

CIHR Knowledge Translation e-Newsletter

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1. News from the VP Knowledge Translation and Public Outreach

I am proud to announce the following opportunities to recognize the accomplishments made by our Canadian research community in the areas of knowledge translation.

I encourage you to nominate your colleagues to the following prestigious opportunities offered by CIHR:

- Knowledge Translation Award

Dr. Tofy Mussivand was the recipient of the 2010 CIHR Knowledge Translation Award. Dr. Mussivand's research looks for innovative ways to treat heart failure. His work on the artificial heart led to much more than a promising new treatment for people who suffer from heart failure. His work led to the creation of a successful global medical device company that continues to save lives around the globe. And in Canada, he continues to conduct groundbreaking research and develop novel medical devices for a range of health-care applications. The award was presented to Dr. Mussivand at the Canadian Health Research Awards ceremony held in Ottawa on November 16, 2010.

- Betty Havens Award for Knowledge Translation in Aging

The Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health (CCSMH) was the recipient of the 2010 CIHR-IA Betty Havens Award for Knowledge Translation in Aging. The CCSMH is an organization that promotes mental health of seniors by connecting people, ideas and resources at the local and national level from their inaugural KT project, the development of evidence-based National Best Practice Guidelines in 4 key areas of seniors' mental health, to targeted tools to different stakeholders and audiences. The award was presented to Dr. Kimberly Wilson, Executive Director of the CCSMH, at the 39th Canadian Association on Gerontology Annual Scientific Conference in Montreal on December 4th.

These awards recognize the exemplary knowledge translation efforts and activities of an individual, team or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to increasing the application of research findings, improving the health of individuals, health services and products, or strengthening the health-care system. The national/international award for Knowledge Translation, valued at \$100,000, will be given by CIHR at its annual award ceremony to be held in Fall 2011. The Betty Havens Award for local/regional Knowledge Translation in Aging is valued at \$50,000. **The deadline for nominations is February 15, 2011.**

More information on the Knowledge Translation award can be obtained by contacting CIHR at (613) 952-8965 or by e-mail jasmine.lefebvre@cihr-irsc.gc.ca. For additional information on the Betty Havens Award, please contact CIHR at 613-946-1270 or by e-mail at sharon.nadeau@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

I am looking forward to seeing the results of these competitions.

Ian Graham, PhD
Vice-President, Knowledge Translation and Public Outreach
Canadian Institutes of Health Research

2. KT Funding Opportunities

A) Other: Science Policy Fellowships (2011)

Here is your chance to learn about and have an impact in the policy world. Contribute to bringing evidence to inform health policy. Understand how evidence informed decision making works. We are offering fellowships for "embedded" researchers in the Health Canada policy world.

The new and exciting Funding Opportunity will be launched in April 2011 as a pilot project, with the objective of providing highly qualified candidates at the doctoral, post-doctoral, new investigator and mid-senior investigator stages of health research with the opportunity to learn more about current Canadian health policy activities and the science/policy interface.

The CIHR KT Branch has partnered with the Health Canada Strategic Policy Branch to help foster positive exchanges between health researchers and policy makers, helping to bridge the gap between the worlds of science and policy making. The CIHR KT Branch and the Health Canada Strategic Policy Branch will provide support through short-term policy assignments at Health Canada for highly qualified individuals who are engaged in health research to participate in and contribute to the policy making processes while learning first-hand about the intersection of science and policy.

The stipend levels vary according to career stage:

- Doctoral: \$35,000 per annum, pro-rated monthly for up to 6 months
- Post-doctoral: \$45,000 per annum, pro-rated monthly for up to 6 months
- New Investigator: \$60,000 per annum, pro-rated monthly for up to 6 months
- Mid-Senior Investigator: \$80,000 per annum, pro-rated monthly for up to 6 months

For more information, please contact Jasmine Lefebvre, Senior Knowledge Translation Specialist at (613) 952-8965 or by e-mail at jasmine.lefebvre@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

B) Meetings, Planning and Dissemination Grants (Winter 2011):

i) Planning Grants

The KT Branch will provide support to individuals or groups for planning activities that will contribute to the advancement of research consistent with the mandate of CIHR and relevant CIHR Institutes, Initiatives or Branches.

Maximum amount per award: \$25,000 for up to one year

ii) Dissemination Events

The KT Branch will provide support to dissemination events (e.g. meetings, workshops, symposia, etc.) that focus on the communication of health research evidence to the appropriate **knowledge-user** audience(s), tailoring the message and medium as appropriate.

Maximum amount per award: \$25,000 for up to one year

iii) Knowledge Translation Supplement

The KT Branch will provide supplemental funding for KT activities following the completion of a peer reviewed grant/award, or component of a grant/award, when it is appropriate to disseminate the results of the research beyond the traditional scientific community and using methods supplementary to publication in peer reviewed journals.

