adrian Mota - Associate Vice-President, Research Programs (Operations)

**Co- Chair:** Allison Jackson – Director General, Operations Support

**1. CIHR Updates**

***Change to the January 2022 UD meeting date***

The Co-Chair notified the University Delegates network that in anticipation of the end of year holiday season, the January meeting date will be pushed to January 13, 2022.

***Federal Employee Eligibility for Research Grants Update***

The Chair provided an update on the [eligibility of federal employees to apply for and hold research grants](#). Federal scientists are not eligible to receive tri-agency research grants because there are rules prohibiting federal departments or agencies from transferring goods and services (including grants) to another, which limits awarding grants to applicants who are employed by the federal government. Applications for the support of trainees only or research that will be conducted entirely without the use of federal facilities or resources (i.e., equipment, research personnel, and other resources) are exempted. While it applies to Nominated Principal Applicants (or their equivalent) on CIHR research grant applications, it does not apply to other Principal Applicants or Co-Applicants, nor Research Training Awards (scholarships, fellowships).

Institutions are requested to assist CIHR by examining any research applications that appear to originate from federal scientists who are using their academic affiliations. Please refer any such cases to the Contact Centre at [support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca)

**2. Tri-Agency Grants Management Solution Update**

Bronte Patterson, Senior Project Manager, presented on the [Tri-Agency Grants Management Solution](#) (TGMS). The three federal granting agencies, CIHR, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) have embarked on an initiative to modernize their grants management system to better support external and internal stakeholders during the grants management lifecycle. With this initiative, the aim is to create a single solution for all three Agencies that meets the standards of excellence expected by researchers and that is a more efficient and user-friendly solution for Tri-Agency staff.

The TGMS Secretariat has been conducting consultations with stakeholders and has identified that the CV management process/data needs are less understood. The TGMS team will engage with the University Delegates network on this topic over the next month. Details on how to participate will be shared by the UD Support Team.

More consultations will follow as part of the next steps, including: continued work seeking Government of Canada authorities and selecting the new platform and implementation vendor through a competitive process; continued communication with the External change agent network and External advisory board; and continued engagement with

institutions during workshops about the TGMS initiative. Please direct any inquiries to the TGMS mailbox at [TGMS-SGSTO@cihr.gc.ca](mailto:SGSTO@cihr.gc.ca)

### **3. Fall 2021 Project Grant Competition**

#### ***Fall 2021 Project Grant Competition - Important Dates***

Peer review committee meetings	November 16 – December 16, 2021
Notice of Recommendation (NOR)	January 19, 2022
Anticipated Notice of Decision (NOD)	February 2, 2022
Funding Start Date	April 1, 2022

### **4. WHO Joint Statement on Public Disclosure of Results from Clinical Trials**

On October 28, 2020, CIHR formally signed on to the WHO Joint Statement on Public Disclosure of Results from Clinical Trials affirming its commitment to improving clinical trial transparency and reducing publication biases in the Canadian health research enterprise. As a signatory, CIHR has committed to developing and implementing a policy guide with mandated timeframes for when researchers would need to register prospective CIHR-funded clinical trials and disclose publicly the results of those trials.

The following new requirements apply to all clinical trials funded on or after December 1, 2021:

- Publications describing clinical trial results must be open access from the date of publication (pushing beyond CIHR's current requirement for open access within 12 months of publication);
- Summary results must be publicly available within 12 months from the last visit of the last participant; and,
- All study publications must include the registration number.

The implementation of this policy statement affirms CIHR's commitment to clinical trial transparency and rigorous policy compliance monitoring and is an important jumping off point for ambitious work to come in the open science space, including the promotion of FAIR and CARE principles for research data. Compliance with these requirements will be tied to funding eligibility for Nominated Principal Investigators (NPIs). The process for monitoring and reporting on compliance data will be further developed in the coming months and annual reporting will begin in 2022. CIHR commits to promote and share the policy guide with the UD network, when available. Please direct comments or inquiries to Amanda Crupi, Manager, Science Policy at [amanda.crupi@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:amanda.crupi@cihr-irsc.gc.ca)

### **5. Funding Opportunities**

A list of funding opportunities released in November can be found in Appendix A of the presentation.

## 6. Adjournment

The University Delegates meeting concluded at 1:30pm EDT. The Chair thanked the network for their participation, especially those currently working with peer review and wished them a safe and happy holiday season. The next meeting of the University Delegates will take place on January 13, 2022.