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1) Pre-announcement: CIHR HIV/AIDS Biomedical and Clinical Research Team Grants

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Institute of Infection and Immunity (III) and the CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Initiative are pleased to announce the upcoming launch of a new

Request for Applications (RFA) for HIV/AIDS Biomedical and Clinical Team Grants in May 2018.

Anticipated Timelines

- Program Launch: **May 2018**
- Application Deadline: **November 2018**

Description

The focused teams must involve a minimum of three investigators and may work in areas of higher risk.

The large teams, with a minimum of 8 investigators from at least three provinces or territories including at least one New Investigator and one mid-career investigator, will bring together experts from different disciplines working collaboratively on a number of inter-related research projects under a unified program of research.

To ensure teams are well positioned not only to generate important new knowledge but to also apply it in timely fashion, programs must include a strong core of basic scientists and clinical investigators. These teams must discuss training plans in order to build further capacity for HIV research and stimulate innovative approaches. They must also consider the relevance of their work to people living with HIV and its ethical implications and, therefore, must include relevant stakeholders in the oversight of the program of research.

Funds Available

- The total amount available for this funding opportunity is \$20,000,000, enough to fund approximately 6 grants. This amount may increase if additional funding partners participate.
- Of this \$20M:
 - \$8M is available for focused team grants, enough to fund 4 grants (2 in "From Control to Cure" and 2 in "Biomedical Prevention").
 - \$12M is available for large team grants, enough to fund 2 grants (1 in "From Control to Cure" and 1 in "Biomedical Prevention").
- For focused teams the maximum amount per grant is \$400,000 per year for up to five years for the team grants.
- For the large teams the maximum amount per grant is \$1,200,000 per year for up to five years for the large team grants.

Objectives

The Team Grant HIV/AIDS Biomedical and Clinical Research is expected to contribute to the global search for a safe and effective cure for HIV, and to develop prevention strategies and tools.

The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are to:

- transform HIV biomedical and clinical research in Canada into a collaborative, interdisciplinary model of knowledge creation and application through the funding of innovative research programs;
- create an inclusive and sustainable pipeline of HIV research capacity from across disciplines, sectors, and perspectives (e.g., HIV basic scientists, clinical investigators, knowledge users and/or community members (people living with HIV));
- effectively translate knowledge into clinical and/or commercial applications which contribute to the design, development and evaluation of research strategies; and
- create a critical mass of technical and scientific expertise in Canada that engages meaningfully with one another, relevant national stakeholders and international research efforts.

Research Areas

This funding opportunity will support projects relevant to the following research areas. It is not

expected that programs will address all of the priority areas listed below, but rather, that they will target one of the following two priority areas.

• **From Control to Cure**

- Molecular, cellular, immunological and viral mechanisms to HIV persistence and latency
- Immune based therapies to clear HIV
- Develop and exploit cell or gene therapy for HIV Cure
- Biomarkers identification, development and validation for HIV persistence
- Research and development of latency reversing agents
- Cellular and animal models of HIV latency
- Analysis of viral reservoir when on antiretroviral therapy (ART)

• **Biomedical Prevention**

- Immune based strategies to HIV prevention (can target any of the following : mucosal, innate, humoral or cellular immunity; immune correlates of prevention)
- Preventive Vaccines, novel adjuvants, and new technologies to expedite vaccine development
- Microbicides
- Microbiome based HIV prevention strategies
- HIV medication to prevent transmission (treatment as prevention; pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis)
- Biomedical and clinical interventions and evaluations of preventive strategies

To Learn More

The complete RFA will be posted on ResearchNet by the end of **May 2018**.

Contact information

CIHR Contact Centre at 613-954-1968 or support@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

2) Pre-announcement: CIHR Centres for HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C and other STBBIs Population Health and Health Services Research

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Institute of Infection and Immunity (III) and the CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Initiative in partnership with the CIHR Institute of Indigenous Peoples' Health, CIHR Institute of Population and Public Health and the CIHR Institute of Health Services and Policy Research are pleased to announce the upcoming launch of a new Request for Applications (RFA) for Centres for HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C and other STBBIs Population Health and Health Services Research in May 2018.

Anticipated Timelines

- Program Launch: **May 2018**
- Application Deadline: **December 2018**

Description

The Centres for HIV/AIDS Population Health and Health Services Research program was originally launched in 2007 and was re-launched in 2013.

