

Excerpts of Questions and Answers to CIHR from a University Delegates meeting:

- Members are encouraged to visit the [CIHR's COVID-19 webpage \(en français\)](#), and email their questions to the Contact Centre: support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

Answers to questions with decisions already made:

- Can Nominated Principle Investigators (NPIs) that are receiving extensions still apply to the Fall 2020 competition with a different grant?
 - NPIs that are receiving an extension cannot apply to the Fall 2020 competition with a different grant.
- Will the grants that were in a no-cost extension period for funding receive a continued no-cost extension for the year? If so, is anything needed to be done to receive the extension?
 - Grant holders currently within a no-cost extension will receive the continued no-cost extension. Grant holders will not have to request this extension; rather, CIHR will apply it automatically.
- Will individuals have to resubmit to the Fall 2020 competition if they applied to the Spring 2020 Project Grant competition?
 - CIHR will reach out to each applicant on this matter, allowing them to confirm how they would like to proceed, as CIHR anticipates applicants may want to make updates to their submission. However, applicants will not have to reapply: they will have the option of bringing their application forward to the Fall 2020 Project Grant competition automatically (with or without the one-page update to their submission), or they may withdraw and submit a new or updated application to the fall competition if they wish.
- Are the strategic competitions whose timelines have recently been revised going to move forward with normal submission and review?
 - CIHR confirmed that the three-month moratorium will be placed on all current and upcoming funding opportunities. This moratorium will put pressure on CIHR and it cannot deliver 12 months of competitions in 9 months, all competitions will therefore need to be assessed with respect to how and if they move forward. This moratorium does not apply to any COVID-19 related competitions
- Will the Planning and Dissemination Grants that were recently announced be revoked?
 - CIHR confirmed that the deadline for this competition will be delayed until after July 2020.
- Can you confirm that the bridge funding extension is only for individuals whose bridge was ending March 2020?
 - The bridge funding extension is only available to those who received a bridge grant in the Fall 2019 Project Grant competition.
- Will the New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) competition be delayed?
 - CIHR confirmed that the NFRF competition is delayed until July
- Can the announcement of the Canadian Health Research Project (CHRP) competition still be expected?
 - CIHR confirmed that the three-month moratorium applies to all Funding Opportunities. That being said, competitions that are at decisions stage, including CHRP, will release results as anticipated (with only slight delays in some cases). Results of competitions that had not entered the peer review phase will experience delays.
- Will individuals funded through the Project Grant Priority Announcement receive an extension?
 - Yes in most cases. Some Priority announcements were for top ups to full term grants (not eligible). CIHR will be reaching out to those who qualify for this extension.

Decisions still pending:

- How will CIHR support ongoing grant holders given that many investigators are paying salaries and other resources while they cannot do research?
 - CIHR recognizes this issue. It was confirmed that additional measures are being explored
- Is the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy program applicable to the salary of research teams?
 - CIHR confirmed that it is currently unclear if this is applicable to the academic environment. Conversations on this subject are evolving daily