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Tom Hollenstein receives Rapid Response funding awarded to help confront COVID-19

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The Vice-Principal (Research) announces first round of internal funding for projects supporting medical and social coronavirus related solutions.

Congratulations to **Tom Hollenstein** on receiving one of 13 COVID-19 Rapid Response funding awards! Tom will be examining the use of digital technology to inform universities, clinicians, and policymakers as they make recommendations for coping with the emotional fall-out of social distancing.

In late March, the Queen's University Vice-Principal (Research) launched the [Rapid Response competition](#) to fund and support research projects that will contribute to the development, testing, and implementation of medical or social countermeasures to mitigate the rapid spread of COVID-19. Thirteen applicants have received funding in the first round.

The successful projects range from the development of a biosensor tool to psychotherapy programs for addressing mental health issues. Queen's researchers are also examining the government response on household finances and planning for more effective physical distancing measures.

“Congratulations to the first round of Rapid Response funding recipients, says Kimberly Woodhouse, Interim Vice-Principal (Research). These are outstanding projects that span the key research areas important to both managing the virus itself and understanding its social and economic impacts. I will follow these projects with great interest.”

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For more information on the Rapid Response competition, visit the [Office of the Vice-Principal \(Research\)](#).