

# OHS Research Bulletin

## CIHR funding, machine learning, environmental exposure data and more!

Hello friend of the Ontario Health Study,

We are sharing two new CIHR funding opportunities that may interest you and your teams:

- The [CIHR Healthy Cities Research Initiative](#) funding will support seven one-year grants of up to \$100,000 each to support research using existing data (like the [OHS](#) or [CanPath](#)) to improve health, wellness, and health equity among urban populations. Apply before November 8, 2023.
- The [CIHR Operating Grant for Data Analysis Using Existing Databases and Cohorts \(2023\)](#), has a funding pool allocated for **infection and immunity** for applications relevant to the area of human development, child and youth health. The funding allows for up to \$25,000 to be allocated to analyzing previously collected biospecimens, such as the COVID-19 dried blood spot samples collected by the OHS at up to three timepoints. A total of 10 one-year grants of \$75,000 are available. Register by September 7, 2023.

If you need a Letter of Support or have questions about accessing OHS data or biospecimens, please contact [access@ontariohealthstudy.ca](mailto:access@ontariohealthstudy.ca)

In other OHS news:

- MaLMIC ([Machine Learning in Medical Imaging Consortium](#)) will offer an open virtual forum September 29, 2023, featuring case studies presented by the OHS and the Ontario Tumour Bank. [Sign up](#).
- Check out new publications that used OHS data: [Provincial variations in colorectal screening](#), and [sun exposure and the risk for non-Hodgkin lymphoma](#).
- OHS Scientific Associate Dr. Victoria Kirsh presented CanPath COVID-19 Antibody study results that included almost 10,000 OHS participants. [View her full webinar](#); or skip to 14:43 to hear the study

findings. OHS COVID-19 data is now available for two of three timepoints. [View the variables](#).

- The latest [CANUE environmental exposure data](#) are now linked to baseline, follow-up, COVID-19 2020, and dried blood sample questionnaire data from [CanPath](#). The OHS is the largest contributor to CanPath.

Thank you for allowing the OHS to contact you. If you would no longer like to receive these, please reply to let us know.

Regards,

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P.S. Do you know someone who would be interested in the work of the OHS? Share our [sign-up form](#) so they can receive this occasional email.



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