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Funding Opportunities from the Tri-Agency and CIHR Trainees in Health Research
Agenda

- Funding Opportunities
- Other Useful Information
- CIHR Training Resources
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Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/51917.html

This dedicated webpage contains valuable information for researchers, such as:

- Funding Opportunities
- Resources
- News
- FAQs
Throughout this presentation, tips and advice will be provided as each of the programs are being described. Be aware that most of these tips can be applied regardless of the program.

- Canada Graduate Scholarships Masters Awards (CGS M)
- Canada Graduate Scholarships Doctoral Awards (CGS D)
- Doctoral Foreign Study Award (DFSA)
- Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS)
- Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (MSFSS)
- CIHR Fellowship
- Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship

From any CIHR web page, modify the URL link by entering these 5 digits (http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/35273.html) for an easy access to complete listing of current and archived opportunities.
This program funds high caliber scholars who are engaged in eligible Masters or, in some cases, doctoral programs in Canada.

Annual Stipend: $17,500
Term: Up to 12-months
Application Deadline: December 1, 2022

For more information about this program:
www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/students-etudiants/pg-cs/cgsm-bescm_eng.asp
Email: CGSMA-BESCBM@cihr-irsc.gc.ca
Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master’s Program (CGS M)

Eligibility Criteria

• Open to Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada or a Protected Person under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada)

• Be enrolled in, have applied for, or will apply for full-time admission* to an eligible graduate program (master’s or doctoral) at a Canadian institution with a CGS M allocation

• Have completed, as of December 31 of the year of application:
  – between zero and 12 months of full-time studies (or full-time equivalent) in the program for which funding is requested; or,
  – between four and 12 months of full-time study (or full-time equivalent) in an eligible master’s program for which the degree requirements will be completed before activation of the award, allowing it to be activated during the subsequent doctoral program for which funding is requested

• Have achieved a first-class average as determined by the host institution, in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent). Institutions may, at their discretion, accept CGS M applications from individuals who have not obtained a first-class average.

This list is not exhaustive - Review the program’s literature for full list of eligibility requirements.
To apply to this funding opportunity, you are to submit an application via the [Research Portal](#), and not ResearchNet.

Candidates should inform their selected references to consult the [Information for References](#) hosted on NSERC web page to find out best practices and considerations as well as educate them about unconscious bias.
Tips for Applicants – CGS M

For applicants to CGS M specifically:

If you select *Health* as your Field of Research, you must also provide a CIHR Personal Identification Number (PIN). It takes up to one full working day to process your CIHR PIN Request.

For *program-related information*, contact the Faculty of Graduate Studies (or its equivalent) at the institution(s) where you intend to hold the award.

For *technical matters* related to the Research Portal: contact the [Helpdesk](#) or complete an [On-line Services Support Request](#)
# Doctoral Awards Programs

**Funding is available for** Doctoral studies in Canada and abroad, from these three envelopes of funding:

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**Reminder**

CGS D and DFSA are now 2 distinct funding opportunities.
Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS)

Open to Canadians, permanent residents of Canada, and foreign citizens and offered by CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC.

Aims to attract and retain world-class doctoral students by supporting students who demonstrate both leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies.

Applicants must be nominated by a Canadian Institution with a Vanier quota and awards can only be held at the nominating institution.

REMINDER: (Optional) Institutions may recommend an unlimited number of self-identified Indigenous applicants above their institutional quota.

Annual Value: $50,000  
Duration: 3 years (non-renewable)  
Institution Deadline: November 1, 2022

For more information about this program:  
www.vanier.gc.ca

Email: Vanier@cihr-irsc.gc.ca
Vanier CGS - Instructions to Applicants
### Vanier CGS - Selection process

#### Selection Criteria

Nominations will be evaluated and selected based on the following three (3) criteria (weighted equally):

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<td>Academic Excellence</td>
<td>As demonstrated by past academic results and by transcripts, awards, and distinctions</td>
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<td>Research Potential</td>
<td>As demonstrated by the candidate's research history, interest in discovery, proposed research and its potential contribution to advancement of knowledge in field and anticipated outcomes</td>
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<td>Leadership (Potential and Demonstrated Ability)</td>
<td>Personal achievement, involvement in academic life, volunteerism/community outreach, civic engagement or other</td>
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Candidates should consult the **Selection Criteria** on the website for more detailed information.
CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC have worked collaboratively on the Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral program (CGS D) in removing barriers and having consistent processes across the three agencies to simplify the application and adjudication processes.