Maximum amount per award: \$100,000 for up to one year

For all MPDs:

Application deadline: February 15, 2011

Funding start date: June 1, 2011

Contact: yumna.choudhry@cihr-irsc.gc.ca or 613-954-1944

C) Knowledge Synthesis: Winter 2011 Competition

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support teams of researchers and knowledge users to produce knowledge syntheses and scoping reviews that will contribute to the use of synthesized evidence in decision-making and practice.

The maximum amount awarded for a **synthesis** grant is \$100,000 for 1 year and the maximum amount awarded for a **scoping review** is \$50,000 for 1 year.

Priority Announcements offer additional sources of funding for highly rated applications that are relevant to specific CIHR research priority areas or mandates:

- Knowledge Synthesis Grant: Winter 2011 Priority Announcement (Specific Research Areas)

Application deadline: April 1, 2011 (note: new deadline this year)

Funding start date: October 1, 2011

For more information, please contact Liz Drake, Senior Knowledge Translation Specialist at (613) 948-2682 or by e-mail at elizabeth.drake@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

D) Fellowship: Winter 2011 Priority Announcement (Specific Research Areas)

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to advance KT (synthesis, dissemination, exchange and ethically sound application of knowledge). It is expected that this targeted investment will lead to a better understanding of concepts, theories and practices that underlie effective KT in order to improve the health of Canadians, provide more effective health services and products and strengthen the health care system.

The maximum amount awarded is \$60,000 per year for up to 3 years.

Application deadline: February 1, 2011

Funding start date: July 1, 2011

For more information, please contact Liz Drake, Senior Knowledge Translation Specialist at (613) 948-2682 or by e-mail at elizabeth.drake@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

E) Other: Health Research Communications Award (2010-2011)

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to build capacity in health journalism and communications across all sectors of health research, including biomedical, clinical, health services and policy, and population and public health. By increasing the number of Canadians engaged in communicating and disseminating the results of health research, in a variety of

formats, CIHR hopes to raise the level of understanding of health related issues and research among a variety of audiences, including the general public, health professionals and policy makers. It is expected that this targeted investment will lead to more effective communication of health research in Canada.

The maximum amount is \$26,000 for up to 2 years.

Application deadline: February 4, 2011

Funding start date: August 1, 2011

For more information, please contact Liz Drake, Senior Knowledge Translation Specialist at (613) 948-2682 or by e-mail at elizabeth.drake@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

3. Commercialization Funding Opportunities

A) Proof of Principle (POP): Phase I or Phase II (2010-2011)

Proof of Principle Phase I (POP-I) Grants will fund proof of principle research projects of up to 12 months duration designed to advance discoveries/inventions towards commercializable technologies, with a view to attract new investment, create new science-based businesses, organizations and initiatives, and ultimately improve health outcomes for Canadians. Research projects across all four pillars of CIHR are eligible for this program.

POP I: The maximum amount awarded for a single grant is \$160,000 over one year.

POP II (Industry Partnered): The maximum amount awarded for a single grant is \$300,000 over one year.

Application deadline: February 15, 2011

Funding start date: October 1, 2011

For questions about this initiative and research objectives contact Jasmine Lefebvre Senior KT Specialist at 613-952-8965 or by e-mail at jasmine.lefebvre@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

B) Operating Grant: Industry-Partnered Collaborative Research (2011)

The Industry-Partnered Collaborative Research Operating Grant incorporates the Rx&D Collaborative Research Operating Grant and the program formerly titled the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Operating Grant. The Industry-Partnered Collaborative Research Operating Grant is designed to help the academic community and Canadian companies with an interest in health R&D to work together. The research planned should be beneficial to both parties, while improving the quality of health of Canadians. Projects may be initiated by either party; however, the academic researcher is responsible for applying for the grant.

The maximum CIHR amount awarded for a single grant is \$500,000 per year for up to 5 years (\$2,500,000). The equipment amount, where applicable, is awarded in year one.

Registration deadline: February 1, 2011

Application deadline: March 1, 2011

Funding Start date: October 1, 2011

For questions about this initiative and research objectives contact Jasmine Lefebvre Senior KT Specialist at 613-952-8965 or by e-mail at jasmine.lefebvre@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

C) Other: Science to Business (2010-2011)

CIHR's Science to Business (S2B) program is designed to encourage individuals with PhDs in a health related field to pursue an MBA. It is anticipated that successful applicants to the program will go on to apply their management and scientific expertise by pursuing careers in fields that support commercialization and innovation in Canada such as management, regulatory affairs, finance, research, technology transfer, and public policy. The goal of this program is to develop a cadre of professionals knowledgeable in health research and management, and to foster an entrepreneurial culture within and around the research community.

