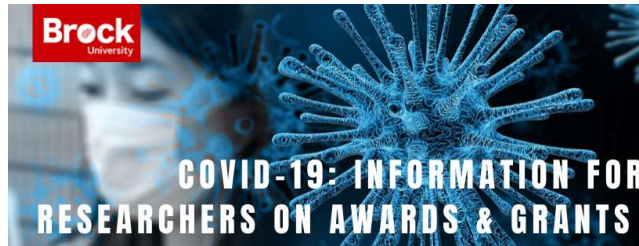


## COVID-19 Updates - Information for Researchers

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For the most up-to-date information, see the [COVID-19: Information for Researchers on Awards and Grants](#) page.

### **Reminder: Upcoming COVID-19 research application deadline**

The Ontario government has put out [a call for expertise](#) to help the province respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The expertise the province is currently seeking, but is not limited to, is:

- remote learning for elementary and secondary students while schools are closed

When it launched its portal on March 26, the Ontario government was also looking for proposals on the following subjects:

- virtual mental health services for people who are vulnerable or living in remote communities
- supply chain resiliency monitoring
- financial planning and advising for small businesses that can be delivered online

at low-cost including advice about relief programs and how to apply

Please be advised that the last day to submit COVID related research proposals through the [Ontario Together Portal](#) is **April 24, 2020**. Please submit your proposals through the "[We need your ideas section](#)" of the website.

## **OAC Program and Deadline Support for Artists and Arts Organizations**

The Ontario Arts Council (OAC) has announced a number of actions to support Ontario's artists and arts organizations through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic:

- **Changed or Cancelled Projects:** Any change or cancellation costs due to COVID-19 will be considered eligible expenses. OAC will not ask for repayment of grants for which related expenses have been incurred, including any reasonable expenses related to unexpected changes and cancellations, up to the total grant amount.
- **Project Program Deadlines and Requirements:** All spring deadlines for project programs have been extended by two weeks to provide additional time for applicants to adjust their plans and add any COVID-19 contingency measures to their applications
- **Operating Grants:** Program deadlines and peer assessment of operating grants have been suspended for 2020. OAC will release 2020-21 operating grant payments as soon as possible, to respond to the cash flow needed to sustain operations. Operating grants will not need to be returned if activities are changed or cancelled.
- **Travel and In-Person Gatherings:** Following federal and provincial

government advisories, OAC is not allocating any new grants for activities that involve travel or in-person gatherings that are expected to take place before June 30, 2020.

More information can be found [here](#).

## New COVID-19 Funding & Collaboration Opportunities

*(For more information on upcoming funding deadlines not listed here please visit [COVID-19 Resources Canada](#)).*

### **CBC Creative Relief Fund**

In response to COVID-19, CBC has launched this funding opportunity to provide immediate, urgent support to Canadian creators. The new fund will provide \$2 million in development and production funding for a diverse range of innovative, original Canadian storytelling, including scripted comedies and dramas, unscripted entertainment, kids and young adult programming, podcasts, play adaptations and short documentaries. Deadline to apply is April 24, 2020. [Details](#).

### **Elrha Research to Support COVID-19 Response in Humanitarian**

This call aims to fund public health research that will produce robust findings that will contribute to the effectiveness of the current humanitarian response and increase the evidence base for future responses to similar infectious disease outbreaks. Deadline to apply is May 4, 2020. [Details](#).

## **NATO Innovation Challenge**

The purpose of the NATO Innovation Challenge is to tap into the minds of innovative people and teams to find more effective and efficient ways for NATO, and other response organizations, to ensure security and respond to crisis situations. Deadline to submit an abstract is May 5, 2020. [Details](#).

## **Canada Council for the Arts partners with CBC/Radio-Canada on a new digital initiative: Digital Originals**

Digital Originals has developed \$5,000 micro-innovation grants that will support Canadian artists and arts organizations to reach Canadian audiences online during the COVID-19 crisis by enabling them to adapt their work for digital dissemination. Deadline to apply is June 15, 2020. [Details](#).

## **Solve 2020 Global Challenges: Health Security & Pandemics**

Solve is seeking tech innovations that can slow and track the spread of an emerging outbreak. Over \$1.5 million in prize funding is available. Deadline to apply is June 18, 2020. [Details](#).

## **OAC COVID-19 Response Initiative**

OAC is developing a strategic fund to help Ontario artists and arts organizations respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Details will be announced in the coming weeks.

## **Extended Deadline: Chancellors Chair for Research Excellence**

The [Chancellors Chair for Research Excellence](#) deadline has been extended to May 4, 2020, 12 p.m.

### Updates from External Funders

#### ***Tri-Agency***

(For more information on Tri-Agency deadlines and extensions please see the [COVID-19 information page](#)).

#### ***Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)***

For a full overview of SSHRC's updates, see [COVID-19: Impacts on SSHRC's policies and programs](#).

#### **International Policies Ideas Challenge**

The application deadline for the International Policies Ideas Challenge has been extended to May 15, 2020. [Details](#).

#### **Open Research Area 6**

There are no changes to program timelines at this time. The adjudication process will proceed as a virtual merit review meeting. [Details](#).

#### ***Natural Sciences and Engineering***

## **Research Council of Canada (NSERC)**

(For a full overview of NSERC's updates, see [NSERC program information in relation to COVID-19](#)).

### **Discovery Grants**

The release of results from the 2020 Discovery Grants competition has been delayed. Results are now expected to be posted on the Research Portal this week. [Details](#).

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