

Research Administration Network

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Subject: NSERC and SSHRC grant extensions due to COVID

Due to COVID-19, the Tri-Agency recognizes that research activities may be delayed. NSERC and SSHRC have announced that academic institutions can immediately approve extension requests up to 12 months for active grants with an end date between February 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021 inclusively. This provision applies to all grants, regardless of whether they have received a previous time extension of any length for any reason (including, where applicable, automatic extensions). The intent of this provision is to allow grantees to continue spending grant funds.

Under this exceptional framework, **extensions should be considered only if the research has been delayed due to COVID-19** and not because the units have to process expenses.

How is this implemented at McGill?

In the next few days, Research Financial Management Services (RFMS) will contact the researchers who have active research funds that meet the above dates criteria to assess the need for an extension. RFMS will work closely with OSR to process these extensions and will be responsible for notifying Tri-Agency.

Should you have any question, please contact: sonia.pietraroia@mcgill.ca

What about CIHR grants?

Please note that we are still waiting for directives from [CIHR](#).