The maximum CIHR amount awarded for a single award is \$30,000 per year for up to 2 years.

Application deadline: February 18, 2011

Funding Start date: August 1, 2011

For questions about this initiative and research objectives contact Jasmine Lefebvre Senior KT Specialist at 613-952-8965 or by e-mail at jasmine.lefebvre@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

4. Community News



What is this?

You are invited to join the Canadian Population Health Initiative (CPHI) of the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) for **TWO** web conferences:

- **Web Conference 1—Competencies for Population Health Intervention Research** (February 4, 2011, from 1 to 3 p.m. ET)
- **Web Conference 2—Population Health Intervention Research Casebook: Using Case Examples for Knowledge Transfer** (February 18, 2011, from 1 to 3 p.m. ET)

Web Conference 1—Competencies for Population Health Intervention Research

What is it about?

Informed by CPHI's retrospective case study of one of its funded research projects, this web conference will serve as a starting point for discussion about the development of competencies for population health intervention research (PHIR). The case study explores the extent to which a specific research project has had an impact on policy and unpacks the mechanisms that may have influenced the uptake process. Guest panellists will focus on practical issues related to PHIR competencies arising from the case study and other PHIR-related competency work in Canada. This web conference is presented in association with the Population Health Intervention Research Initiative for Canada (PHIRIC).

What will I gain?

Participants will glean insight into

- Mechanisms associated with the successful translation of research into practical knowledge;

- Competencies associated with successful knowledge transfer and policy uptake of PHIR; and
- Strategies that are, or may be, effective at promoting the development of relevant competencies for conducting PHIR projects and incorporating PHIR evidence into policy development.

Guest Panellists:

- **Ted Bruce**, Executive Director, Population Health and Acting Regional Director, Aboriginal Health, Office of the Medical Health Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health
- **Erica Di Ruggiero**, Associate Director, Institute of Population and Public Health (IPPH), Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
- **Emily Maddocks**, Senior Analyst, Canadian Population Health Initiative (CPHI), Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI)
- **Nazeem Muhajarine**, Department Head, Community Health and Epidemiology, University of Saskatchewan

Web Conference 2—Population Health Intervention Research Casebook: Using Case Examples for Knowledge Transfer

What is it about?

This discussion-based web conference will use a casebook of PHIR case examples as a starting point for discussion about the nature of PHIR and the state of its development in Canada.

The casebook—a collaboration between the Canadian Population Health Initiative (CPHI) at the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) and the Institute of Population and Public Health (IPPH) at the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)—presents a range of research projects that showcase some of the theoretical and methodological approaches used in the PHIR field, as well as tools to promote the application of this kind of research. A panel discussion will review the development of the casebook, present an overview of the cases and consider implications for ways of thinking about PHIR.

The casebook will be available in early 2011.

What will I gain?

Participants will glean insight into

- Characteristics of PHIR;
- Different theoretical and methodological approaches to PHIR;
- Lessons learned from PHIR initiatives; and
- Key success factors and challenges associated with moving a PHIR agenda forward.

Guest Panellists:

- **Emma Cohen**, Knowledge Translation and Communications Officer, Institute of Population and Public Health (IPPH), Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
- **Rhona Hanning**, Associate Professor, Department of Health Studies and Gerontology, University of Waterloo
- **Corrine Langill**, Manager, Health Promotion and Injury Prevention, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario
- **Fleur Macqueen Smith**, Knowledge Transfer Manager, Healthy Children Research Team, Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit (SPHERU), University of Saskatchewan

- **Andrew Taylor**, Program Lead, Canadian Population Health Initiative (CPHI), Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI)

Are these web conferences for me?

Both web conferences are intended for intervention researchers, trainees and those who use intervention research to inform the development of policies and programs.

How much does it cost?

Nothing. All CPHI web conferences are free of charge.

Sign me up!

To register for one or both sessions, please send an email to asebold@cihi.ca (Annie Sebold) and indicate the session(s) you wish to register for.

Please note that you will need a hands-free telephone with muting capability, as well as a computer.

Participation is limited, so please confirm your interest by reply email by **January 26, 2011**.

Log-in instructions will be emailed to confirmed participants in advance of the web conference. We highly recommend that you build in an additional 15 to 20 minutes prior to the session start time (which is 1 p.m. ET) in case you need our technical assistance during the web conference connection process.

About CIHI

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) collects and analyzes information on health and health care in Canada and makes it publicly available. Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments created CIHI as a not-for-profit, independent organization dedicated to forging a common approach to Canadian health information. CIHI's goal: to provide timely, accurate and comparable information. CIHI's data and reports inform health policies, support the effective delivery of health services and raise awareness among Canadians of the factors that contribute to good health.

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