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Happy New Year!

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. Chair Report .

Hello NRIG Members!

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful holiday break. Welcome to 2021! A new year and a new decade!

The board has been busy this past fall organizing educational webinars for our members. In October we heard from Dr. Amy Wright, Dr. Melissa Northwood and me in conjunction with the Nursing Students of Ontario Interest Group (NSO) on Research Opportunities during nursing student's undergraduate degree. If you were unable to attend the webinars in person, feel free to view the presentations by way of our website.

We want to hear from YOU! If you have a suggestion or idea for a webinar, please give us a shout at nrig.chair@gmail.com. Also, if you'd like to share your research study, findings or research-related activity, we are inviting potential webinar speakers to also reach out to us. This is a fantastic way of disseminating nursing knowledge and research and mentoring novice nurse researchers.

We are nearly ready to launch our spring awards and scholarships program where we are awarding **\$12,000** to **nursing students and nurses**. You can expect us to be offering **New Member Awards** and **Undergrad Awards** alongside our annual scholarships and grants. This year we are pleased to offer the inaugural **Innovation and Dissemination Grant** for "point of care" staff nurses who are interested in implementing research into their workplaces. Nurses are natural innovators and problem solvers, and we want to support their ability to promote the uptake of nursing research into practice. Additionally, we are proud to offer dedicated funding to support BIPOC nurses in their research goals. We are very excited for



these new opportunities to support nurses in research. More details are available throughout the newsletter, and, as always, access our website for more information. Our primary objective here at NRIG is to support nursing research, and we look forward each year to financially supporting the innovative and important nursing research being conducted across the province! Please spread the news to your friends and colleagues that applications for these awards will be available soon. Keep an eye out on our website, **Twitter** (@RnaoNrig), **Facebook** (RNAO Nursing Research Interest Group), and **Instagram** (rnao.nrig) sites, and through RNAO email.

Finally, there are a number of **board positions** up for re-election this year. You can find more details in this newsletter. We're looking for engaged and innovative nurse researchers and nursing students to become involved in the board. This is a fantastic way to build leadership skills, network with other nurse researchers and leaders across the province and boost your CV! Keep an eye out for a call for nominations, coming early April 2021.

Wishing you all a fantastic winter semester and looking forward to seeing you online at our webinars and AGM.



Sincerely,
Charlene Ch, RN, PhD
NRIG Chair

•Research Webinar •

On October 29, 2020 **NRIG** and the **Nursing Students of Ontario Interest Group (NSO)** were pleased to offer the webinar- NRIG/NSO Research Opportunities- presented by our very own chair, **Dr. Charlene Chu** past-chair, **Dr. Amy Wright**, and our past NRIG Member-at-Large-Social Media, **Dr. Melissa Northwood**.

The webinar focused on how nursing students could access research opportunities during their undergraduate degree. We shared insights into how students can best frame their CV, roles for nurses in research (RA, PhD, Professors at Universities, QI projects in health care units/places of work) & tips on emailing professors with related research interests to volunteer to participate in their research projects. Melissa shared her experiences as a clinician scientist at Saint Elizabeth's, where she investigates research questions originated from the home care clinical environment with a team of nurse researchers in the SE lab. Charlene and Amy discussed their experiences as nurse researchers at the University of Toronto. The link to the webinar is posted on nrig.ca under education/resources, or you can view it [here](#).

**NRIG would like to extend a big thank you to
our webinar presenters!**



• Social Media Update •

Now more than ever, social media has become an important tool in disseminating information and engaging with the nursing and broader health care community. Through collaborations with other RNAO interest groups like NSO, our Instagram following has grown by almost 95% which we celebrated by hosting our first contest! Through a joint campaign between NRIG x NSO, we were able to engage nursing students and award an Amazon gift card to our contest winner! This is the first of many contests that we plan to engage our following across social media platforms. In addition to Instagram, our Twitter following has significantly grown as we approach the 700 followers making us one of the largest RNAO Interest Group accounts!

We hope to continue to grow and provide our followers with relevant content while listening to their perspectives and contributions to nursing research. Stay tuned for more collaborations and campaigns throughout 2021!

Sincerely,

Kamika Sylvester, Member-at-Large Social Media



• Scholarships and Awards •



The Nursing Research Interest Group offers financial support in the form of a competitive scholarship and research grants program to members engaging in research. This year we are very pleased to continue to be able to support ongoing research and scholarship of NRIG members. A total of 9 scholarships and research grants will be available to NRIG members.

