Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Funding Workshop

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Graduate Student Perspective

CIHR Masters Award *(wait-listed then awarded)*
  *Application year – 2014*
CIHR Doctoral Award
  *Application year – 2016*
CIHR Vanier Doctoral Award
  *Application year – 2016*
CIHR Health Systems Impact Doctoral Award
  *Application year – 2018*
CIHR Travel Award
  *Application year - 2019*
Application Process

Typical components of CIHR applications:
• Canadian Common CV
• Publications list
• Research project summary
• Space, facilities, and personnel support
• Lay title and abstract
• Training expectations
• Transcript
• Three references
Application Timeline

Considerations:

• Preference for ‘part-time’ vs. ‘full-time’ focus
• References availability and preferences
• Submission date for references
• Co-occurring course requirements
• Institution signatures
Application Content

Consider CIHR literally

**Canadians** (and beyond)

**Health** specific

**Research** experiences, abilities, and plan

- Can be hard to balance: feasibility and perceived importance and long-term goals of the project

- Read *all* instructions on CIHR’s website, researchnet site, and the CCV website

- Ask for clarification early

- Read the information boxes
Application Review

Consider:
• varying input based on the application and specific documents
  • E.g., lay abstract vs project summary
  • your willingness to revise your documents depending on how finalized you think your documents are
• the skills and perspectives that you’re hoping to gain from the individuals reviewing your documents
• requesting review at different stages of your application preparation
Miscellaneous Tips

• National funding is difficult to get!
• You will typically have the chance to try again if not achieved on the first round
• Watch for institute specific opportunities
• Watch for new doctoral funding opportunities through CIHR
• You can consider the statistics of funding for specific awards
• Applications take a long time to prepare, expect this and prepare for it (e.g., stock up on your favourite study snacks)
• Your McGill colleagues can be an important source of support – they are not your enemy!
Help with Writing

**Graphos**
Fellowship Writing Workshops

**McGill Writing Centre**
Tutorial Service: Can book up to 7 hours/semester. Appointments fill quickly so book in advance!

**SKILLSETS**
Would You Fund It? Fellowship Consultation Session