CIHR Spring Project Grant Support – UBC Okanagan

Note that the [Reviewer in Training Program - CIHR](#) has launched for CIHR Spring PG (application deadline: February 4, 2026). If you know of anyone who is interested in learning about the review process, please feel free to share the link above!

Below is an overview of the key dates for 2026 Spring PG competition, including support available this year. To ensure we can support as many people as possible, each applicant will be limited to one of each of the following services:
- Response to reviews (if applicable)
- Peer Review Committee Selection support
- Criterial/editorial review, and
- Technical review (between Feb 25 and March 2)

The UBCO Research Development Team is your first point of contact for all CIHR PG support at UBC. **Any proposals or requests for support that are sent to SPARC will be forwarded to me.**

Summary of actions (the short version of the information below):
- Please use this [link](#) to select a date for criteria/editorial review (you might need to paste the link into a web browser)
- Sign up for the [Research Security Drop-In Session for Health Researchers (UBCO)](#) taking place on January 22 if you have private sector partners/collaborators
- Response to reviewers support – Send full packages to denise.maines@ubc.ca by January 19, 9:00am.
- Reach out before the last week of January if you would like Peer Review Committee selection support
- The CIHR Registration Deadline is Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Response to reviews (for fall applicants) - meeting
- If you would like to discuss reviews, please send the entire Notice of Decision package (PDF format) including score, ranking, reviewer comments, and Scientific Officer notes (if available) to denise.maines@ubc.ca by January 19, 9:00am.
- You do not need to have written your response to reviews at this time.
- I will review all documents received and set up a meeting to discuss, using templates provided by SPARC. You are welcome to submit your response to reviews with your other application materials when you submit your documents for review.

Peer Review Committee Selection
- If you are unsure about the peer review committee you should select, please reach out to me before the final week of January, and I'll work with colleagues at SPARC to ensure you have expert advice.

Criteria/Editorial reviews

Criteria/Editorial review: We are offering 'appointments' to review applications. We will provide suggestions around alignment to evaluation criteria (criteria review), and as capacity permits, we will also provide suggestions on flow, structure, syntax and grammar (editorial review).

*Reserve your Criteria/Editorial Review
- **Please use this link to select a review date (you might need to paste the link into a web browser)**
  - The deadline to request a review is Feb 9.
- The Research Development Team will dedicate the day you select to providing a Criteria/Editorial Review of your draft application.
- Send your draft application via email to denise.maines@ubc.ca by 9:00AM of your chosen day.
- We aim to return your document(s) with edits/comments within 3 business days.

Technical Reviews

When you submit your RPIF, you can send your application package to denise.maines@ubc.ca and I will check for completeness, issues with formatting such as headers, pagination, font, budget, and correct module uploads.

Additional Support: SPARC Resources (CWL protected)

See the SPARC website to access the Sample Grant Library (previously submitted CIHR Project Grants) and key reference materials.

Research Security
- If your Project Grant proposal involves one or more partner organizations from the private sector, you must answer "Yes" to the screening question in the application and provide a completed Risk Assessment Form and a risk mitigation plan.
- Risk Assessment Forms must be reviewed by UBC's Research Security team
- Submit the completed form to UBC's Research Security Team mid-February (research.security@ubc.ca) (must be complete before the RPIF).
- The Research Security team will be here in January for a Drop-In Session for Health Researchers: January 22, 2026, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, ADM 006L, Campus Administration Building, 1138 Alumni Ave
  - **Click this link to access a calendar invite:** Research Security Drop-In Session for Health Researchers (UBCO) | UBC Research Security

Summary of Important dates - (see also the calendar below)
CIHR Project Grant: Spring 2026
- For Fall 2025 applicants
  - Notice of Recommendation (NOR): Thursday, January 15
  - Deadline to submit NOD packages for review support is January 19 at 9:00am
  - Notice of Decision (NOD): Thursday, January 29 (anticipated)
  - Please visit Project Grant Decisions: What do my results mean? if you are unfamiliar with CIHR's NOR and NOD.
- Funding Opportunity Launches and ResearchNet Opens: Wednesday, January 7 (anticipated)
- Peer Review Committee selection support – Jan 19-27
- Research Security UBCO campus visit: January 22
- **CIHR Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 4, 2026**
- **Deadline to request an editorial review,** Monday, February 9, 2026
- **Research Security Risk Assessment Review –** mid February (date TBC)
- **RPIF Deadline:** Wednesday, February 25, 2026
- **UBCO E-submission Deadline**: March 2, 2026 at noon
- Notice of Decision: Wednesday, July 22

2026 CIHR Project Grant – Important Dates (UBCO)

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6	7 Opportunity Launches on ResearchNet	8	9	10
Early reviews						
11	12	13	14	15 Fall applicants: Notice of Recommendation	16	17
Early reviews						
18	19 Fall applicants: deadline to submit review comments	20	21	22 Research Security UBCO campus visit	23	24
Early Reviews, Response to Reviews + Peer Review Committee Selection support						
25	26	27	28	29 Fall applicants: Notice of Decision	30	31
Peer Review Committee Selection support (ends Jan 27), Early Reviews, Response to Reviews						

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Registration Deadline	5	6	7
Reviews by appointment						
8	9 Deadline to request a review	10	11	12	13	14
Reviews by appointment						
15	16	17	18 Research Security Risk Assessment Review (mid-Feb, TBD)	19	20	21
Reviews by appointment						
22	23	24	25 RPIF Deadline	26	27	28
Criteria reviews, by appointment			*Technical reviews*			

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 12:00 pm - UBCO E-submission Deadline	3	4 CIHR deadline (ORS must submit all documents by this date)	5	6	7

Green – Research Development deadlines
Yellow – mandatory deadlines
Blue – CIHR important dates
Text in italics – Research Development support