The program supports high-caliber students engaged in doctoral programs in all academic disciplines (applicants should complete the agency application that is best aligned with their research subject matter).

The Doctoral Foreign Study Award (DFSA) program has also aligned with the harmonized CGS D aspects.
Optional Forms

**Voluntary Self-Identification for Indigenous Applicants (Optional)**

For candidates who want to self-identify as an Indigenous person (First Nation, Inuk (Inuit), or Métis) within their application.

**Self-Declaration of No Institutional Affiliation with a quota (Optional)**

For candidates who have not been affiliated with an Institution with a quota for CIHR within the calendar year of their application.

An application that includes a **Self-Declaration of No Institutional Affiliation with a Quota form** within should not be submitted to the institution where studies are intended to be pursued, but rather directly to CIHR by the applicant (see [flowchart](#)).
Doctoral Awards – CGS D & DFSA

The Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral Program (CGS D) is available on a common landing page hosted on NSERC’s website: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSD-BESCD_eng.asp

Supervisor’s CV is no longer a requirement, although at least one primary supervisor must still be identified as part of the application.
Doctoral Awards – CGS D & DFSA

In addition to the harmonized program description hosted on NSERC’s website, candidates have access to various information and useful links located on the CIHR website at [http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50513.html](http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50513.html).

It is strongly suggested that you familiarize yourself with the information contained in these links to increase the success of your application.
Each institution will review and submit their best applications to CIHR based on their quotas.

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Notes:
1. Remember that each Canadian Institution may set an internal deadline in advance of CIHR. Consult with your Institution to find out about their internal deadline.
2. If the deadline falls on a weekend, the deadline is set to the next business day before 8:00 p.m.
3. Deadline of October 17th applies to CGS D and DFSA competitions.
Are you currently registered in a degree program?

YES

Is it a foreign or Canadian institution?

Canadian

Does your institution have a quota?

YES

Apply through the institution at which you are currently registered

Select this institution from the drop down menu of the “Institution Paid” field within your application

Manually enter “CIHR” in the “Other” field as the “Institution Paid” within your application

Directly to CIHR

Foreign

Directly to CIHR*

NO

Directly to CIHR

Were you registered in a Canadian degree program during the calendar year of application?

YES

Does the institution of which you were registered have a quota?

YES

Apply through the institution at which you were registered

Select this institution from the drop down menu of the “Institution Paid” field within your application

Manually enter “CIHR” in the “Other” field as the “Institution Paid” within your application

Directly to CIHR

NO

Manually enter “CIHR” in the “Other” field as the “Institution Paid” within your application

Directly to CIHR

NO

Manually enter the non-Canadian institution in the “Other” field as the “Institution Paid” within your application

Directly to CIHR

* If pursuing a doctoral degree in a health-related field abroad, applicants must apply to the CIHR Doctoral Foreign Study Award (DFSA) competition. These applicants must manually enter the foreign institution in the “Other” field under “Institution Paid” within their ResearchNet application.
Application deadlines – CGS D & DFSA

**CGS D (Quotas)**

**INSTITUTION DEADLINE**

Applications submitted through the Institution

Deadline will be set by the institution*

The institution will review all applications received and submit the best applications to CIHR (according to their quota)

Applications from self-identified Indigenous applicants may be submitted beyond the institution’s quota.

**Quota.** Maximum number of applications an institution can forward to the agency.

**CGS D (Non-Quotas) & DFSA**

**AGENCY DEADLINE**

Applications submitted directly to CIHR

Deadline is on October 17 before 8:00 pm (ET)

* There could be an internal deadline in advance of the CIHR deadline.

