

CIHR Peer Review Committees (PRCs) for Project Grant applications

Full [list of PRCs and their mandates for Project Grant applications](#) (48 in total, as of July 7, 2017). CIHR plans to update the mandates for the Fall 2018 Project Competition.

Role of PRCs

In the Project Grant peer review process, applications are evaluated by a group of reviewers, who have (individually or collectively) the required experience and expertise to assess the quality and potential impact of the proposed research, within the context of the funding opportunity objectives. Peer Review Committees (PRCs) are responsible for:

- evaluating individual applications
- rating each application
- discussing applications at the face-to-face committee meeting
- recommending a budget to support the proposed research if the application is approved
- advising CIHR of the final ratings of the applications and providing recommendations on funding level and award term.

For a step-by-step walk-through of the peer review process and for information about the roles and responsibilities of committee members, please consult the [Peer Review Manual – Project](#). Applicants can consult this document to better understand how reviewers are instructed to evaluate their application.

Assigning applications to PRCs

Applications are initially assigned to the applicant's first choice committee. Based on information provided at registration, CIHR staff then review the initial committee assignments. ***If the application pressure is too high in a particular committee, staff will split the committee in consultation with the Chair and the two Scientific Officers.***

Chairs and Scientific Officers are then asked to review the assignment of applications to their committee based on the [committee mandate](#). Applications may be reassigned if they are more appropriate (or more closely aligned) to the mandate of another committee and can be better assessed by that committee. The final authority for assigning applications to a peer review committee rests with CIHR.

See also the resource on [Selecting a PRC, Providing Key Words & Preparing your CIHR Project Application](#).

PRCs that were split for the Fall 2017 Project competition review process:

Behavioural Sciences B (Clinical Behavioural Sciences) split into BSB and BS2
Cancer Biology & Therapeutics split into CBT and C2
Cancer Progression & Therapeutics split into CPT and CT2
Cell Biology & Mechanisms of Disease split into CBM and CM2
Clinical Investigation B (Arthritis, Bone, Skin & Cartilage) split into CIB and CB2
Genetics split into G and G2
Health Services Evaluation Research split into HS1 and HS2
Immunology & Transplantation split into IT and IT2
Medical Physics & Imaging split into MPI and MP2
Microbiology & Infectious Diseases split into MID and MD2
Molecular & Cellular Neurosciences split into NSB and NSD



Public, Community & Population Health split into PH1 and PH2
Randomized Controlled Trials split into RC1 and RC2
Systems & Clinical Neurosciences split into NSA and NSC
Virology & Viral Pathogenesis split into VVP and VV2

PRCs that were renamed from the corresponding Open Operating Grant PRCs:

Children's Health was renamed Social & Developmental Aspects of Children's & Youth's Health (CHI)

Experimental Medicine was renamed Haematology, Digestive Disease & Kidney (HDK)

Knowledge Translation & Exchange was renamed Knowledge Translation Research (KTR)

Metabolism was renamed Diabetes, Obesity, Lipid & Lipoprotein Disorders (DOL)