



February 23, 2021

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

From February 2 to February 23, 2021

- [Operating Grant - SARS-CoV-2 variants supplement: COVID-19 Rapid Research Funding Opportunity](#)
- [Operating Grant - Joint Programme on Neurodegenerative Disease Research \(JPND\) 2021](#)
- [Operating Grant - CIHR Network for Emerging Variants Research](#)
- [Other - CIHR-CEPI Leadership Award for Vaccine Research](#)
- [Operating Grant - New Investigator Grants in Child and Youth Health \(2021\)](#)
- [Project Grant - Spring 2021 Priority Announcement \(Specific Research Areas\)](#)
- [Catalyst Grant - STBBI Research in Canada: Beyond HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C](#)

View these opportunities in the [CIHR Funding Opportunity Database](#).

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## CIHR STRATEGIC PLAN 2021–2031: A VISION FOR A HEALTHIER FUTURE

### A message from Dr. Michael Strong, President, CIHR

I am pleased to present the new [CIHR Strategic Plan 2021–2031: A Vision for a Healthier Future](#).

This plan reflects the vision and strategic direction of our Governing Council, and builds on CIHR's successes over the past 20 years in supporting a community of health researchers that is stronger and more diverse than ever before.

I am also pleased to present the [Action Plan for Year 1 \(2021–22\)](#), the first installment of a series of annual action plans that will assist CIHR as we implement the Strategic Plan.

I invite you to read the Strategic Plan and 2021-

2022 Action Plan and hope you will join us on our journey to achieve the best health for all, powered by outstanding research.

[Read more](#)



Online discussion

## Systemic Racism in Canada's health research funding system



### REMINDER: CIHR ONLINE DISCUSSION ON SYSTEMIC RACISM IN CANADA'S HEALTH RESEARCH FUNDING SYSTEM

CIHR is grateful for the participation in the online discussion on systemic racism in Canada's health research funding system thus far. There is still time to join the conversation. The online discussion is open until April 9, 2021.

To participate in the online discussion, we invite individuals to visit the [Let's Talk CIHR](#) webpage, click on "REGISTER to get involved", and follow the prompts to register for and join the online discussion. Please contact [edi@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:edi@cihr-irsc.gc.ca) if you have any questions.



### ON THE MIC WITH MIKE

In this episode of On the Mic with Mike, Dr. Strong meets Dr. Patricia Conrod, a clinical psychologist and professor of psychiatry at Université de Montréal. Dr. Conrod researches the developing adolescent brain, with a particular focus on the impact of the early use of cannabis, alcohol, and tobacco.

On the Mic with Mike #6:

[Dr. Patricia Conrod on the developing adolescent brain](#)

[View previous episodes](#)

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## GACD FUNDING CALL TOPICS

CIHR is pleased to share the areas of focus for the next three funding calls from the [Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases \(GACD\)](#):

**2021:** NCD prevention in adolescents, young adults and other vulnerable stages across the life course

**2022:** Interventions in urban environments to reduce NCD risk

**2023:** Integrated management of multimorbidity

Further information on the call topics are available on the [GACD website](#).

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COVID-19 rapid research response

## Impacts of COVID-19 on women's mental health and substance use



## COVID-19 AND MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE VIRTUAL LEARNING SERIES

### The impact of COVID-19 on women's mental health and substance use

On International Women's Day, CIHR's Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction (INMHA) is hosting a virtual learning event to discuss the impacts of COVID-19 on women's mental health and substance use. The event will highlight results from the [Knowledge Synthesis Grant: COVID-19 Rapid Research Funding Opportunity in Mental Health and Substance Use](#) and how the research can be used to inform policies, practices, guidelines and programs to improve the mental wellness of women in Canada.

**When:** Monday, March 8, 2021 at 11:00 am ET

**Duration:** 2 hours

[Join the event](#)

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## WEBINAR: EPIDEMIC PREPAREDNESS THROUGH VACCINE INNOVATIONS WITH CIHR & CEPI

Join us on March 4th at 1pm (ET) for more information from CEPI and CIHR on the current mid-career funding opportunity and to hear Dr. Melanie Saville (Director of Vaccine Research and Development at CEPI)

present on CEPI's portfolio and approach to accelerating vaccine development.

[Register now](#)

## We want to hear from you!

We're inviting **older adults** and **caregivers** to join the new CIHR Institute of Aging **Older Adult Advisory Council**.



### JOIN OUR NEW OLDER ADULT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Institute of Aging (IA) wants to hear from you! We are seeking applications from older adults, aged 60 years and over, and caregivers of older adults, who live across Canada and are passionate about healthy aging to join our new Older Adult Advisory Council. The deadline for application is March 31, 2021.

[Learn more](#)

## Help improve Canada's population cohort landscape



 Canadian Institutes of Health Research  
Instituts de recherche en santé du Canada

  
GenomeCanada



### HELP IMPROVE CANADA'S POPULATION COHORT LANDSCAPE

IHR and Genome Canada are leading an engagement process to examine how best to optimize the collection and analysis of population health data in Canada. If you would like to contribute, please complete the survey by March 1, 2021:

[Academic version](#)

[Broad health research community version](#)

## SCIENTIFIC DIRECTORS' CORNER

### SUCDI'S STORY: A JOURNEY FROM PATIENT TO ADVOCATE

A message from Dr. Brian H. Rowe

For this year's Heart Health Month, we are spotlighting our new Institute Advisory Board member, Ms. Sucdi Barre, to share her story of resilience and hope. Sucdi and I recently met virtually to discuss her unique lived experience as a patient.



[Read more](#)

## NEWS TO KNOW

- [Government of Canada invests \\$53 million to address COVID-19 virus variants of concern](#)
- [Health Data Research Network Canada and the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging partner to enable data linkage](#)

Help us [share](#) the results of *your* CIHR-funded research!



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