We are proud to announce the 2021 NRIG Awards, Scholarship and Grants:

Attention: *New* 2021 NRIG Innovation and Dissemination Grant: 1 x \$1500

The NRIG Innovation and Dissemination Grant will be awarded to support “point of care” nurses engaged in evidence-based research, quality improvement and/or knowledge translation projects. Applicants must be a member of NRIG and agree to maintain their membership for two years.

Point-of-care RNs play a vital role in promoting the health of patients, families, and communities. We recognize that additional support is often necessary for nurses to successfully lead and disseminate research innovations within their practice settings. As such, we are thrilled to expand our awards program this year with the addition of the *New* NRIG Innovation and



Dissemination Grant, valued at \$1500! This grant will provide funds to small-scale initiatives that aim to promote the uptake of nursing research into practice (e.g., QI projects, development of new/innovative materials and technologies, educational sessions, workshops, and more!) to enhance the quality of nursing and patient care. The successful applicant(s) will also have access to additional mentorship from the NRIG executive team to further support the project's success.

Inspiration for the NRIG Innovation and Dissemination Grant was twofold. First, we believe this grant is well-aligned NRIG's objectives to promote evidence-informed decision making and disseminate research to nurses, other healthcare providers, government, and the public. Furthermore, it is the mission of NRIG to continue to grow and engage our members, both in academia and beyond. It is my sincere hope that this new grant will provide opportunities for our current RN members to remain engaged and connected to NRIG, while also offering incentive for prospective members to join us in promoting the value and uptake of nursing research.

Sincerely,

Kylie Teggart, NRIG Membership Officer



Undergraduate Award: 2 x \$250

The NRIG Undergraduate Award will be awarded to an NRIG member who is currently enrolled in an Undergraduate Nursing program. Applicants must be a member of NRIG. **Preference will be given to BIPOC students for one of the two awards.**

New NRIG Member Award: 2 x \$500

The New NRIG Member Award will be awarded to a new NRIG member who is currently enrolled in a Master's or PhD program (preferably in nursing) or who is a novice nurse researcher (defined as a nurse who has completed their Master's or PhD degree within the past 5 years). Applicants must be members of NRIG for less than 2 years and must agree to maintain NRIG membership for a minimum of one year.

NRIG Scholarships: 2 x \$1500

The NRIG Graduate Scholarship will be awarded to an NRIG member currently enrolled in a PhD or Masters program, preferably nursing. Preference will be given to NRIG members who have not received a previous scholarship or grant. Applicants must be members of NRIG for a minimum of 2 years.

NRIG Research Grant (PhD Student): 1 x \$3000

The NRIG Research Grant will be awarded to an NRIG member currently enrolled in a PhD program, preferably nursing. Preference will be given to NRIG members who have not received a previous scholarship or grant. Applicants must be members of NRIG for a minimum of 2 years.



NRIG Research Grant (Novice Researcher): 1 x \$3000

The NRIG Research Grant will be awarded to a NRIG member who is currently a New Investigator (defined as a postdoctoral fellow or a researcher who has obtained their MN or PhD within the last 5 years). Preference will be given to NRIG members who have not received a previous scholarship or grant. Applicants must be members of NRIG for a minimum of 2 years.

The application process will open in February 2021. For more information and access to application documents, please see the NRIG website: www.nrig.ca.

*Sincerely, Connie Schumacher, Member-at-Large
Executive Team Member*



Finance Executive Network Officer (2-year term):

Provides the financial management for the executive team:

- Creates a budget each year, together with the rest of the executive revenue and spending
- Provides financial reporting to RNAO Home Office annually

Communications Executive Network Officer - Website (2-year term):

- Edits the website as required (adds, deletes or edits information as required)

Communications Executive Network Officer - Newsletter (2-year term):

- Prepares newsletters (approx. 3 times/year) for distribution to NRIG members.

Member-at-Large–NRIG

Board/NRIG Director—Awards (2-year term):

- Supports the NRIG Chair in assigned duties

Student Representative (1-year term):

- Provides the student perspective to the executive team
- Connects to the nursing student community through outreach and encouraging other students to join and get involved in the group activities.

For more information please visit our website www.nrig.ca or email nrig.chair@gmail.com.

•NRIG Executive Nominations •

Call for Nominations on the NRIG Executive

Join the NRIG team! We are seeking nominations for the following 6 positions on our executive team, available in June 2021.

Chair Elect (1-year term):

- Supports the NRIG Chair in above duties for a one Year term



• Student Corner •



The student representatives have been diligently working to contact student representatives from nursing schools across Ontario to promote NRIG and engage students in our work. With the pandemic limiting our face to face contact with students and school representatives, we are busy organizing a list of email contacts per nursing school to communicate and engage with students virtually. We worked alongside our social media representative in a weeklong social media campaign in collaboration with Nursing Students of Ontario (NSO) from September 21-25 to motivate students coming back into a virtual semester.

