Good afternoon,

This notice is being sent to all UBC grant facilitators for an update from SPARC on the CIHR 2016 Project Scheme competition. Please distribute widely amongst the UBC research community as appropriate.

1. Please note that CIHR will **not** be implementing any restrictions on the number of applications submitted to the 2016 1st Live Pilot Project Grant competition. CIHR has posted the following policy update on the Project Scheme homepage in response to an earlier message where CIHR considered whether “to ask principal applicants who have registered multiple proposals to defer one or more of them to a subsequent competition, and/or modify the competition timelines (e.g., extend the Notice of Decision date).”

2. Also, please note that SPARC in partnership with the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Education and UBC Okanagan Office of Research Services is offering **Editorial Review** support to all applicants who have registered to the **2016 CIHR Project Scheme 1st live pilot** competition. Applicants can submit a proposal for review and forward the following in Word (.docx) format:
   a. Research Summary (3,500 characters)
   b. Application Modules:
      o Quality of the Idea (1,750 characters)
      o Importance of the Idea (3,500 characters)
      o Approach (15,750 characters)
      o Expertise, Experience and Resources (3,500 characters)
   c. References (7,000 characters)
   d. Attachment – Figures Only (2 pages)
   e. **Optional:** CIHR Biosketch CV & Most significant Contributions

Please notify me via email at: stephane.dragon@ubc.ca of your intent to forward a proposal for review. To ensure capacity, **CFRI researchers** should first contact **Dawn McArthur at the RTDO** for grant development support.

Thank you,
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Please note that CIHR has (re-)extended the deadline to January 25 for the programs listed below which includes the Project Scheme (Registration) deadline:

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: Extension to application deadlines due to ongoing technical difficulties with the Canadian Common CV (CCV) (January 16, 2016)

(2016-01-15) The CCV Secretariat continues to work with Shared Services Canada to resolve the Canadian Common CV (CCV) issue that all organizations subscribed to CCV are experiencing.

CIHR will extend the deadline for the submission of registrations/applications to **January 25, 2016**, for the following funding opportunities:

- **Knowledge Synthesis Grant: Prescription Drug Abuse**
- **Training Grant: Indigenous Mentorship Network Program** (Letter of intent)
- **Knowledge Synthesis Grant: Fall 2015**
- **Project Scheme: 2016 1st Live Pilot** (Registration)
- **Other: Joint Canada-Israel Health Research Program** (Registration)
- **Other: CIHR-IPPH Trailblazer Award in Population Health Solutions**
- **Other: Travel Awards – Institute Community Support (Winter 2016)**
- **Undergraduate: Summer Studentship Award – ICS (2016)**

Please also note that:

- The full application for the Project Scheme: 2016 1st Live Pilot will be available in ResearchNet the day after the registration has closed.
- At this time, the application deadline for the Project Scheme: 2016 1st Live Pilot remains March 1, 2016. CIHR recognizes that applicants will have less time to complete their application in ResearchNet. However, this decision balances this risk with the current competition timelines and
the need to give reviewers the required time to produce high-quality reviews.

- Since applications to the Planning and Dissemination Grants competition do not require completion of a CCV, the deadline remains January 20, 2016.

- The Institutes Advisory Boards recruitment campaign has been extended until February 10, 2016.

CIHR may further extend the competition deadlines should the disruption to CCV service continue beyond today. CIHR will continue to monitor the situation and updates will follow as they become available.

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Cc: Boyd, Lara <lara.boyd@ubc.ca>
Subject: SPARC UPDATE: CIHR 2016 Project Scheme Pilot Competition: Registration Deadline Extended

Good afternoon,

This notice is being sent to all UBC grant facilitators for an important update from SPARC on the CIHR 2016 Project Scheme competition. Please distribute widely amongst the UBC research community as appropriate.

Please note the following update from CIHR:

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: Extension to application deadlines due to technical difficulties with the Canadian Common CV (CCV) (January 13, 2016)

Due to ongoing technical difficulties currently being experienced by the Canadian Common CV, CIHR will extend the deadline for the submission of
registrations/applications to **January 20, 2016**, for the **following funding opportunities**:

- **Project Scheme: 2016 1st Live Pilot (Registration)**
- Knowledge Synthesis Grant: Prescription Drug Abuse
- Training Grant: Indigenous Mentorship Network Program (LOI)
- Knowledge Synthesis Grant: Fall 2015
- Other: Joint Canada-Israel Health Research Program (Registration)
- Other: CIHR-IPPH Trailblazer Award in Population Health Solutions

The CCV Secretariat is currently working with Shared Services Canada to resolve this issue which is being experienced by all CCV Subscribing Organizations. CIHR will continue to actively monitor the situation. Updates will follow as they become available. CIHR may further extend the competition deadlines should the disruption to CCV services continue beyond today.

We apologize for the inconvenience that this has caused and thank you for your continued patience.

For further information, please contact:

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From: Dragon, Stephane  
Sent: 22 December, 2015 3:28 PM
Good afternoon,

This notice is being sent to all UBC grant facilitators for an important update from SPARC on the **CIHR 2016 Project Scheme competition**. Please distribute widely amongst the UBC research community as appropriate.

Please carefully consider the following updates:

1. The [registration link](#) for applicants interested in participating in SPARC’s [Internal Review process for the Project Scheme](#) is now open. Please note that SPARC will offer two types of IR support in January 2016 and that registration prior to the application deadline is required:
   - Deadline to submit an application for the Small Review Panel: **Friday, January 8, 2016**
   - Deadline to submit an application for the Committee/ Large Review Panel: **Friday, January 15, 2016**

   For more information on dates and key features of the review format, please click on the link above or visit the [Announcements section on SPARC’s website](#).

2. Please note that the [Application Instructions](#) for the **Project Scheme** pilot competition are now available from CIHR. For an overview of the peer review process and details on the adjudication criteria, please consult the [Peer Review Manual](#).

3. Note that the audio recording and slide decks for SPARC’s [Information Sessions](#) on the Project Scheme are now available on SPARC’s YouTube Channel. To access the slides and view the playlists (CWL login required), please [login via SPARC’s website to access the Presentation Materials](#) (Resources > Presentation Materials > CWL Login > CIHR Workshops).

4. CIHR will be hosting a series of [Question and Answers webinars](#) beginning in January 2016 to provide applicants and research administrators an opportunity to ask questions about the Project Grant application. See link above for dates and registration details.

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