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Research Starts Here Launching at the University of Winnipeg

The **Research Starts Here** initiative launches September 30, 2020.

The **Research Starts Here** initiative aims to enhance how research supports and services are provided to Faculty at the University of Winnipeg. Today, we share four components we intend to achieve in 2020.

Please note we are planning a comprehensive Webinar to explain changes and to answer questions. Details will follow shortly.

Step One: *Enhancing the Start Phase of New Projects*

Updating and enhancing our research support system begins with the launch of the **Research Starts Here Form (RSH)** on September 30, 2020.

All Faculty applying for new projects will be expected to complete the **RSH** form at the outset of any proposed research application that will be loaded into WebGrants.

The **RSH** form will be used to manage research applications from start to finish and allow the Research Office to identify and anticipate supports and services needed to assist Faculty throughout the grant cycle including pre-award, proposal development, submission, and post-award management.

The **RSH** form is a mandatory first step for Faculty when applying for any type of funding. The **RSH** form will be loaded into WebGrants becomes the first step in the research cycle. Faculty logging into WebGrants will start new applications by filling out the **RSH** form.

The **RSH** form will help the Research Office assess essential information needed to manage the provision of internal supports. This includes: matching funds, space requirements, release requests and grant review support. This information will also be helpful for Departments and Deans to also anticipate requests.

As we launch the **RSH** form, our goal is to work with Faculty during implementation to assess the rollout of the form and to make adjustments as necessary. Faculty feedback will be important to ensure the form is efficient and captures helpful information.

Step Two: *Changing Internal Award Submission Dates*

The second step in the **Research Starts Here** initiative is the consolidation of internal grant intakes.

Beginning November 1, 2020, we will be changing the timing of intakes for internal grants. Currently, there are over 75 intakes for various funds. The goal is to consolidate intakes into a more manageable number. This will allow us to manage the flow of requests and improve the balance between internal intakes with high-volume external funding periods, such as Tri-Agency competitions.

See below for a list of revised submission dates for internal awards. There is no change to the total amount of funding available through internal awards.

Step Three: *Internal Research Office Review*

A third step in enhancing the research support system is a strategic review. In the coming months, the Research Office will undertake a strategic review to help ensure our team is able to respond and support growing Faculty requests in a timely manner.

This review will assess both the current distribution of supports and services among our staff and opportunities for enhancement. There will be opportunities for Faculty to contribute thoughts and comments.

Step Four: *Branding Changes and Website*

Over the last few months, we have been working with Communications to design a new look for the Research Office website and to develop branding for the **Research Starts Here** initiative. Over the coming weeks, we will begin to update and refresh the website and to launch some new branding.

Through the **Research Starts Here** initiative, we are working to enhance supports and services to Faculty and to be responsive to the needs of external clients and partners. The research landscape has changed dramatically in Canada and at the UW. As such, we are preparing to support the research community as we address new and evolving challenges.

The three steps outlined above mark the beginning of a number of important changes. As we move forward, we will be exploring additional options for research support and services at the UW.

This will include an upcoming review of the Webgrants software. This review will explore how we can use the existing software to provide additional tools to improve service and services while being more user friendly.



Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to meet the new challenges of increased growth in research activities at the University of Winnipeg. Please stay tuned for further information, including an upcoming Webinar to review the first three steps of our **Research Starts Here** initiative.

Consolidated Submission Dates

Current Internal Deadlines:											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
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TRAVEL		TRAVEL			TRAVEL			TRAVEL			
		DFTA						DFTA			
EXCHANGE		EXCHANGE			EXCHANGE			EXCHANGE			
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PDG	PDG	PDG	PDG	PDG	PDG	PDG	PDG	PDG	PDG	PDG	PDG
RWC	RWC	RWC	RWC	RWC	RWC	RWC	RWC	RWC	RWC	RWC	RWC
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		USRA-HSS									
	ChRC										

The "NEW" Submission Plan:											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
MAJOR					MAJOR						
TRAVEL		TRAVEL						TRAVEL			
		DFTA						DFTA			
		EXCHANGE						EXCHANGE			
DG					DG			DG			
PDG					PDG			PDG			
RWC					RWC			RWC			
RGILS					RGILS			RGILS			
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		USRA-HSS									
	ChRC										

Research Office Funding Program Glossary:

- Major Research Grant - **MAJOR**
- Travel Grant - **TRAVEL**
- Distinguished Faculty Travel Award - **DFTA**
- SSHRC Exchange Grant (SSHRC PDFs only) - **EXCHANGE**
- Discretionary Grant - **DG**
- Partnership Development Grant - **PDG**
- Research Workshop & Conference Grant - **RWC**
- Research Grant in Lieu of Salary - **RGILS**
- Knowledge Mobilization and Community Impact Grant - **KMCI**
- NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award - **NSERC USRA**
- Undergraduate Student Travel Research Grant - **USTRG**
- University of Winnipeg - Undergraduate Student Research Award in the Humanities and Social Sciences - **USRA-HSS**
- Chancellor's Research Chair - **ChRC**