Don’t wait to the last minute! Start working on your application several weeks before the deadline.
Harmonized Eligibility Criteria

- Open to Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada or Protected Persons, as of the application deadline

- Have completed **no more than 24 months** of full-time study in their doctoral program by December 31 of the calendar year of application if previously enrolled in a graduate program

- Have completed **no more than 36 months** of full-time study in their joint program by December 31 of the calendar year of application if enrolled in a joint program, such as MD/PhD, MA/PhD, regardless if previously enrolled in a master’s program

- Have completed **no more than 36 months** of full-time study in their doctoral program by December 31 of the calendar year of application if enrolled directly from a bachelor’s to a PhD program (not previously enrolled in a graduate program)

An applicant who commenced studies in a doctoral program directly from an undergraduate program (i.e., never enrolled in a Master’s program) must be enrolled in their doctoral program at the time of application - These applicants may be eligible to apply to the [CGS M program](#) for their first year of doctoral funding.
Harmonized Eligibility Criteria – Cont’d

• Applicants can submit a maximum of one scholarship application per academic year to either CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC. Nominations to the Vanier CGS program and applications to the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships program do not count toward this limit (other exceptions may apply to CIHR internships)

• Applicants cannot have already received a doctoral-level scholarship from CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC (does not apply to CIHR Fellowships)

Eligibility is based on the number of months of full-time study in the degree for which the applicant is requesting funding by December 31 of the calendar year of application. Two-terms of part-time study count as one term of full-time study.

An eligible doctoral program must include a significant research component.
CGS D & DFSA – Selection process

Selection Criteria

1. Research Ability and Potential (50%)
   • Quality of research proposal
   • Relevant training
   • Research experience and achievements relative to stage of study
   • Quality of contributions to advance the field of research
   • Sound judgment and critical thinking skills
   • Demonstration of responsible and ethical research conduct
   • Enthusiasm for research, originality, initiative, autonomy, relevant community involvement and outreach
   • Oral and written scientific communication skills

2. Relevant experience and achievements obtained within and beyond academia (50%)
   • Scholarships, awards and distinctions (amount, duration and prestige)
   • Academic record
   • Professional, academic and extracurricular activities as well as collaborations with supervisors, colleagues, peers, students and members of the community

Annex A of the CIHR Reviewer’s Guide for Fellowship Awards provides detailed information on these Evaluation criteria.
Candidates submitting a research project summary and/or Training Expectations in French for their doctoral application (CGS D / DFSA) will be allowed to submit additional pages, in support of evidence demonstrating that French documents require approximately 20% more space than similar English documents.

**Research Project Summary**
- Written in English ► 1 page
- Written in French ► 1.5 pages

**Training Expectations**
- Written in English ► 2 pages
- Written in French ► 2.5 pages

Although ResearchNet is not designed to only allow for the upload of half pages, text included in these sections must not exceed limits above or will be removed with no further notification to the Nominated Principal Applicant by CIHR.

It is at the discretion of each institution to follow up with their applicants who have exceeded the page limits allowed, so that they can rectify their application, **before their Institution’s internal deadline or CIHR’s deadline, whichever comes first.**

For more information, consult the [Acceptable Application Formats and PDF Attachments](#) and the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) CIHR web pages.
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▪ Complete the *Doctoral Studies Timelines* form – it must be uploaded as one single PDF with transcripts.  
▪ Complete the *Confirmation of Scientific Area* form – it must be uploaded as one single PDF.  
▪ **Optional**! For candidates who have not been affiliated with an Institution with a quota for CIHR within the calendar year of their application a *Self-Declaration of No Institutional Affiliation with a quota* form must be included – it must be uploaded as one single PDF under “Other”.  
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| Apply to Priority Announcements / Funding Pools (Optional) | ▪ It increases funding success if the application is relevant to a specific CIHR research area – can be considered for up to three areas.  
▪ The [Canada Graduate Scholarship to honor Nelson Mandela](https://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/75166.html) is listed as a Priority Announcement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
## CGS D & DFSA – Tips for success

