

MEMO

DATE: 3/24/2020
TO: Winter 2020 Grants in Aid of Research Recipients FROM: Jason Cowell, Chair, Research Council
SUBJECT: Alteration of funding policies due to COVID-19

Hello All,

As many of you are aware, the state and federal restrictions on travel, coupled with the need for "safe at home" suggestions, have led to the cancellation of most academic conferences. Additionally, many awardees have been asked to refrain from data collection this semester. In light of these extraordinary circumstances, the UWGB Research Council met on March 24<sup>th</sup> to consider a temporary change to the usual policies regarding the timelines and distribution of the Grants in Aid of Research.

Pursuant to the budgetary restrictions, the Research Council will enact the following changes to funding for the Winter 2020 GIAR cycle:

- If you received a GIAR for scholarly presentation at an academic conference, you have the opportunity to use these funds to present the SAME PROJECT at another academic conference before the January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 deadline to submit all final expenses. In order to use these funds, you will need to submit your proof of acceptance at the new conference and the updated itemized budget with your final report.
- 2) The funds CANNOT be used to present a different work at a new conference. In this case, the awardee would need to contact us and renounce their award (before the May 4, 2020 or Fall 2020 call), then apply with the new research dissemination in the upcoming call.
- Awardees for data collection will now have an extension until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to submit all final expenses. No additional documentation is needed for this extension.

Please note that January 1<sup>st</sup> is the absolute deadline for submission for reimbursement of expenses related to the Winter 2020 GIAR call.

We hope these changes allow you some level of flexibility in your scholarly pursuits. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding your award.

Thank you,

Research Council