



## MSFHR at a Glance

As BC's provincial health research support agency, the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) supports a strong research enterprise that's recognized worldwide for innovative discoveries that improve health and save lives.

### What we do:

- Recruit and retain top scientists and help them build strong research programs.
- Fund and mentor up-and-coming investigators.
- Coordinate sharing of research resources across the province.
- Fund and manage research that improves our health system.

### MSFHR programs

With a province-wide view on health research gaps and opportunities, we focus on two priorities:

#### Investments in people and resources

**We build BC's capacity for world-class research by funding the best:**

- Our researchers are active across BC, examining everything from cells and genes to treatments and cures, disease prevention, and health system improvements.
- Our award competitions have funded more than 1,450 researchers — from students to senior investigators — and 65 research teams.
- Investments in research create jobs for scientists, research assistants and lab technicians. Our awards have a multiplier effect, enabling researchers to attract national and international funding to advance knowledge.
- We fund systems and networks to share resources across the province, including BC BioLibrary, BC Clinical Genomics Network, BC Proteomics Network, Centre for Drug Research and Development, and Population Data BC.

#### Solutions for BC's health system

**We put research knowledge to use to improve health care:**

- We fund and manage projects that target gaps in health research, including:
  - BC Nursing Research Initiative to support research on nursing practice and policy.
  - Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning System (MELS) to evaluate health system change initiatives.
  - BC Ethics Harmonization Initiative to fast-track the ethics review process for multi-centre research studies.
  - Rapid response research on urgent issues like emerging infectious diseases.
- We host forums and workshops on how to promote and use research evidence effectively.
- We bring together BC's universities, health authorities, charitable organizations and government for health research planning and action.

MSFHR is funded by the Government of British Columbia. Our name honours Nobel Laureate Dr. Michael Smith (1932 – 2000), a pre-eminent BC scientist committed to supporting researchers throughout their careers.