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<td>Enter Proposal Information</td>
<td>▪ Indicate the institution that will administer the funds as early as possible in order to view their internal deadline (CGS D applications only). ▪ Use full page allowances* and adhere to format guidelines (e.g. font, page limits). ▪ Carefully read instructions related to <em>Training Expectations</em> and <em>Research Project Summary</em> sections, as they align with the evaluation criteria.</td>
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*Note: Page allowance vary depending on official language selected.*

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**It is important for candidates to familiarize themselves with the CIHR Doctoral Research Awards – Application instructions**
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<td><strong>Note:</strong> For CGS D application submitted to an institution with a quota, it is the responsibility of the Scholarships Liaison Officer (or equivalent) to inform applicants of the outcome of the institution’s internal selection process</td>
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Fellowship Awards Programs

Funding is available for Post-Docs and Post-Health professionals in Canada and abroad

Two envelopes of funding:

• **Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship**
  - Endorsement from Host Institution required
  - Intended for students pursuing research training

• **CIHR Fellowship**
  - Intended to:
    - PhD holder pursuing a Post-PhD
    - Health Professional pursuing a graduate degree or a research training.

Peer Review Opportunity

Depending on expertise requirements, there are opportunities for Postdoctoral Fellows to participate in evaluating applications for CIHR’s Doctoral Research Awards. For more information, please see the peer review pilot studies.
Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships

✓ Aims to attract and retain top-tier postdoctoral talent nationally and internationally;

✓ Develop their leadership potential;

✓ Position them for success as research leaders of tomorrow, positively contributing to Canada's economic, social and research-based growth through a research-intensive career.

For more information about this program: http://banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca

Email: Banting@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

Annual Value: $70,000
Duration: 2 years
Application Deadline: ► September 21, 2022

Note:
Institutions may have prior internal deadlines
Selection process

Selection Criteria

Applications are evaluated based on the following three criteria (weighted equally):

1) Research excellence and leadership in the research domain
2) Quality of applicant's proposed research program
3) Institutional commitment and demonstrated synergy between applicant and institutional strategic priorities

Applicants should read the Selection committee guide prior to commencing their application as it contains valuable information on how these criteria are evaluated.
## CIHR Fellowship

This program provides support for highly-qualified candidate trainees in all areas of health research at the post-PhD degree or post-health professional degree stages to add to their experience by engaging in health research either in Canada or abroad.

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<td><strong>Term:</strong> Up to 5 years</td>
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The CIHR Fellowship program will be launched on July 7, 2022.

Canadian Institutions may have an [internal deadline](#) ahead of CIHR.
CIHR Fellowship

Eligibility Criteria

- The candidate must be a trainee.
- A primary supervisor must be identified on the application. An additional supervisor may also be identified.
- As of the application deadline, the candidate must hold OR be completing a PhD or regulated health professional degree.
  - The candidate must expect to have completed all degree requirements by the latest date on which they may commence their award.
  - Health Professional degree holders may request support to pursue a graduate degree or to pursue post-degree research.
- Canadian citizens and permanent residents are eligible to hold awards in Canada or abroad; foreign applicants are eligible to hold awards in Canada.
- Applicants must complete one of CIHR’s three interactive modules on sex and gender in research

For more information visit the CIHR Health Research Training Award Programs webpage
CIHR Fellowship - Selection process

Evaluation Criteria

1. Achievements and Activities of the Candidate (60%)
   - Training Expectations (10%)
   - Proposed Research Project (10%)
   - Honours, Awards and Academic Distinction (10%)
   - Publications and Related Research Achievements (30%)

2. Sponsor’s Assessment of the Candidate’s Characteristics and Abilities (20%)

3. Research Training Environment (20%)

Annex A of the CIHR Reviewer’s Guide for Fellowship Awards provides detailed information on these Evaluation criteria.
## CIHR Fellowship – Tips for your application