Our biggest plan for the coming months includes a webinar where we hope to engage students in NRIG's mission, and provide students with tangible skills to engage with research more broadly across their careers (i.e., building an academic CV, networking, gaining experience in research). We are also hoping to do a monthly feature of a student researcher on our social media networks. If you would like to nominate yourself or another student, please contact us at nrig.studentliaison@gmail.com. Otherwise, stay tuned and we'll release more updates!

*Sincerely, Celia Cassiani and Czarielle De La Cruz,
NRIG Student Representatives*



• Upcoming Opportunities •

Given COVID-19 pandemic, some agencies may change submission deadlines; check all deadlines carefully



Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council **Partnership Engage Grant March competition deadline is March 15, 2021.** University of Toronto applicants must submit their full applications ahead of the agency deadline (likely March 10, 2021). For more information please see [here](#).



The Canadian Celiac Association

The Canadian Celiac Association research grant competition is open. **Application deadline is February 25, 2021.** The Dr. J.A. Campbell research award offers \$25,000. The Dr. J.A. Campbell Young Investigator Award offers \$5,000. For more information please see [here](#).



Mitacs

The Mitacs Canadian Science Policy Fellowship call for fellows is open. **Application deadline February 3, 2021.** Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents; must hold PhD. This is a 12-month fellowship in a government office. For more information please see [here](#).

CONNAUGHT

Connaught

The Connaught Global Challenge competition is now open to UofT professorial staff. These awards are intended to jumpstart new research collaborations. Duration of funding: one year. Additional funds are available to teams who wish to partner internationally. **UofT internal deadline February 3, 2021; sponsor deadline is April 19, 2021.** Funds available: \$250,000 per award; up to four awards will be made. For more information please see [here](#).



Canadian Rheumatology Association

The Canadian Initiative for Outcomes in Rheumatology cAre (CIORA) **letter of intent deadline is February 19, 2021, with full application due April 9, 2021.**

Research Focus: awareness/advocacy/education (health economics/sustainability of health care/quality improvement); early access for all rheumatic diseases patients; multi-disciplinary care teams. Funds available: one-year grants can request up to \$75,000; two-year grants can ask for a maximum of \$120,000 (over the two years).



Cancer Research Society

The Cancer Research Society and the Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation are celebrating 75 and 25 years of supporting breast cancer research. They will jointly fund one or more major research projects targeting metastatic breast cancer. Research Priorities: personalized medicine, immunotherapeutic approaches, overcoming drug resistance. Budget: \$500,000 per project over three years. Matching funds are not required but if available could be included to strengthen an application. Eligibility: applicants and co-applicants must be a

university or clinical university investigator from an institution affiliated with a Quebec-based university Canada-based university. **Letter of intent deadline: February 3, 2021; with full application (by invitation) due April 14, 2021.** For more information please see [here](#).



Thrasher Foundation

The Thrasher Foundation in the US supports children’s medical research; there is no fixed deadline, although decisions are made twice a year, in March and September. International applicants are welcome. For more information please see [here](#).



Work Safe BC

British Columbia’s Innovation at Work competition is now open. **Application deadline is February 21, 2021.** Open to any resident of Canada. The competition supports small scale research projects that lead to the development of practical solutions for workplace health and safety issues. Funding: Maximum of \$50,000 for one year. For more information please see [here](#).



National League of Nursing Ground

The National League of Nursing Grant is open to current individual members of the NLN or faculty members of NLN. **Application deadline is February 4, 2021.** The NLN will award up to five proposals US\$30,000 each for one year. This grant supports high-quality studies that contribute to the science of nursing education. For more information please see [here](#).

Max Bell Foundation

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Max Bell Foundation has an ongoing review of grant applications in health and wellness. An LOI is required, and full application is by invitation. For more information please see [here](#).



Kidney Foundation of Canada

The Kidney Foundation of Canada's Allied Health competition application deadline is March 15, 2021. The competition is for grants, doctoral fellowships and scholarships. For more information please see [here](#).



Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

NSERC Alliance Grant applications are accepted at any time. Alliance grants encourage university researchers to collaborate with partner organizations in Canada or overseas. NSERC contributes towards costs (partners must contribute cash). Option 1 and Option 2 are both accepting applications. For more information please see [here](#).



American Association of Nurse Anesthetists

American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Open Submission Research Grant is to be used for Veterans Administration, Office Based Grants, and the Art Zwerling Grant (research or education in wellness, pain management, and peer assistance/substance use disorder). For more information please see [here](#).



