



Fall 2019 Newsletter



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. Chair Report .



Happy Fall to all of our NRIG members! I hope everyone had a great summer and took some time with friends and family to unwind, relax and become rejuvenated and inspired for the busy year ahead!

This newsletter highlights several pictures from our AGM this past June in which we had nearly 40 members attend to listen to Dr. Quinn Grundy speak about the conflicting role of industry in health care. We had many nursing students from the GTA attend and they found to be a great evening of networking and socializing as well as educational. Our annual report was released to members following the event in June. You can view the report [here](#).

Following our AGM in June, the NRIG Executive has enjoyed a much-needed break over the summer months and is gearing up for an in-person meeting where we will plan for the exciting opportunities and events being offered to our members this coming year. We plan to offer new and informative webinars, student events, mentorship opportunities along with our awards and scholarship program this winter. Stay tuned for more information!

This newsletter is jam-packed with introductions—we want to let you know of the innovative research projects and conferences our awards and scholarship winners are engaged in as well as introduce you to our new Executive Board members!

Welcome to our new Chair-Elect, Dr. Charlene Chu who comes from the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing at the University of Toronto. We are thrilled to have Valentina Donison as our new Communication



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Director overseeing our Newsletters. Our new Finance Director Michelle Heyer is excited to take over this role and Connie Schumacher is our new Member at Large and will oversee our Awards and Scholarship program this year! Finally, and certainly not least, we have two student representatives joining the team this year—Jennifer Cano from the University of Toronto and Rupinder Kaur from UNB-Humber! We're so excited to introduce these fantastic individuals and are grateful that they have volunteered their time to support NRIG in the coming years.

The RNAO is hosting an Assembly meeting on September 13 and 14th in Toronto this fall. Our new Chair-Elect Dr. Charlene Chu will be attending the festivities and we will report to the members on this event in our next newsletter.

As always, I want to thank our members for your continued investment and support of NRIG. Please reach out to us if you would like to volunteer to support NRIG events or have suggestions on how we can better meet your needs. I wish everyone a safe and successful fall semester!

Respectfully submitted, Amy Wright, NRIG Chair

• New NRIG Execs •



CHARLENE CHU, our new *chair elect* executive team member, is an Assistant Professor at the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing at the University of Toronto, and an Affiliate Scientist at KITE Toronto Rehab at the University Health Network. She is also cross-appointment (status only) with the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work's Institute for Life Course & Aging at the University of Toronto. As a Registered Nurse with 12 years of experience working with older adults across the health spectrum, Dr. Chu's primary area of research is in designing interventions that support the mobility and daily function of older adults in post-acute care settings (e.g. long-term care, rehabilitation, and community). The major focuses are: person-centred interventions; co-designing and evaluating innovative technology that is translatable into practice; and the use of artificial intelligence and machine learning in patient care.

Her research to develop technology for older adults has been funded by the Canadian Nurses Foundation; Heart and Stroke Foundation's Canadian Partnerships for Stroke Research, Centre for Brain + Health Innovation, and AGE-WELL Strategic Investment Program. She currently holds funding from Women's College Hospital to design an exergaming system for older women living



in long-term care. She has experience in health based technologies for clinicians, as well as developing technology for older adults in LTC to support their mobility and cognitive function.

As a steering committee member of The Consortium of Professional Nursing Practice in LTC and the Worldwide Elements To Harmonize Research In long-term care living Environments (WE-THRIVE) to support the use of common data elements in long-term care and support person-centred care globally. Notably, Dr. Chu has authored and co-authored 36 peer-reviewed full manuscripts focused on interventions for older adults, advancing gerontological nursing practice, or developing international clinical guidelines to support care.



CONNIE SCHUMACHER, our *Member-at-Large* executive team member joined NRIG in 2019. Connie is a RN with 25 years of direct clinical experience in emergency, cardiology and community health sectors as well as clinical instructor experience. Connie's research interests include self-management practices in chronic disease and care at transitions, focusing on heart failure, COPD and geriatric populations.