The Centres for HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C and other STBBIs Population Health and Health Services Research program (the Centres) will continue to provide core infrastructure funding for multi-jurisdictional and multidisciplinary teams of researchers and their stakeholders. The funded Centres will specialize in population health and health services and policy research and capacity

building as it pertains to HIV, Hepatitis C and other STBBIs.

The Centres will mobilize the talent, expertise and capacity of different sectors and jurisdictions to solve current and emerging challenges with the ongoing transmission of HIV and for people living with HIV in Canada.

The Centres are expected to work with one another and other relevant regions, networks and partners in order to minimize duplication of efforts and maximize impacts and contributions to reductions in HIV transmission and improved health outcomes for Canadians.

Funds Available

- The total amount available for this funding opportunity is \$10,000,000, enough to fund approximately two to three grants. This amount may increase if additional funding partners participate. Centres may be variable in size, it is anticipated that requested budgets will range from \$400,000 to \$1,000,000 per annum. The maximum amount per grant is \$1,000,000 per year for up to 5 years for a total of \$5,000,000, per grant. Approved grants may receive an across-the-board cut to the budget, if necessary, to maximize the number of funded opportunities.

- Of this \$10,000,000:

- A maximum of \$5,000,000 is available to fund applications relevant to support at least one application that focuses exclusively on First Nations, Inuit, Métis and/or Urban Indigenous populations. Note that should no Indigenous Stream applications be deemed fundable, these funds will be transferred to the General (non-Indigenous) Stream

Objectives

The Centres for HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C and other STBBIs Research are expected to improve health and access to effective programs and services for people living with and at risk of HIV, Hepatitis C and other STBBIs, particularly for populations most affected. The specific objectives of the Centres are to:

- foster coordination of research efforts by developing and supporting a network of collaborative Centres for Population Health and Health Services Research Development in HIV, Hepatitis C and other STBBIs;
- develop and/or strengthen high quality infrastructure for implementation science, health services and population health research to enable Canadian HIV, Hepatitis C and other STBBI researchers to conduct innovative, high quality, collaborative research;
- facilitate implementation science, health services and population health research training and mentoring initiatives to strengthen the capacity of trainees; and
- accelerate the translation and uptake of knowledge and implementation of evidence to inform practices, policies and programs through models of integrated knowledge translation and innovative strategies that engage stakeholders and partners (including people living with HIV, community organizations, clinicians, policy makers and relevant networks).

Research Areas

The CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Initiative will provide funding for Centres that address the relevant research areas described below. Centres are expected to be strategic and focused in their efforts and have impact in each of the following areas:

- HIV, Hepatitis C and other STBBI Prevention and Management: Research and capacity building to develop and evaluate innovative models for preventing, managing and treating individuals and populations at risk of developing or living with disease(s).
- Access to Appropriate testing, Diagnosis and Care for Vulnerable Populations: Research and capacity building to develop and evaluate innovative models to improve equity of access to appropriate testing, diagnosis and care by focusing on vulnerable subgroups who are at greater risk of poorer health outcomes and experiencing challenges in equity of access, and by

addressing individual, social and structural determinants of health that lead to or reinforce conditions of vulnerability (e.g., stigmatization, migration).

To Learn More

The complete RFA will be posted on ResearchNet by the end of **May 2018**.

Contact information

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3) Call for Stories: Canada Exhibit at International AIDS Conference 2018

The Canadian Society for International Health (CSIH) wants to showcase Canadian HIV/AIDS stories. This year the 22nd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018), hosted in Amsterdam, Netherlands from July 23 to 27, will highlight the theme “Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges.” The CSIH is pleased to be developing and coordinating activities for the Canada Exhibit at AIDS 2018. The Canada Exhibit will showcase research, best practices, achievements, and challenges met and overcome in the Canadian response to HIV/AIDS. As part of our efforts to highlight the reality of people with lived experience of HIV/AIDS, and people who work in the field, CSIH is looking for story submissions, in the form of text, photos and/or video. Stories must be submitted by **April 27, 2018**.

Read more on [Canada Exhibit at International AIDS Conference 2018](#) and [Call for Stories](#).



CIHR-III would like to hear from you

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