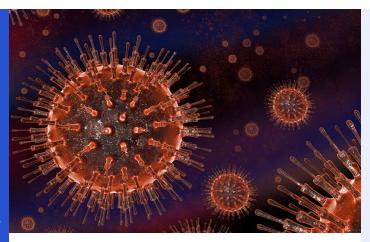
CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Initiative







Mission

The mission of the CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Initiative is to:

Provide national leadership in the support and facilitation of HIV/AIDS research, research capacity building, research partnerships and knowledge translation that contributes to ending the spread of HIV and improves the lives of people living with or susceptible to HIV/AIDS.

Background

Under the direction of the CIHR Institute of Infection and Immunity, the CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Initiative is responsible for the management and oversight of the research components of the two major Government of Canada initiatives in HIV/AIDS, namely the Federal Initiative to Address HIV/AIDS in Canada and the Canadian HIV Vaccine Initiative. These initiatives provide \$22.7M annually to support researchers and trainees through the five streams of the CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Initiative:

- 1. Biomedical and clinical;
- 2. Health services and population health;
- 3. Community-based research;
- 4. CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network; and
- 5. Canadian HIV Vaccine Initiative.

In addition to these targeted initiatives, CIHR also supports further HIV/AIDS research through its open funding competitions.

Moving Forward

The CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Initiative is guided by the CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Advisory Committee (CHARAC), which is chaired by a member of the Institute of Infection and Immunity Advisory Board and is made up of members representing multiple CIHR Institutes, HIV/AIDS researchers, government, and HIV/ AIDS community organizations. Similarly, the Community-Based Research Program is guided by the wisdom of a steering committee including researchers and community members from both the general and Aboriginal communities. Nominations for both these committees are launched regularly on the CIHR website.

The CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Initiative strategic plan sets out six priority research themes, with which all HIV/AIDS research programs are aligned. The priority themes are:

- Health systems, services and policy;
- Resilience, vulnerability and determinants of health;
- Prevention technologies and interventions;
- Drug development, toxicities and resistance;
- Pathogenesis; and
- Issues of co-infection and co-morbidity.



Funding Opportunities

The CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Initiative offers funding opportunities for research, capacity building and knowledge translation activities across the spectrum of HIV/AIDS research.

Questions

For more information on the CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Initiative, visit the CIHR website at www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/25832.html or contact HIVAIDS-VIHSIDA@cihr-irsc.gc.ca