An expert on the interRAI DIVERT Scale, a pre-emptive tool that identifies home care patients at risk for a future

emergency department visit, Connie has been actively designing clinical applications for the DIVERT Scale outputs to facilitate uptake and promote practice Current research includes the DIVERT-CARE Trial, the DIVERT-CARE Experiences multiple case study, trends in homecare characteristics and service use, the association of afterhours care and emergency department use in home care populations, and collaboration on a study of immigrants in long-term care change.

Education initiatives include development of caregiver skills and education resources to be used in home care. Connie received her PhD in Nursing specializing in Interprofessional Practice from Walden University, Masters in Nursing Science from Walden University with placement at Mohawk College Simulation Lab, and Bachelor in Nursing Science from the University of Windsor.



MICHELLE HEYER, our new *finance officer* executive member is the Director, Seniors Care in the Schlegel Centre for Advancing Seniors Care at Conestoga College. Michelle started her health care career as a Nurses Aide in long-term care, sparking her interest in gerontology. Michelle graduated from the Practical Nursing program at Conestoga College in 2005. She then went on to complete her BScN from McMaster University in 2010, and finished her MSc



from McMaster in 2017. The focus of her MSc thesis was on the quality-of-life of older adults in long-term care. Michelle has a vast array of clinical nursing experience including complex-continuing care, palliative care, mental health, acute care and gerontology. In Michelle's role at Conestoga, she is dedicated to helping prepare health care providers to care for older adults with complex needs through gerontological research and education.



VALENTINA DONISON, our new *newsletter communications officer* executive team member joined NRIG in 2015 and the Executive Board in 2019. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the Ryerson, Centennial, and George Brown Collaborative Nursing Degree Program in 2015 and received her Master of Nursing Degree from the Yeates School of Graduate Studies, Ryerson University, in 2018.

Passionate about nursing research, Valentina is involved in several research based initiatives with a focus on the older adult population. She is presently working towards advancing her education and research work with the goal of applying to the University of Toronto's PhD program in the fall of 2020. She is thrilled to be the new NRIG Newsletter Communications Officer and to further be

working with such a dynamic team in upholding the mission and values of the group.



JENNIFER CANO, our new *student representative*, is entering her second and final year in University of Toronto's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. She completed an undergraduate degree in Health Sciences and an MSc in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, both from University of Ottawa. Her qualitative Master's thesis focused on women's reproductive and sexual health services, specifically in rural, remote, and northern regions of Canada. She spent the past two years in Kenora, Ontario working as a Public Health Coordinator with a First Nations organization. Her volunteer experiences include working on mental health crisis lines and as a certified Canadian Ski Patroller; she currently volunteers with the Toronto Distress Centre.

Jennifer hopes to further develop her research experience, with specific interests in women's health and Indigenous health. She is grateful for her early opportunities and mentorship in research and looks forward to encouraging and facilitating research involvement for other nursing students and novice researchers. In the future, she hopes to gain clinical nursing experience in rural, remote, and/or northern areas of the country.



• Annual General Meeting •

NRIG hosted their 2019 AGM on June 3rd, 2019 at Ryerson University. It was a successful evening of networking and reconnecting opportunities for the AGM's attendants. This year's AGM featured a talk from distinguished scientist, Dr. Quinn Grundy.

Dr. Quinn Grundy is an assistant professor with the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing at the University of Toronto and honorary senior lecturer with the School of Pharmacy and Charles Perkins Center at the University of Sydney. Dr. Grundy's research explores the commercial determinants of health and their impact on the delivery of health services, health evidence, and consumer health information. She is a member of the international Evidence, Policy, and Influence Collaborative at The University of Sydney.

Dr Grundy is the author of *Infiltrating Healthcare: How Marketing Works Underground to Influence Nurses* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2018), which details the first in-depth study of the ways that registered nurses interact with pharmaceutical and medical device company representatives. She has further authored and co-authored numerous publications in leading medical, bioethics, and health policy journals.

Dr. Grundy spoke at this year's AGM about three common ethical issues with implications for research integrity: authorship criteria, conflicts of interest and industry funding, and strategies to help navigate potential pitfalls. Early career nurse researchers often

RUPINDER KAUR, our new *student representative*, is currently a third year second entry Nursing student at University of New Brunswick/Humber College. She previously graduated with BSc of Kinesiology and Health Science at York University. She has been involved in research for more than three years and served as a role of research assistant through KIN KIDS program in Toronto. Seeing her diligence and commitment to the program, Dr. Belcastro agreed to supervise her as an independent research student in 2019 where she studied the benefits of unstructured physical activity on young children.

