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New Requirements to Safeguard Ontario's Research



As shared previously, the Government of Canada is taking significant steps to implement safeguards that protect the research data and intellectual property of the country's researchers. See the joint Ministerial statement [here](#).

While these federal requirements are not yet available, the Government of Ontario recently issued similar safeguards for its funding programs administered through the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities—specifically the *Ontario Research Fund* and *Early Researcher Award* programs.

Effective immediately, these requirements include the following:

- Applicants are required to disclose recent and ongoing collaborations with foreign institutions and commercial entities or positions on various international committees. Application forms will have clear guidelines and provide opportunities to explain potentially problematic collaborations. Failure to disclose will result in project ineligibility.
- A new stage in the application process will be implemented in which applicants for projects deemed high risk will have an opportunity to describe risk reduction/mitigation strategies that are or will be implemented. The Ministry will work with the applicants and institutions before a

funding decision is made.

- Spot audits and transfer payment agreement provisions will be added to ensure compliance with any agreed-upon risk reduction/mitigation strategies.

UHN's research teams are encouraged to carefully read sponsor and eligibility requirements for future competitions of the *Ontario Research Fund* and *Early Researcher Awards* programs. More information about provincial and federal security guidelines will be shared once they are released.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine.Snidal@uhn.ca.

Project Agile: Upcoming Grants Master Data Freeze



As part of UHN's finance, procurement, and supply chain initiative—[Project Agile](#)—the current software is being replaced with a new best-in-class cloud-based system. To do so, there will be cutover work beginning on September 29, 2023 until the launch on November 6, 2023. The cutover process begins with a Master Data Freeze to enable the transfer of data from the old system to the new system.

As a result, **Research Financial Services (RFS) will have limited access to set up new grant accounts.**

Research teams that are currently looking to set up a new grant or are in the process of setting up a grant are requested to **please submit all of the required/approved documentation to RFS by September 20, 2023.** Urgent requests from the September 29 to November 6 freeze period will be reviewed and addressed on a case-by-case basis.

For urgent issues please contact frank.underhill@uhn.ca, and for all other inquiries please contact RFSgrants@uhnresearch.ca.

Gairdner Global Perspectives Panel

MINDSETS
A DEEP DIVE INTO THE BRAIN

Moderated by
MARY ITO

TUE OCT 3 | 5:30 PM ET
LI KA SHING
KNOWLEDGE INSTITUTE
209 Victoria St., Toronto

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES PANEL

GELAREH ZADEH

JAIDEEP BAINS

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presented by **TELUS Health**

in partnership with **UHN Krembil Brain Institute** and **ONTARIO BRAIN INSTITUTE / INSTITUT ONTARIEN DU CERVEAU**

TeamUHN is invited to join the Gairdner Global Perspectives Panel “*Mindsets: A Deep Dive into the Brain*”. The event will feature leading Canadian researchers who will provide the tools and resources to understand the brain on a deeper level, in the context of brain tumours, stress and anxiety, and multiple sclerosis. Presentations from Drs. **Gelareh Zadeh** (PM), **Jaideep Bains** (Krembil), and **Jiwon Oh** (St. Michael’s Hospital) will culminate in a fascinating panel discussion moderated by Canadian broadcast journalist **Mary Ito**.

- **WHEN:** October 3, 2023, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
- **WHERE:** Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute, 209 Victoria Street
- **HOW:** Register for this free event [here](#)

This event is hosted by The Gairdner Foundation in partnership with the Krembil Brain Institute and the Ontario Brain Institute. For more information visit the event [page](#).

Registration Open: Ted Rogers Centre for Heart Research Symposium

October 3, 2023 | Toronto Reference Library

HEART FAILURE SYMPOSIUM

Innovation starts with collaboration



The [Ted Rogers Centre for Heart Research](#) has officially opened registration for its 8th annual *Heart Failure Symposium*.

With this year's theme—*Innovation starts with collaboration*—the Centre is bringing together a multi-disciplinary community of researchers, clinicians, and engineers, to share the latest discoveries, insights, and innovations in cardiovascular science. Participants can expect an exciting scientific program highlighting collaborative research, interactive workshops, and networking opportunities.

- **WHEN:** October 3, 2023, 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM
- **WHERE:** Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge Street
- **HOW:** Register [here](#)

People with lived experience are encouraged to attend free of charge. For information on how to register as a patient, caregiver, or family member, please contact [Purva Mehta](#).

For more information about the symposium, visit the symposium [webpage](#).

Thanks for reading,
Brad

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