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NEWSLETTER



January 2019

Happy new year and welcome back!

IRSI is making some changes in 2019, including changing the format of our newsletter. We will be going to a quarterly mail-out, to coincide with the seasons. Look for the next full newsletter to come out in late March, 2019.

We are also in the process of building a new and improved website. The new site will be easy to navigate and include targeted information and resources for Indigenous communities, researchers and project partners. We hope to have the site ready for launch this Spring.

In the interim, we will keep you updated with any news or events via targeted bulletins, like this one. You can also follow us on our social media platforms (below) and have a look at our latest **Blog post**: ["How to be a Responsible Ally: Advice for Researchers"](#).



We encourage you to share this newsletter with your colleagues! If you didn't receive this email directly from us, please feel free to subscribe to this monthly listserv [here](#).



Latest Blog Post:

IRSI Communications
[*How to be a Responsible Ally: Advice for Researchers*](#)

January 7, 2019

Grants and Awards:

- **Team Grant: Transitions in Care**

CIHR recently launched this [Team Grant](#) that will provide research funds to “implement, evaluate, spread, and scale pragmatic solutions to problems associated with transitions in care from a clinical, health care or health system perspective”. First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples are considered key populations of interest. Please contact [Tessa Cheng](#) in SPARC if you are interested in applying.

The application deadline is January 24, 2018.

- **Operating Grant: Transitions in Care – Evaluation Grants**

These [two-year grants](#) provide funds to “formally evaluate, validate and/or demonstrate the effectiveness, appropriateness and/or impact of implemented transitions in care activities to create high-quality, real-world evidence, relevant to transitions in care, overall health and/or health system improvement.” Approximately 16 grants will be awarded with a maximum of \$200,000 per grant. First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples are considered key populations of interest. Please contact [Tessa Cheng](#) in SPARC if you are interested in applying.

The application deadline is February 5, 2019.

- **New! Team Grant: Indigenous Component of Healthy Life**

Trajectories (I-HeLTI)CIHR recently launched this [Team Grant](#) that will “build the infrastructure and capacity” needed to conduct an intervention cohort research study that aligns with CIHR’s [Healthy Life Trajectories Initiative](#) and “Developmental Origins of Health and Disease (DOHaD)” approach. Please contact [Tessa Cheng](#) in SPARC if you are interested in applying.

The application deadline is May 1, 2019.

- **New! Operating Grant: Network Environments for Indigenous**

Health Research (NEIHR)CIHR recently launched this [Operating Grant](#) that will establish a national network of nine regional/provincial centres (and one national coordinating centre). These centres will be “focused on capacity development, research and knowledge translation (KT) centred on Indigenous Peoples (i.e., First Nations, Inuit and Métis).” CIHR will fund one centre in British Columbia with up to \$10.5 million for 5 years (with the possibility of two renewals of 5 years each). Please contact [Tessa Cheng](#) in SPARC if you are interested in applying.

The application deadline is June 4, 2019.

- **NEW: MITACS Accelerate Grants**

MITACS Accelerate Grants are available to students, businesses, non-profit organizations and First Nations. Grants start at \$15,000 to support a student, a supervising professor, and a partner organization in a four to eight month internship. Partner organizations' financial contribution begins at \$7,500. Mitacs Accelerate Fellowships provide longer-term funding and internship options for master's and PhD students and begin at \$60,000 for master's students for 2-year projects and \$120,000 for PhD students for 4-year projects, with financial contributions from partners of \$30,000 and \$60,000 respectively. Learn more about [MITACS Accelerate Grants and Fellowships](#). **Applications are accepted year round.**

CIHR Strategic Grants

UBC has an online resource for faculty and staff who are interested in finding out about new CIHR Strategic grants. Hosted by the SPARC office, this webpage is updated daily and mirrors the information in ResearchNet, CIHR's official grants website, in a more user-friendly format. This resource lists all the CIHR Strategic grants that are open for applications and tracks pre-announcements for upcoming competitions. Please click [here](#) to visit the page (CWL required). For those who do not have a UBC login (known as a “CWL”), please visit [ResearchNet](#). Contact Tessa Cheng if you are interested in learning more about these competitions or would like to discuss SPARC support for your application (Tessa.Cheng@ubc.ca).

Check it out!

[Dana Claxton: Fringing the Cube.](#)

The first exhibition to survey the formidable career of Vancouver-based Hunkpapa Lakota (Sioux) artist Dana Claxton. Known for her expansive multidisciplinary approach to art making, Claxton investigates notions of Indigenous identity, beauty, gender and the body.

October 27, 2018 - February 3, 2019



Vancouver Art Gallery

750 Hornby Street

Vancouver, BC



[Hexsa'am: To Be Here Always](#)

Simultaneously research, material, media, testimony and ceremony, *Hexsa'am: To Be Here Always* challenges the western concept that the power of art and culture are limited to the symbolic or metaphoric, and that the practices of First Peoples are simply part of a past heritage.

January 11 - April 7, 2019

Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery

1825 Main Mall

Vancouver, BC

[Marking the Infinite](#)

This exhibit features the work of nine Aboriginal women—Nonggirnga Marawili, Wintjiya Napaltjarri, Yukultji Napangati, Angelina Pwerle, Carlene West, Regina Pilawuk Wilson, Lena Yarinkura, Gulumbu Yunupingu and Nyapanyapa Yunupingu—each from different remote regions of Australia.

They are revered matriarchs and celebrated artists who are represented in the collections of the Australian National Gallery. Most of them make their Canadian debut at MOA with this breathtaking exhibition. November 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019



Museum of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia

6393 NW Marine Drive

Vancouver, BC



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Our office is always open to community members and researchers. We'd love to hear about the work you're doing with Indigenous communities this year! You can reach us at irsi.info@ubc.ca, or our coordinator Alexis Okabe at 604-827-2801.



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