In addition to research, extracurricular commitments through campus clubs have also been an important part of her experience. In past , she been a part of a women empowerment club where issue like maternal and child health, reproductive rights, missing and murdered aboriginal women, domestic violence, rape and consent were discussed and spread awareness about. She has great interest in student involvement and therefore, will serve the role of Peer mentor at Humber College and student representative at Nursing Research Interest Group for 2019.



have questions about authorship including whether and how they should be credited for their scholarly work and how to credit students, collaborators, and supervisors. Dr Grundy drew our attention to the authorship criteria from the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors and encouraged nurses to use these criteria to guide discussions about authorship early and throughout the writing process.

A growing body of evidence documents the association between industry sponsorship and research results and conclusions that favour the sponsor. This sponsorship bias may enter the research process at any stage, including shifting the agendas of entire fields of research, introducing bias in study design, or ‘spinning’ conclusions so that they over-state the results. Dr. Grundy encouraged nurse researchers to consider the risks to research integrity, patients, public health, and reputation that may occur from receipt of industry sponsorship. Nurse researchers should carefully consider their ‘core mission’ and whether sponsorship truly furthers these aims.

Conflicts of interest are increasingly in the media and are attracting policy attention. Typically associated with physicians’ relationships with the pharmaceutical industry, nurses are increasingly targeted by pharmaceutical, medical device, and other industry marketing in the form of educational initiatives, funded research, and payments for speaking, consulting or advising. The current opioid crisis demonstrates the public health impact of aggressive marketing of products including over-prescription and mis-treatment. Nurses

should carefully consider relationships that create a divided accountability between their core commitments as nurses and contracted or reciprocal obligations to industry partners and should at minimum, disclose these partnerships to the communities they serve.

NRIG would like to thank Dr. Quinn Grundy for sharing her work and passion for nursing research! Thank you to all who attended the 2019 AGM and to those who contributed to its success.

If you would like to see a video of Dr. Grundy’s presentation on the NRIG Facebook page please see [here](#).

*Respectfully submitted, Valentina Donison,
Communications Officer –Newsletter*





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. Scholarships and Awards .

We are very pleased to continue to be able to support the ongoing research and scholarship of NRIG members. This year we introduced 2 new award types: 1) conference grant; and 2) new member awards. Reviewers met in late May to discuss the applications and rankings.

To comply with our preference for applicants to receive only a single award, grant, or scholarship, the board has elected not to award the Graduate Scholarship this year. Both applicants to the Graduate Scholarship had also applied to and have been awarded the Research Grant for PhD students. In place of the Graduate Scholarship funding, it was decided by the board that the funds could support an additional Conference Grant and two New Member Awards.

We received 1 application for the Research Grant for Novice Researchers, 2 applications for the Research Grant for PhD Students/Candidates, 9 applications for the New Member Award and 4 applications for the Conference Grant.

We are proud to announce the 2019 NRIG Award, Scholarship and Grant recipients:

Research Grant for Novice Researchers, valued at \$3,000:

- **Jacqueline Crandall**, PhD, University of Alberta, Nurse Practitioner, London Health Sciences Centre

Research Grant for PhD Students, each valued at \$3,000:

- **Elizabeth Orr**, PhD student, McMaster University, School of Nursing
- **Jennifer Howard**, PhD student, Western University, School of Nursing

New Member Award, each valued at \$ 500:

- **Charlene Chu**, Assistant Professor, University of Toronto, Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, Toronto Rehab (UHN), Affiliate Scientist at KITE
- **Franklin Gorospe**, PhD student, University of Toronto, Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing
- **Jessica Pimienta**, Master of Nursing Student, Ryerson University

Conference Grant, each valued at \$ 500:

- **Adam Morse**, PhD student, Western University
- **Chi Wing (Lily) Yeung**, PhD student, University of Toronto

Respectfully submitted, Amy Wright, Chair



• Recipient Spotlight.



