

Research Memo #6 – September 28, 2020

This Research Update provides helpful considerations for return to campus, travel and for starting new projects. All faculty are required to ensure their research follows the guidelines and to check regularly for updates.

The University of Winnipeg is working to accommodate additional faculty, staff and students on campus throughout the fall and into the winter for teaching, research and general operations. We must also be aware that changes to campus access and the necessary mitigation measures change often, depending on [Provincial Guidelines](#).

For the most up to date information about the University of Winnipeg's Covid-19 procedures ensure that you visit [UW FAQ](#) and the [Research FAQ](#) for timely updates that provide more specifics about your responsibilities as a researcher at this time. Be sure to follow the different requirements for resuming and starting your research on-campus and in Winnipeg, or engaging in remote research projects.

Starting New Research faculty have had tremendous success over the last six months securing new research funding from Tri-Council and other sources.

We encourage faculty to start new research agendas in a way that responds to the [Research FAQ](#), and to continue to apply for new projects, but to consider the potential for ongoing disruptions and/or changes to work including human and animal subjects. Additionally, other measures such as reduced ability to use labs and or other University facilities should be considered and planned for to the extent possible

Return to Campus has been taking place for teaching purposes and research activities that were interrupted. Links to the forms and procedures needed to engage in your research on campus or in Winnipeg can be found at [University of Winnipeg Research Resumption Form](#)

The process that has been put in place requires faculty to provide a description of the work to be completed and the measures for ensuring health and safety. A **Return to Campus** team has been established to help review and coordinate the resources needed such as security, cleaning and heating/cooling. Return to Campus also requires faculty to consult with and obtain approvals from their Dean and the Vice President Research.

It is important to also consult the [Research FAQ](#) for important information for the changing ethics requirements for existing research that involve human or animals. Changes to research protocols must be considered and reviewed by UHREB.

Travel for Research has also begun to resume over the last few months. We are working within Provincial and National guidelines to review requests for travel that is essential. Forms for travel are also be found at [Research FAQ](#).

Travel for research purposes within Manitoba has restrictions that need to be observed and are changing. The [Provincial Guidelines](#) are updated regularly and provide up to date information about travel within Manitoba. For remote research projects outside of Winnipeg, researchers need to follow the guidelines at <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/experiential-learning/forms/for-faculty.html>.

Travel for other purposes (conferences, meetings and events) has largely been suspended as has internal funding both through the Research Office and use of the TPDA. We will monitor travel conditions and advise when the next call for travel funding will occur.

The new **Research Starts Here** initiative will be helpful for the Research Office to anticipate coming projects and requirements of faculty. The objective is to support faculty in resuming research activities. While some granting agencies have given additional time to complete projects interrupted over the last six months, Tri-Council has kept funding windows open for new research.

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