Health System Impact Fellowship

Health System Impact Fellowship **application deadline is February 18, 2020**. This competition is open to doctoral and post-doctoral fellows. Maximum per doctoral award is \$50,000 per year for up to 1 year. Of this, there is a \$45,000 stipend and \$5,000 professional development training and research allowance. Maximum per post-doctoral fellows is \$155,000 for two years; of this, there is a \$70,000 stipend per year for two years, and a professional development training and research allowance of \$7,500 per year. This competition is open to Canadian citizens, permanent residents and citizens of other countries; however, host partner must be in a Canadian location. For more information please see [here](#).

Team Grant: Diabetes Prevention and Treatment in Indigenous Communities: Resilience and Wellness.

Letter of intent deadline May 26, 2021, with full application due July 7, 2022. Funds available: \$420,000 to fund up to 12 development grants of up to \$35,000 per grant (successful LOI applicants). \$8,000,000 is available at the full application stage, enough to fund up to 4 grants of \$400,000 per year for up to 5 years (total of \$2,000,000 per grant).

Applications should cover at least one of the following areas:

- Mental illness, spiritual health, ceremony and connection to community, land and culture
- Social determinants of health
- Supporting the health of community health workers/workforce
- Integrating Indigenous knowledges and Western science (Indigenous and non-Indigenous research paradigms)
- Related diabetes complications and co-morbidities, e.g., heart failure/ coronary artery disease, stroke, high blood pressure, atherosclerosis.

These areas may be considered at individual, group and structural levels (e.g., governance, education, institutions, etc.). For more information please see [here](#).

Team Grant: Indigenous Healthy Life Trajectories Initiative Cohort Research Study (I-HeLTI).

Application deadline: June 9, 2021. Funds available: \$14.1 million, enough to fund one Cohort Research Study (\$12 million) and one Collaborating Centre (\$2.1 million). The cohort research study will encompass continuum of care and prevention of care from preconception to pregnancy, infancy and early childhood with a focus on a life trajectory approach; prevention of NCDs; an intervention cohort design. The collaborating centre will steward the emerging I-HeLTI cohort, governance and data management. For more information please see [here](#).



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Johnson and Johnson's

Johnson and Johnson's Nurses Innovate QuickFire Challenge on Mental Health **application deadline is January 15, 2021.** Up to US\$100,000 in funding is available. For more information please see [here](#).



American Institute of Cancer Research

The American Institute of Cancer Research grant program addresses effects of diet, nutrition, body composition and physical activity on cancer risk and outcomes. **Letter of intent deadline is January 22, 2021. Full application opens March 12, 2021 and closes May 14, 2021.** For more information please see [here](#).



Pfizer and Bristol-Myers Squibb

Pfizer and Bristol-Myers Squibb are requesting proposals for the 4th Quality Improvement Initiatives Optimizing AF and VTE Management in Canada. **Application deadline is January 31, 2021.** Full details

here. Budget: up to US\$30,000, and up to 8 projects may be funded. For more information please see [here](#).



STTI National League for Nursing grant **application deadline is February 1, 2021.** PhD students: if you decide to apply, your PhD supervisor must be listed as PI on the grant. For more information please see [here](#).



Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology

The Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology 2021 research grant competition application deadline is March 21, 2021. Two grants of up to \$5,000 each are available. For more information please see [here](#).



The Oncology Nursing Society Foundation General Research Grant competition is open. Letter of intent deadline is April 15, 2021, with full application (by invitation) due June 8, 2021. Funds available: \$50,000 over two years. The three key areas in need of oncology nursing research are symptom science in immunotherapy and emerging therapies in precision health and biosignatures; health disparities; and palliative and psychosocial oncology care. For more information please see [here](#).



SAVE THE DATE!



The Royal College of Nursing's International Nursing Research Conference will be held in Bristol, UK. **Abstract submission deadline is March 5, 2021.** The theme is “**The value of nursing research in a time of global crisis**”

Date:

September 7-9, 2021.

Location:

Bristol, UK

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

SAVE THE DATE!



The Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology 33rd annual conference will be held in **Niagara Falls, ON.** The theme is I am, I will: A call to action. **Abstract submission deadline is March 22, 2021.**

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

SAVE THE DATE!



The 2021 CAHSPR Conference will be held **virtually, the week of May 17, 2021. Abstract submission deadline is January 22, 2021.** Abstract themes include cancer, chronic disease management, health informatics, home care, long term care and aging, and many more.

To register please see [here](#).

Check conference sites carefully; many conferences are postponing, cancelling or moving to virtual platforms.

Many cancelled conferences are keeping abstracts already accepted and opening a brief window for late-breaking abstracts



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