

OHS Research Bulletin

Grant opportunities, more data, and better researcher resources; What's new at the OHS

Hello friend of the Ontario Health Study,

I'm sharing a few Study updates, and it's always good to start with a funding opportunity.

- The [CIHR Healthy Cities Research Initiative](#) is offering five \$100,000 grants for projects that use **existing data sets** such as the OHS and CANUE. The OHS is the biggest contributor to CanPath, which will co-host a seminar with [CANUE](#) on July 23 to encourage researchers to leverage their linked data for this grant program. [Register for the CanPath-CANUE webinar.](#)
- The OHS has genotype data from over 19,800 samples (using the UKBiobank Affymetrix arrays) available to approved researchers!
- The OHS has transformed the "[For Researchers](#)" section of our website to make it easier for to find what you need, whether you are exploring [what the Study has to offer](#) or are an approved researcher. Improved features include:
 - Breakdowns of newly available analytic data, collection timelines, and interactive data visualizations on the [What's Available](#) page
 - Step-by-step [instructions for requesting OHS data and biosamples](#), and [resources to help manage your approved OHS research projects](#).

If you need a Letter of Support or have questions, email Rachel Chepesiuk at access@ontariohealthstudy.ca

- Dr. Philp Awadalla, OHS Executive Scientific Director and National Scientific Director of CanPath, hosts a July 18 webinar on 'Genomic and environmental influences on health phenotypes and chronic disease outcomes.' [Register for the talk.](#)

In other OHS news:

- This fall, we launch our cohort-wide Follow Up Questionnaire 2, with data expected to be available to researchers by late 2025. All participants will be asked to update their personal and family

medical histories, and answer questions about mental health and access to healthcare and screening programs.

- Separately, the OHS will seek a second blood sample from about 3,000 participants. We will let you know as soon as they are available for use. [Learn more](#).

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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