



Project Grant Competition

Part 1: Reminders for the Project Grant Competition

Title

Welcome to this learning module in the Project Grant competition series: Part 1: Reminders for the Project Grant competition. In this module, reviewers will learn about reminders for the upcoming project grant competition to ensure they are well prepared for the peer review process.

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Reminders for the Project Grant competition

For the Spring 2026 Project Grant competition, there are four important reminders for peer reviewers.

1. Multi-factor authentication for ResearchNet
2. Mandatory attachment requirement for Response to Previous Reviews
3. Research Security Policies



4. Acceptable attachment formats

The Spring 2026 peer review committee meetings will be held virtually. For more information, you can review the frequently asked questions.

Multi-factor authentication for ResearchNet

CIHR is committed to keeping our systems secure and protecting our users' privacy. As part of this commitment, [CIHR implemented multi-factor authentication \(MFA\) in ResearchNet](#) in fall 2024.

The MFA process will be triggered every time a user signs in to ResearchNet. When a user signs in, they will be required to enter a code that is sent to the email address connected to their ResearchNet account profile. MFA will apply to all users and cannot be skipped. Should a ResearchNet session time out after 60 minutes of inactivity, users will need to re-authenticate themselves using MFA.

If you have any questions, please consult the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or reach out to the Contact Centre.

Mandatory attachment requirement for response to previous reviews

If applicants choose to submit a Response to Previous Reviews, they must include all the reviews and Scientific Officer (SO) Notes (if available) received in that round of submission in a new attachment called Previous Reviews.

Reminder to reviewers: Response to Previous Reviews remains an optional task and both these attachments are independent of the resubmission question. Reviewers will only see the Response to Previous Reviews in an application if the Previous Reviews attachment was included.

Research security policies

There are two research security policies that continue to be in effect for applicants to the Spring 2026 competition. The Risk assessment form for the [National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships \(NSGRP\)](#) and the attestation form for the [Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern \(STRAC\)](#). Reviewers will not see these attachments in their review packages and should not raise research security concerns as part of their review. Reviewers should focus their assessments on the scientific review and specific evaluation criteria provided. If concerns or questions related to research security are raised by committee members during the review or peer review meeting, CIHR staff will redirect the information to CIHR's Research Security team for their awareness.

Acceptable Attachment Formats

While CIHR has simplified its attachment formatting requirements for applications, all applicant-prepared attachments must continue to use a minimum of 12 point, Times New Roman font in black type. Other fonts and font sizes may be used for text in tables, charts, figures, graphs and legends only, as long as it is legible when the page is viewed at 100%. If these are not legible when viewed at 100%, reviewers are not required to read them or account for them as part of their assessments.

Additional Resources

This concludes the reminders for peer reviewers of the Spring 2026 Project Grant competition. You can review the peer review process in [Part 2: Overview of the Peer Review Process](#) or explore the other resources listed on the screen. Before concluding this module, please [complete the survey](#) to assist CIHR in tracking the uptake and improving the quality of the learning.