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Opportunities
NSERC Alliance/Mitacs Accelerate Joint Program Workshop for Science and SSE
We are pleased to invite you to the NSERC Alliance/Mitacs Accelerate Joint Program Workshop. This new joint initiative supports the R&D efforts of Canadian university researchers, their partners, and highly qualified personnel including students and/or postdoctoral fellows. It offers the best value for matching partner contributions.
The workshop is for all interested researchers to discuss how NSERC and Mitacs are working together to ensure the best value for our partner’s contributions for faculty.
For more information on the NSERC and Mitacs opportunity, please see: https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/NSERC-Alliance-Mitacs_eng.asp
Workshop details:
Date: Friday, May 28th, 2021
Time: 10:00am to 11:15am
Register in advance for this meeting:
https://ucalgary.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIpcuCrpzgpE9Wnk9SqpzEP04GFn5M

Parks Canada
Join the conversation! From April 14th to July 7th, Parks Canada invites you to provide feedback on the draft park management plans for Banff, Jasper, Waterton Lakes, Yoho, Kootenay, Mount Revelstoke and Glacier national parks. Please click here for details.
On a related note, Science researchers will have the opportunity to meet with the ecosystem scientist and engagement officer for Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks in BC Canada to look for synergies in their priority research themes around their unique ecological landscapes (which support a variety of Species at Risk). (priority research themes: https://www.pc.gc.ca/apps/rps/RPSResN_E.asp?oBUSINESS_UNIT_ID=100205&Research+Priorities=Get+Research+Priorities)

Brainstorming Session - Enhanced Research Administrative Support
Science is working toward optional ‘enhanced administrative support’ for researchers with funds where this is eligible (e.g. 10% of NSERC Alliance budgets for projects with multiple partners https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/innovate-innover/alliance-alliance/funding-financement_eng.asp). The enhanced administrative support options will be above and beyond those currently available to all Science researchers.
Researchers who would like to have planning stage input into this are invited to join a short brainstorming session where we will discuss the types of enhanced services we might make available, and whether there would be sufficient interest to pursue the idea.
If you are interested in joining the brainstorming session, please advise anna.urbanska1@ucalgary.ca

Opportunities – Health
Canadian Blood Services Summer 2021 Blood Efficiency Accelerator Program
The Summer 2021 Blood Efficiency Accelerator Program competition seeks to improve the efficient and appropriate utilization of blood products, while maintaining the safety of the blood system, and will support innovative research projects that seek new knowledge or accelerate the application of existing knowledge. The current competition encourages applications addressing COVID-19 related transfusion challenges while meeting the objective of the Program.
For detailed information, please refer to www.blood.ca. The RSO deadline is July 12, 2021 at noon.
For more information about the internal process for applying to this competition, please visit the funding calendar or contact Gary Markoski.
**Successes**

Congratulations to Dr. Rei Safavi-Naini on receiving the 2021 [Public Key Cryptography conference](https://www.springer.com/gp/computer-science/conferences/pkc) Test of Time Award for the following paper: *An Efficient Signature Scheme from Bilinear Pairings and Its Applications*. PKC’s Test-of-Time (ToT) Award recognizes papers published at past PKCs that have had a lasting impact on the advancement of theory and practice of public key cryptography. This year papers from PKC ’02 through PKC ’05 were selected.

**Thank you!**

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