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▪ You may identify an additional supervisor in the role of “Supervisor”.  
▪ It is the applicant’s responsibility to obtain their supervisor(s)’ CCV confirmation number and enter it in this section.                                     |
| Enter Proposal Information   | ▪ It is important to justify if a research proposal exceptionally lacks sex and gender considerations.  
▪ Carefully read instructions and respond to all aspects.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Complete Application         | ▪ Carefully read instructions related to the adjudication criteria in Appendix A.  
▪ Use full page allowances and adhere to format guidelines (e.g. font, page limits) and proofread your application (grammar and spelling).                                                                                       |
| Identify Sponsors            | ▪ Three (3) sponsor assessments are required.  
▪ Applicants can manage the deadline by which sponsors must submit their assessment.  
▪ Refer your sponsors to the Information to Sponsors web page, so they can follow best practices and limit unconscious bias.                                                                                                      |

It is important for candidates to familiarize themselves with the CIHR Fellowship Awards– Application instructions.
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• **Note:** It is highly recommended that applicants submit their application well ahead of the CIHR deadline. If the applicant's institution is part of eApproval, their institution's research office may return the application to the applicant with comments or questions. |

Applicants may submit their application in the official language of their choice.
**CIHR Fellowship - Tips for Applicants**

**Candidates are encouraged/required to...**

- Start several weeks before the deadline
- Work on the research proposal in collaboration with your supervisor
- Proofread your application (grammar and spelling)
- Show the complete application to your supervisor and other researchers for feedback
- Ensure consistency between the various sections of your application
- Ensure that the overall goal of the project is clearly explained

- **All ResearchNet tasks must be listed as complete in order to allow successful application submission.**
- **Do not wait until the last minute to submit your application!**
Candidates are encouraged/required to… (Cont’d)

✓ Follow instructions and adhere to format guidelines (e.g., font, page limits)

✓ Use full page allowances and/or characters limits

✓ Obtain the CCV confirmation number from your supervisor(s) in order to attach their CCV to the application

✓ Submit CCV well in advance of the competition deadline (during peak periods, there can be a delay between the time that the CCV is being submitted and when ResearchNet is able to validate it, which could prevent successful submission of the application).

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.
CIHR Fellowship – Useful Resources

Visit the CIHR Health Research Training Award Programs website, under the Postdoctoral/Degree Fellows tab, there is useful information links (https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50513.html#details-panel3).

Find useful information to increase application success – Have a look!
Strategic Awards Programs for Doctoral trainees & Postdoctoral Researchers

Health System Impact Fellowship (HSIF)

- General objective: Provides **doctoral and post-doctoral** awardees with an embedded research opportunity within health systems and related organizations where they will dedicate most of their time towards a co-developed program of work that advances the organization’s impact goals and contributes to improved health system performance.
- Anticipated launch: **November 2022**

CGEn HostSeq/CIHR Joint Postdoctoral Fellowship

- General objective: Provide **postdoctoral researchers** in the field of human genetics and bioinformatics with the opportunity to utilize large-scale genomic and clinical data from CGEn’s HostSeq Databank to support their research.
- Application deadline: **July 14, 2022**
## Support for Early Career Researchers

CIHR provides support to ECRs through **grants and awards**:

### RECENT EXAMPLES

- **Project Grants**
  - Generally, and Priority Announcements that include an ECR focus

- **Canada Research Chairs**

- **Research Training Platforms/Entities and other Funding Opportuning with a training focus**
  - Participation in a variety of roles

- **Early Career Investigator Awards**
  - Multiple opportunities led by one or several of the CIHR Institutes and Initiatives

- **Early Career/New Investigator Grants**
  - Multiple opportunities led by one or several of the CIHR Institutes and Initiatives
Support for Early Career Researchers

CIHR provides support to ECRs through other activities, resources, practices and policies:

- **College of Reviewers – Reviewer Pathway**
  - Suite of learning programs across career phases, including ECR, to develop peer review skills
  - [https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/51666.html](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/51666.html)

- **Networking**
  - Institute-led New Investigator/Career Workshops

- **Policies**
  - Experiential leave (unpaid)

- **Practices**
  - Funding equalization for ECRs
  - ECR eligibility window (extended due to COVID-19)
Other Useful Information
CGS Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (CGS MSFSS)

This program funds existing Canadian Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (Vanier CGS) and Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS) Master’s or Doctoral award recipients interested in building global linkages and international networks through the pursuit of exceptional short-term research experiences at research institutions outside of Canada.

