CIHR COVID-19 Grant Extensions: Quick Guide for Queen’s researchers

CIHR has announced 3 types of extension due to COVID-19:
1. Additional one-year (12 month) extension to the period to use unspent funds
2. Financial extensions to Bridge grants
3. Financial extensions to investigator-initiated research (IIR) grants

1. Additional one-year (12 month) extension to the period to use unspent funds; i.e. an extension to the Project Spending Deadline
   - This extension has automatically been applied to all CIHR active grants and does not need to be requested
   - This extension is in addition to the automatic one-year extension already available to all grants
   - End-of-grant final report deadlines are also extended
   - PI’s should NOT contact the agency to request this extension
   - All questions should be sent to research.accounting@queensu.ca
   - Grant funding transfers to collaborators will be handled by the usual process; please contact Kelly Manuel at km270@queensu.ca if a transfer of funds amendment is required on a sub-grant

2. Financial extensions to Bridge grants
   - Only available to bridge grant holders (awarded in the Fall 2019 Project Grant competition) who also applied to the Spring 2020 Project Grant competition.
   - Anyone eligible for this extension has already been contacted by CIHR and will receive an amended NOA
   - Amended NOAs need to be uploaded in TRAQ using the Event - Amendment form
   - Extension was equivalent to 6 months’s worth of the bridge grant
   - Extension does not prevent researchers from applying to the Fall 2020 Project Grant competition

3. Financial extensions to investigator-initiated research (IIR) grants
   - One-year financial extensions are available to investigator-initiated research (IIR) grants scheduled to expire between June 30, 2020 and March 30, 2021, and held by researchers who also applied to the Spring 2020 Project Grant competition as a Nominated Principal Applicant (NPA)
   - CIHR will contact eligible researchers directly
   - All questions about eligibility should be sent to CIHR
   - Amended NOAs need to be uploaded in TRAQ using the Event - Amendment form

Additional information for Project Grant applicants: NPAs from the Spring 2020 Project Grant competition will be given the option to bring their submission forward automatically to the Fall 2020 Project Grant competition, including the ability to provide a one-page supplement for additional support data or publications. NPAs will also have the option to withdraw their application and resubmit a new or updated application to the Fall competition.

For more information, please review CIHR’s FAQ for COVID-19 impacts to research or email support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.