JACQUELINE CRANDALL, the *Research Grant for Novice Researchers* recipient, has enjoyed a variety of nursing positions where she has built expertise in community and hospital palliative care nursing, wound care, geriatrics, and nephrology nursing. Currently, she works as a nurse practitioner in the Regional Renal Program at the London Health Sciences Centre, and she also facilitates the Thanatology practicum course at King's University College.

Jacqueline is a life-long learner. Her educational background began with a diploma of nursing from Fanshawe College and has continued grow as she graduated with a PhD in nursing at the University of Alberta earlier this year. Stops along the learning path included Western University (Post-RN BScN & Certificate of Palliative Care & Thanatology), the University of Windsor (MScN), and Toronto University (Post-Master's Nurse Practitioner Diploma).

Jacqueline's passion is research and applying research to quality improvement, whether this is in nephrology nursing or end-of-life care. Now that she has completed a PhD in nursing, she is excited to bring this knowledge forward. Crisis, life-threatening illness, and death

pervade every nursing position. Jacqueline's experience and education has prepared her well to assist others in meeting the needs of individuals and families facing life-threatening illness. Together with her colleagues, Jacqueline's current research project involves exploring the effects of an 8-week Mindful Self-Compassion training program on nephrology nurses' self-reported levels of self-compassion, burnout, and resilience. She conveys a heartfelt thank you to the RNAO Nursing Research Interest Group for awarding her with the NRIG Research Grant for Novice Researchers.



JENNIFER HOWARD, a *Research Grant for PhD Students Graduate Scholarship* recipient, is a third year PhD student at Western University, School of Nursing. The population she is currently researching is women with MS. This was inspired by several years of working as an infusion nurse administering biological therapies for people with MS.

Her doctoral work is aiming to further our knowledge and understanding of the health and well-being for women with MS. This approach aligns with the World Health Organization's definition of health and helps ameliorate the historical gap in research for women's health needs for various medical conditions. Jennifer will be analyzing for trends with this population to help



determine what makes this population healthy or conversely unhealthy from their own perspective.

Jennifer is hoping to pursue a career in nursing research with a focus on neurodegenerative disorders with the inclusion of an arts-based lens. In her spare time Jennifer is a semi-professional visual artist and her work has been featured and published throughout Southwestern Ontario in galleries, online and in advertisements. She has also had her work featured with CBC Arts and has worked as an art director for a Canadian music festival. Jennifer currently volunteers as the acting Chair for The Arts Collective, a federally registered non-profit organization she co-founded. The Arts Collective helps new, emerging and at-risk artists display their creative works free of charge.



ELIZABETH ORR, a *Research Grant for PhD Students Graduate Scholarship recipient*, is a PhD student in the School of Nursing at McMaster University. She has also worked with critically ill newborns and their families for over 10 years in the NICU at Sick Kids. Through her clinical work, Elizabeth developed a passion for seeking innovative ways that nursing care can be delivered to achieve the best possible outcomes for this special population. Her thesis research explores the transition-home experiences of young mothers with infants discharged from the NICU.



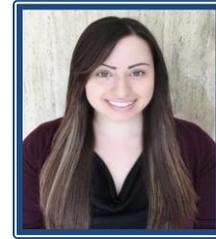
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FRANKLIN GOROSPE, a new member award recipient, is a first year PhD student at the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing at the University of Toronto. He completed his undergraduate and master's degrees in nursing. The focus of his doctoral research interest is on pain and associated factors in patients with liver disease. Direct patient care is a significant aspect of his professional and personal life. He has been working clinically on the surgical aspect of the liver disease continuum for over 12 years.

His motivation to be in this area stems from the pain and associated symptoms that his brother experiences. His passion rests on helping patients like my brother live comfortable and meaningful lives. During his doctoral studies, he will investigate the pain and factors that contribute to the pain that patients with liver disease experience. The significance of these findings will help develop interventions to help patients cope with pain. He is hoping that this will allow him to contribute significantly to those who have pain and those who are at risk for developing pain who have liver disease.



JESSICA PIMENTA, a new member award recipient, is a Registered Nurse in the Family Birthing Centre at Michael Garron Hospital. Currently she is pursuing her Master of Nursing at Ryerson University, specializing in the field of Leadership in Healthcare Policy and Education. Her thesis work ethnographically examines perinatal health care for recent immigrant women during the three-month OHIP waiting period, and has the potential to influence Ontario's health policies. Jessica aspires to contribute to the growing body of literature related to the intersections of women's health, immigration, and pregnancy.