**Supplement:** up to $6,000  
**Term:** 2 to 6 months  
**Application Deadline:**  
June 10 and October 10 each year

To benefit from this program, candidates must have accepted or hold a CGS (Master or Doctoral) or CGS Vanier and not have previously held a CGS MSFSS.
Sponsor Assessments

Candidates should choose sponsors that know them well enough to be able:

✓ to assess their potential
✓ to provide specific examples of their behaviour with respect to each characteristic on the sponsor assessment form

Candidates are responsible to instruct their selected sponsors to consult the Information for sponsors web page for useful tips.

To know….

Applicants can manage the deadline by which sponsors must submit their assessments.

By default, the Sponsor Required Deadline in ResearchNet is set for two days before the application deadline. However, applicants can adjust this to any date prior to the application deadline.

Access a PDF version of the Sponsor Assessment form to help you better understand what it consists of: https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/797.html
Restrictions

Applications submitted to more than one competition

This restriction also applies to the Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master (CGS M) competition, even if the platform used is the Research Portal, and not ResearchNet.

Applicants may only submit an application to one competition per academic year (September 1st to August 31st) for funding from any of these granting agencies:

- Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
- Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

Any exceptions to this rule will be indicated within the funding opportunity to which you are applying.
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CIHR Training Modules

CIHR has created a series of research training modules to ensure trainees are aware of and can integrate emerging practices to advance rigorous and responsible research.

- Global Health Research Training Module
- Sex and Gender Considerations
- Research Involving First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples of Canada
- Bias in Peer Review Training Module
- The TCPS2 Tutorial Course on Research Ethics
- CIHR Research Data Management (RDM) Learning Module
- Ethics in Research: A Science Lifecycle Approach
- College of Reviewers

http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50517.html
Individual Development Plans

CIHR encourages the use of Individual Development Plans (IDPs) to empower trainees to prepare for the career(s) of their choice.

What are Individual Development Plans (IDPs)?
IDPs help individuals to prepare for their career by encouraging exploration and the identification of career goals and the intentional planning of short and long-term strategies to attain these goals.

5 steps to develop and complete an effective IDP

For more information on how to fill out an IDP, check out the CIHR IDP webpage for useful resources, including:
- Step by step guide to IDP
- IDP tip sheet
- IDP learning modules (for trainees and mentors)
- CIHR IDP Form (revised)

** Alternate IDP forms may exist at your university. **
Benefits of IDP Use

Active career management, such as using the IDP tool, has been shown to:

- Decrease time to degree completion
- Increase success in securing research funding (e.g., scholarships and awards)
- Enhance access to career advice
- Create better career outcomes for trainees
- Increase career satisfaction

Learn more about the benefits of IDPs for:
- **Trainees**
- **Mentors**
- **Canadian Economy**
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at CIHR
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at CIHR: Self-Identification

CIHR has committed to identifying and eliminating systematic biases against any individual or group that would hinder access to CIHR funds.

Reliable and comparable data is essential to identify, track and monitor equitable access to research funds.
  - Data collection has been harmonized across the Tri Agencies

All applicant participants on submissions to all CIHR programs are asked to fill out an Equity and Diversity Questionnaire.

Five questions: gender, age, Indigenous identity, visible minority identity, and person with disabilities.
  - Each question has “I prefer not to answer” option
Equity and Diversity Questionnaire

Links

CIHR is committed to ensuring the fair treatment of all participants, and the questionnaire is a tool that will allow CIHR to monitor the equity performance of its programs.

You are invited to view more information at the following links:

- Message from the Associate Vice-President: CIHR launches new Equity and Diversity Questionnaire for applicants
- How to complete the Equity and Diversity Questionnaire
- Frequently Asked Questions about the Equity and Diversity Questionnaire
THANK YOU!