



Research & Scholarship Newsletter

November/December 2020

Welcome

We are continuing to evolve our monthly newsletter to communicate and celebrate research and scholarship in the College of Nursing. We hope you are enjoying this regular update highlighting the excellent and diverse work being done. Please continue to communicate with our team, sharing your news, providing photos or other items for sharing, so we can acknowledge the incredible efforts being made to sustain research and scholarship in the midst of this demanding academic year.

Research Recharge!

It seems as though there will be an almost universal sense of relief when 2020 departs at the end of this month! This year certainly delivered a steady stream of challenge and disruption, but, in the midst of it all, your efforts to advance research and scholarship continued in the College of Nursing. Although many of your plans were altered or delayed, progress and achievements have continued and every step that has been taken is worth celebrating as you ring in 2021. The New Year will bring more exciting opportunities for research and scholarship in the college including the formal launch of our nursing research support unit (watch for a January naming contest), additional Research Connection events, planning for a College of Nursing Research and Scholarship Day this spring, as well as the usual busy funding/grant season. I hope everyone will have the opportunity for some extended rest and self-care during this quiet holiday season, and that we are able to greet 2021 feeling a bit more refreshed and ready for an exciting year of discovery ahead.

Research Coordinator Joins the Nursing Research Support Unit



We would like welcome Caitlin Olason, who has joined us in the College of Nursing in a term Research Coordinator position! In this role, Caitlin will provide post-award support to our faculty. This position has been made possible as part of the project funding allocated to the College of Nursing from the Provost's office to allow us to offer a wide scope of services within the Nursing Research Support Unit (NRSU).

Caitlin holds a USask Master of Science degree in Community Health and Epidemiology and has several years of experience in academic research, coordinating both institution and private

industry projects. Caitlin is passionate about public health and has a diverse skill set, including her work as a Co-Founder of the The Local Kitchen in Riversdale, that will support her success in facilitating post-award coordination in our NRSU. We are fortunate to have Caitlin joining us in this role, and know that her experience and enthusiasm for health research will be a tremendous asset.

SHRF Makes Changes to the RMS Application System

As part of the program review and update, the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF) has updated the Research Management System (SHRF RMS). The reconfigured system launched in Fall 2020 for the SHRF Solutions program. While you will notice updates throughout, the two biggest changes you will notice include: 1) streamlining of some components of grant applications (such as budget categories), and 2) integration of a new Contributions section in all grant applications. If you plan on applying to SHRF for research funding within the next six months, we encourage you to review the updated [SHRF Funding Guide](#) and the [SHRF RMS Researcher Manual](#). Additionally, SHRF has created some great [“How-To” videos](#) that will help you and your team navigate the enhanced SHRF RMS.

Celebrating Nursing Research Success!

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In the News...

Helping Older Adults with Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Dr. Noelle Rohatinsky has received funding from Crohn’s and Colitis Canada, in partnership with CANIBD, a Canadian Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates (CSGNA) community of practice to help improve the quality of life and quality of care for older adults living with Inflammatory Bowel Disease. More information is available [here](#).

Inspiring Truth and Reconciliation: Dr. Holly Graham (PhD) wants to invite all Canadians to undertake their personal and professional journey with truth and reconciliation by responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. This fall, as part of her chair's work, Dr. Graham is gifting lanyard cards to students (undergraduate and graduate), staff, and faculty in the College of Nursing at USask. More information is available [here](#).

Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF) 2020 Santé Awards: On December 3, SHRF hosted the 17th annual Santé Awards virtually. The College of Nursing was a Silver Sponsor for this event. Congratulations to all of the awardees and the many members of the College of Nursing that have led and been active team members on many successful applications and acted as peer reviewers over the past year! The virtual Funding Recipient Yearbook can be found [here](#). If you missed the event, you can watch it [here](#).

Thank you to the following faculty for their participation in SHRF Peer Review for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 competition years!

- **2018-19 Socio-Health, System, and Clinical Grant Review Committee:** Dr. Holly Graham, Dr. Lorraine Holtslander
- **2019-20 Socio-Health, Systems, and Clinical Grant Review Committee:** Dr. Holly Graham

A selection of peer-reviewed journal articles indexed in Scopus from 2020:

- Gebremedhin, H.T., Bifttu, B.B., Lebessa, M.T. and 3 more (...). (2020). Prevalence and associated factors of psychological distress among secondary school students in Mekelle city, Tigray region, Ethiopia: Cross-sectional study. *Psychology Research and Behavior Management*, 13473-480.
- Haase, K.R., Puts, M., Sattar, S. and 7 more (...). (2020). Protocol for a systematic review of self-management interventions for older adults living with cancer. *Systematic Reviews*, 9(1).
- Duggleby, W., Peacock, S., Ploeg, J. and 3 more (...). (2020). Qualitative Research and Its Importance in Adapting Interventions. *Qualitative Health Research*, 30(10) 1605-1613.
- Rohatinsky, N., Cave, J., Krauter, C. (2020). Establishing a mentorship program in rural workplaces: Connection, communication, and support required. *Rural and Remote Health*, 20(1) 1-9.
- Compton, R.M., Owilli, A.O., Norlin, E.E. and 1 more (...). (2020). Does problem-based learning in Nursing Education Empower Learning?. *Nurse Education in Practice*, 44.
- Peternelj-Taylor, C. (2020). Forensic Nursing in the Wake of COVID-19. *Journal of Forensic Nursing*, 16(2) 61-62.
- Tomczak, U., Sattar, S., Schoenbeck, K.L. and 2 more (...). (2020). Circumstances around falls in older adults with Cancer. *Journal of Geriatric Oncology*.
- Buchanan, C., Howitt, M.L., Wilson, R. and 3 more (...). (2020). Nursing in the age of artificial intelligence: Protocol for a scoping review. *JMIR Research Protocols*, 9(4).
- Ghosh, S., Choi, W.Y., Williams, A. and 4 more (...). (2020). Erratum: Burden on Caregivers of Adults with Multiple Chronic Conditions: Intersectionality of Age, Gender, Education level, Employment Status, and Impact on Social Life (Canadian Journal on Aging DOI: 10.1017/S071498081900045X). *Canadian Journal on Aging*, 39(3).
- Aynalem, Y.A., Mekonen, H., Akalu, T.Y. and 4 more (...). (2020). Incidence of respiratory distress and its predictors among neonates admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit, Black Lion Specialized Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. *PLoS ONE*, 15(7).

Stay Connected!

Want to keep on top of upcoming funding opportunities?

Consider joining the USask Health Science and/or Social Science [listserv](#)!

Want to know more about upcoming training opportunities?

- ✓ Check out the Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research (SCPOR) [Events Calendar](#).
- ✓ Find upcoming and archived CIHR Webinars [here](#)!
- ✓ Join a [CIHR SPOR Network](#)!
- ✓ Find out more about the [CIHR IIPH Indigenous Mentorship Network Program](#)!

Key Contacts:

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Jill Brown: Graduate Program Coordinator

Kylie Kelso: Communications Officer

Tammy Morrison: Financial Analyst

Brit Tastad: SBA – Human Resources

Important Dates:

Upcoming Grant Competitions

SSHRC [Insight Development Grant](#)

Nov 10: Submit NOI for USask IR
Jan 20: Submit to UnivRS
Feb 2: Submit to Web-Based Forms

Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation [Research Grant](#)

Nov 19: Eligibility Check due
Jan 11: Submit to UnivRS
Jan 21: Submit to SHRF RMS

RUHF [Research Grant](#)

Jan 4: Submit to UnivRS
Jan 14: Submit to funder

CIHR [Project Grant \(Spring 2021\)](#)

Jan 12: Submit NOI for USask IR
Mar 4: Registration due to ResearchNet
Mar 19: Submit to UnivRS
Mar 24: Application due to ResearchNet (e-Approval)

SHRF [Establishment Grant](#)

Jan 21: Eligibility Check due
Mar 1: Submit to UnivRS
Mar 11: Submit to SHRF RMS

SHRF [Research Connections Grant](#)

Mar 22: Submit to UnivRS
Apr 1: Submit to SHRF RMS

Interested in learning more about any of the above opportunities? Contact Robin for details.

College of Nursing Activities

NURS 990 Sessions (12 – 1 pm)

Jan 6: The Impact of COVID-19 on Rural and Remote Saskatchewan Nurses' Mental Health (Presenters: Mary Ellen Labrecque and Michelle Pavloff)

Jan 13: TBA

Jan 20: Nurses' Experiences of Their Roles and Responsibilities in Provincial Correctional Facilities (Presenter: Cindy Peternelj-Taylor)

Jan 27: TBA

Research Connections Events (12 – 1 pm)

Jan 21: Research Re-Connection

Contact Raeleen for more details!

Upcoming Research Events

Jan 21: CIHR Project Grant Workshop & Panel Q&A (Register [here](#))

Jan 26: College of Nursing Project Grant Writing Workshop (WebEx link coming soon!)

Feb 2/3: People Around the World (PAW) Conference. Click here to [register](#) (fee required).

Do you have a research and scholarly work-related story, activity, or event that you would like profiled in our upcoming newsletters? We want to hear from you! Contact Robin for more information.