ADAM MORSE, a conference grant recipient, is a PhD student at Western University researching nursing leadership and informatics under the supervision of Dr. Richard Booth and Dr. Carol Wong. Adam is an accomplished academic with numerous peer reviewed publications, conference presentations, and textbook chapters. A former graduate of the University of



Waterloo and Western University, Adam has attained a bachelor's degree in science, a bachelor's degree in nursing, and after completing the first year of a master's of science program at Western University has bridged into his PhD studies. As an active community volunteer he sits on numerous committees both within and outside of academia including holding a position on the executive board for Iota Omicron chapter of Sigma.

Adam recently attended the Healthy Work Environments conference in New Orleans, IL where he shared his research examining nurse leadership influencing structural empowerment on nursing perception of patient safety climate.

Adam feels it is important for nursing leaders to communicate with staff to enhance working cultures, especially in recent years with the introduction of more advanced technologically being integrated into practice. Adam's research examined the perceptions of staff nurses and concluded the need for strong nursing leadership that was not bias to any one individual using the concepts of Leader-Member Exchange Theory. During the conference he explained how nursing leaders are in a pivotal position to support younger nurses through structural empowerment and improving patient safety receiving large amounts of positive feedback and interest from international researchers. Adam is grateful to receive the NRIG conference grant, to offset the financial costs associated with sharing knowledge and creating change at national conferences.



Chi Wing (Lily) Yeung, a conference grant recipient, is entering her third year in the PhD in Nursing Science Program and Collaborative Program in Aging, Palliative & Supportive Care at University of Toronto. Her research interest in chronic care and care for older adults is inspired by her clinical work as a Registered Nurse in the hemodialysis units at Toronto General Hospital. During her PhD, she hopes to advance research knowledge on improving patients' involvement in shared decision-making when deciding among treatments for end-stage renal disease.

Congratulations to our 2019 recipients!



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• Membership Report •

The executive team was very busy this year with developing new membership materials. We now have a new postcard that provides interested members with information about NRIG, our scholarships and how to join as a member or as an executive. We also designed a new banner that you will see at any events we attend. Finally, we know how valuable a pen can be to nurses, so we have designed a new NRIG pen! We're happy if these pens go "walking" from owner to owner in your unit of office—spreading the news that NRIG supports nurse researchers!!

We were privileged to have worked alongside a graphic designer with a special place in his heart for nurses as his son was a preterm infant in an NICU in the Hamilton area. We are so thrilled with how these materials have turned out and we're proud to start sharing them with nurses across Ontario. Our membership numbers are as follows:

NRIG Membership 2018-2019 Fiscal Year:

- Total: 1676 members

Member Breakdown:

- Registered Nurses (RNs): 341
- Nursing Students: 1,335

*Respectfully submitted, Christina Moldovan,
Membership and Services Officer*



• Website Report •

In 2018-2019, Nursing Research Interest Group (NRIG) hosts its own website at www.nrig.ca. The website provides up-to-date information to our members, which includes, but not limited to:

- NRIG Scholarship and Grant Winners
- Nursing Research Interest Group Newsletters
- Upcoming Events and Past Events
- Education and Resources:
 - NRIG 2019 Webinar – Preparing for a Career in Academic: What to Consider, When to Apply and What to Expect

The website has been updated to integrate access to social media platform listed below:

- Facebook – www.facebook.com/pages
- Twitter – www.twitter.com/RnaoNrig
- Instagram – www.instagram.com/rnao.nrig



*Respectfully submitted, Joyce Tsui, NRIG
Communications Officer, Website*



*Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Cano and Rupinder
Kaur, NRIG Student Representatives*



• Student Corner •

This year we have two student representatives on the NRIG Executive team. Jennifer is completing her BScN at University of Toronto, and Rupinder is completing her BScN at University of New Brunswick/Humber College.

We hope to continue the momentum of increasing student membership on the NRIG. While we are still in the initial planning stages, we look forward to working with the executive team to hold events and info-sessions to facilitate nursing student involvement in research initiatives throughout their studies. We hope to find innovative ways to increase our reach to nursing programs across the province of Ontario. We anticipate to increase awareness regarding research through different activities including seminars and group events in different institutes across Ontario.

