

# COVID 19 FUNDING RESOURCES

## COVID 19 - UNIVERSITY of VICTORIA MEMO ON RESEARCH FUNDING RESOURCES and PROGRAMS

**To support research that directly tackles the COVID-19 pandemic, multiple funding opportunities for University research have been announced. Below we have provided a list that specifically benefit from partnerships.**

During these extraordinary times, the University of Victoria is adapting and changing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The majority of our staff and researchers are working remotely and online instruction has replaced in-person interactions. With these critical measures in place to flatten the curve, the University is now focused on actively supporting measures to address this pandemic. UVic is directly supporting our frontline health care workers by donating and manufacturing PPE and will continue to support selected high priority research.

The University will continue to work with our valuable research partners to provide a strong and concerted research effort. We invite you to share these opportunities with those who may benefit from this information. Together, we can work to tackle the challenges presented by COVID-19 and find solutions in digital technologies, public health, statistical modelling and advanced diagnostics.

This is not an exhaustive list of funding opportunities, as new programs are being announced on a rolling basis. Please visit <https://www.uvic.ca/research/conduct/index.php> for an updated list of funding options for supporting University research.

Please note that as part of the University-wide response to limit the spread of COVID-19 many physical research labs at the university have extremely limited access. Exemptions are available for projects that are deemed to be critical research and where adherence to social distancing has been integrated into the research work plan.

**To learn more about any of these opportunities and help connecting with researchers at the University, please contact any of our Industry Liaison Officers.**

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### COVID-19 partnership funding opportunities:

#### [NSERC Alliance Covid-19 Grants](#)

**Deadline:** before June 1, 2020

**Notes:** Up to 1 year and \$50,000 for University research

**Companies and not-for profits can [submit research requests here](#)**

### [Canada's Digital Technology Supercluster Call for COVID-19 Solutions](#)

**Deadline:** ongoing intake

**Notes:** Please contact Chris Flores, Industry Liaison Officer ([engr.ilo@uvic.ca](mailto:engr.ilo@uvic.ca)) for more details.

### [Mitacs Accelerate Internships Covid-19 Grants](#)

**Deadline:** ongoing intake

**Notes:** Funding ratio is 3:1 instead of standard 2:1 Company provides \$3750 for \$15K Accelerate. This program was not yet listed on Mitacs website at time of email. Please contact Nolan Beise for details [nbeise@mitacs.ca](mailto:nbeise@mitacs.ca)

### [Michael Smith COVID-19 Research Proposals](#)

**Deadline:** ongoing intake

**Notes:** Focus on evaluation of BC's response to the first wave of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic

### **Other opportunities:**

#### [Pandemic Response Challenge program by NRC:](#)

**Deadline:** ongoing intake

**Notes:** Funding available for universities, companies and teams. Focus is currently on Rapid detection and diagnosis; Therapeutics and vaccine development; and Digital health with more opportunities to be posted

#### [Innovative Solutions Canada](#)

Government of Canada has the following requests with plans for more asks in the following days:

[Made in Canada filtration material for the manufacture of N95 respirators and surgical masks](#)

[Point of Care and Home Diagnostic Kit for COVID-19](#)

[Low-cost sensor system for COVID-19 patient monitoring](#)

### **Facilities at UVic for external users [research exemption required]**

The CAMTEC - Facility for Biosample Preparation (FBS) is a biosafety level 2 (BSL2)-certified lab space at the University of Victoria. The main infrastructure consists of two BSL2 rooms, a biosafety cabinet/tissue culture hood, a PCR thermocycler, a fume hood, and multiple incubators for cell growth. The facility is designed to host external users.

Please contact Lab Manager Rebecca Hof for details: [rhof@uvic.ca](mailto:rhof@uvic.ca)

## **Funding Agencies**

Funding is rapidly changing, and the following agencies may have additional opportunities:

[Social Science and Humanities Research Council](#)

[Canadian Institute of Health Research](#)

[National Science and Engineering Research Council](#)

[Mitacs](#)

[Innovate BC](#)

[Genome BC](#)

[Genome Canada](#)