

CIHR

Project
Grant



Amplified program provides an early opportunity to obtain targeted research support; longitudinal guidance and advise

Amplified Internal Review Program

Applicants submit NOI

- NOIs invited 4 times a year: Mar, Jun, Sept & Dec
- Submitted 6-18 months in advance of the target competition date
- <6 months :Traditional/Current Internal Review

Strategic Grant Advisors Assigned

- Oversight Committee assigns NOI to appropriate SGA
- SGA may accept/decline OR refer to another researcher for review

Support Provided by SGA

- Individualized to applicants
- Initial meetings to discuss proposal
- Reviews conducted in sections as they are completed
- Work with applicant up to submission (resubmission)

Grant Facilitation Team

- Strategic Grant Advisor
- A/V Dean Research
- Research Facilitator

Targeted Support (\$\$) for High Potential Applications

- High Ranking Resubmission Applications
- Limited Funding available for targeted support
- Grant Writing/Polishing

Amplified CIHR Internal Review Program for CIHR Project Grant

June, 2023

Internal Review Procedures:

- CIHR Notice of Intent (NOI) requested 4 times per year
 - NOIs from prospective applicants will be invited 4 times a year (March, June, September, and December).
 - NOI's should be submitted 6 to 18 months of the anticipated application submission deadline. Applicants submitting an NOI 18 months prior to the expected application date will receive support throughout the process. Applicants who prefer less support should submit 6 months prior so a traditional internal review can be provided.
 - (Example for year 2024 is provide in Table 1 below) as follows:

When to Submit your NOI for Internal Review (USask)	Time Applicant Gets for Internal Review Process on Application			
	<6 months	6 -11 months	12 months	18 months
March 2024	2024 Fall	2024 Fall	2025 Spring	2025 Fall competition
June 2024		2025 Spring		
September 2024	2025 Spring	2025 Spring	2025 Fall	2026 Spring
December 2024				

Table1: NOI submission timelines for 2024

- Applicants will be required to identify the specific competition (Fall/ Spring and Year) to which they intend to submit. The target date may change as the review process progresses
- Strategic Grant Advisors and Grant Advisory Team
 - OVPR (Tri council Team for CIHR) will recruit a pool of Strategic Grant Advisors (CIHR grant holder, CIHR review committee, etc.)
 - Each NOI participating in Amplified Internal Review will be assigned a Strategic Grant Advisor
 - Grant Advisory Team comprising of Strategic Grant Advisor, applicant's Associate/Vice Dean Research and Research Facilitator will provide the necessary research facilitation support for the application.
 - After reviewing the NOI application from OVPR, the Strategic Grant Advisor may:
 - Agree to work with the applicant (either alone or with another grant advisor)
 - Refer the application to another researcher (may be external to the USask) ; OR

- Decline this application (e.g. if the anticipated contribution to the application is low)

➤ Support provided by Strategic Grant Advisor

- Support provided by strategic grant advisors will vary depending on the NOI and the timeline. However, it is expected that strategic grant advisors work with the applicant during the entire period leading up to (and perhaps following) submission of the application to CIHR.
- No limits to the activities of the Strategic Grant Advisors, given consent of the applicant is received.
- Applicants may decide to discontinue the grant advisor’s assistance after an initial review OR grant-advisors may be invited to become co-applicants if their contribution is deemed significant.
- The PI will retain full authority over all decisions and visioning for the application.

Grants due < 6 months

- A minimum of 1 peer review using same process currently employed at USask.
- Additional support may not be required OR may not be feasible given timeline

Grants due between 6 and 18 months

- Support is individualized to applicant; however, the recommended process includes:
 - Initial face to face meeting to discuss application
 - Establishment of a timeline for application development and submission
 - Reviews occur in sections as they are completed

Table3: Support provided by Strategic Grant Advisors