Please contact for us for any additional information regarding NRIG.



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• Upcoming Opportunities •



The Global Institute of Psychosocial, Palliative & End-of-Life Care

The GIPPEC at Princess Margaret Hospital has an open call for fellows (unfunded). GIPPEC's trainee program is an opportunity for learners to develop and build research skills in areas relevant to palliative care and to develop meaningful lines of research within well-developed research teams. GIPPEC trainee opportunities provide research mentorship, training, infrastructure and the opportunity to engage with an interdisciplinary network of scholars and investigators pursuing groundbreaking research in the field. There is no application deadline. For more information please see [here](#).



The Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute

The Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute has two open competitions. The Innovation to Impact Grants and the Innovation Grants are open to any investigator with a funded Innovation/CBCF Grant ending between January 1, 2017, and April 30, 2020. Grant budgets may be up to \$150,000 per year with a maximum of 3 years of funding. Full application deadline for both grants is October 15th, 2019. For more information on the Innovation to Impact Grants, please see [here](#). For more information on the Innovation Grants please see [here](#).



The Banting and Best Diabetes Center at U of T

The Banting and Best Diabetes Centre at the University of Toronto has a competition open to researchers with an appointment at University of Toronto. The Sun Life Financial New Investigator Award: One award of \$80,000 (\$40,000 per year for two years) is available. Reuben and Helene Dennis Scholar: One award of \$20,000 (\$10,000 per year for two years) is available. Deadline to apply to is October 22nd, 2019. For more information please see [here](#).

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The Beryl Institute

The Beryl Institute is accepting applications for the 2019 Grant and Scholar Programs for all members. Grant submissions should focus on the value of focusing on patient experience; and the impact on healthcare outcomes. Value: up to US\$1,000. The deadline to apply is September 27th, 2019. For more information please see [here](#).



American Association of Critical-Care Nurses

The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses AACN 2020 Grants Program is open. There are two opportunities: AACN Impact Research Grant, which offers three awards up to US\$50,000 each, and AACN-Sigma Theta Tau Critical Care Grant, which offers one award of up to US\$10,000. Full application deadline is November 1st, 2019. For more information please see [here](#).



Sigma Theta Tau International

Sigma Theta Tau International offers several grants small grants, alpha Eta Collaborative Research Grant; Canadian Nurses Foundation Collaborative Grant; Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science; and more. Deadlines are as of December 1st, 2019. For more information please see [here](#).



National Council for State Boards of Nursing Center for Regulatory Excellence

The National Council for State Boards of Nursing Center for Regulatory Excellence Grant competition with funds available: up to US\$300,000 for 12-24 months. Application deadline is October 4th, 2019. For more information please see [here](#).



The American Association of Nurse Anesthetists

The American Association of Nurse Anesthetists General Research Grants competition will open in September 2019. Full application deadline is November 1st, 2019. For more information please see [here](#).



International Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning

The International Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning, has two US\$1,000 grants available (Funded by Laerdal Medical) for novice researchers; and one US\$5,000 grant (funded by Chamberlain University). Proposals must target at least one of: translational research; evaluation methods; validity and reliability of instruments; ratio of clinical time to simulation time pre-briefing; use of theory in simulation; measurement of higher order thinking; faculty development; facilitator competence; and communication. Grant competition deadline is October 14th, 2019. For more information please see [here](#).



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Research

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Research Grant program is open. Innovation grants range from standard research (up to \$300,000 over two years) to investigator awards (salary awards). Innovation grants' full application (no LOI) is due November 15th, 2019. For more information please see [here](#).



Fulbright CANADA

Fulbright Canada visiting research chairs competition is accepting applications. Chairs in several fields are available, including one at Johns Hopkins in Public Health (US\$25,000) for four months. Two open chairs are available (i.e., no defined field) at Vanderbilt (US\$25,000 for 4 months) and UC Santa Barbara (US\$25,000 for 4 months). Applications are being accepted until November 15th, 2019. For more information please see [here](#).



Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy

The Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy offers a US\$7,500 grant for doctoral research with a social policy application. Application deadline is December 1st, 2019. For more information please see [here](#).



Canadian Institute of Health Research

The Canadian Institute of Health Research has several grant opportunities:

➤ **Early Career Investigator Awards in Circulatory Respiratory Health:**

Funding is available to support Indigenous health research in any mandate area; in partnership with Canadian Blood Services to support transfusion science research; in partnership with Cystic Fibrosis Canada to support CF research; to support research integrating infection and immunity knowledge in control and prevention of circulatory and respiratory diseases; to support research relevant to any of ICRH's mandates. Seven awards are available with a maximum amount of \$115, 000 per year for up to three years. Application deadline is September 25th, 2019. For more information please see [here](#).



➤ **CIHR Clinician-Scientist Salary Award:
CIHR Clinician Scientist – Phase 2:**

This award is restricted to current holders of Clinician Scientist Awards. Approximately two awards are available, at \$50,000 per year for up to three years.

Application deadline is October 1st, 2019. For more information please see [here](#).

➤ **Indigenous Gender and Wellness
Development Grants:**

This award builds on the first phase (Idea Fair and Learning Circle event June 2019) of a larger initiative. This phase is meant to support those who attended the Idea Fair to build on their ideas and plan for future funding. Activities/events for this funding opportunity include (but are not limited to) planning and knowledge sharing and dissemination. A total of \$1.53 million is available, enough to fund approximately 20 or more grants. Maximum per grant is \$75,000 for up to one year. Application deadline is October 1st, 2019. For more information please see [here](#).

➤ **CIHR Sex and Gender Science Chair:**

The focus is to grow the area of the science of sex and gender research. The mandate is quite broad and covers several categories of chair (including cancer research, caregiving and aging, diabetes, and indigenous peoples' health). Funds available: \$13.3 million, enough to fund approximately 19 chairs. Maximum amount per chair is \$175,000 per year for four years (total of \$700,000 per chair). Application deadline is October 10th, 2019. For more information please see [here](#).

➤ **The CIHR fellowship competition**

Priority funding areas are gastroenterology, HIV/AIDS and/or STBBI, infection and immunity, and research and knowledge translation on urban housing and health. Application deadline is October 1st, 2019. For more information please see [here](#).

➤ **Prize: IHDCYH Talks Video competition**

First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,000, and two third prizes of \$750. Submit short video (5 mins or less) in area of maternal, reproductive, child and youth health. Message should be directed to lay audiences. Application deadline is October 15th, 2019. For more information please see [here](#).

➤ **Catalyst Grant: HIV/AIDS and STBBI
Community-based Research:**

Funds available: \$480,000, enough to fund 12 grants, of which half is available to the general stream and half to the indigenous stream. The maximum amount is \$40,000 for up to one year. Application deadline is October 17th, 2019. For more information please see [here](#).

➤ **Operating Grant: Women's Health Clinical
Mentorship Grant.**

The aim is for trainees, students or residents to be paired with and mentored by a women's health clinician-specialist on a one-year research project. Research must focus on health of women related to menarche and/or menopause; gynecology; pelvic health/urogynecology;



off-label testosterone treatment; cross-hormone replacement therapies. Funds available: \$600,000, enough to fund approximately 12 grants, maximum per grant is \$50,000 for one year. [Application deadline is October 22nd, 2019.](#) For more information please see [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE!



Princess Margaret Hospital is holding a conference titled “Cancer AI and Big Data: Success through global collaboration”. The meeting will be held in Toronto, February 20-21st, 2020. **Abstract submission deadline is September 30th, 2019.**

Date:

February 20-21st, 2020

Location

Courtyard Toronto Downtown
475 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4Y 1X7

For more information please see [here](#).

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The 31st International Nursing Research Congress (Sigma Nursing) will be held in Abu Dhabi, UAE, July 23-27th, 2020. The congress theme is “Transforming global nursing research and scholarship through connections and collaborations.” **Abstract submission deadline is November 6th, 2019.** For more information please see [here](#).

CADTH

The Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) is hosting a live session with webinar access titled “Why organizations, researchers, and patients are falling prey to predatory journals”.

Date:

Thursday, October 10th, 2019, 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Attend in person at Dow’s Lake (Ottawa) or via live stream.

To register please see [here](#).



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• 2019-2020 NRIG Executive Members •

Chairperson

Amy Wright

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