

SUPPORTING BC RESEARCHERS

The **Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR)**, funded by the province of British Columbia, is BC's health research funding agency. MSFHR helps develop, retain and recruit the talented people whose research improves the health of British Columbians, addresses health system priorities, creates jobs and adds to the knowledge economy.

In 2016, MSFHR launched a refreshed suite of eight targeted funding programs, developed based on extensive consultations and environmental scanning to ensure they meet the needs of BC's health research and life sciences community.

Since its inception in 2001, MSFHR has been a key participant in BC's health research and life sciences ecosystem. The Foundation works as a trusted partner with government, the health research community and the health system to support better health outcomes through research and its translation into new treatments, cures, practices and solutions.

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RESEARCH TRAINEE PROGRAM



Purpose: Supports health researchers in the training phase of their research career to enable career development and the long-term success of the BC health research landscape.

- Identifies and develops talented post-doctoral or health professional trainees and develops their careers in health research
- Helps post-doctoral researchers increase their, and their mentor labs', research productivity
- Prepares post-doctoral researchers for successful careers in research, biotech, health policy and more
- Award term: up to three years

INNOVATION TO COMMERCIALIZATION (I2C) PROGRAM



Purpose: Supports researchers to advance their discoveries or inventions towards practical application, enriching BC's health innovation ecosystem.

- Increases the potential commercial viability of researchers' inventions or discoveries
- Helps facilitate collaboration and attract further downstream investment from partners
- Enhances and strengthens the value of researchers' intellectual property
- New for 2018: Supplemental funding for experiential training offered with the Mitacs Accelerate program
- Award term: up to four years

SCHOLAR PROGRAM



Purpose: Supports early career health researchers to form their own research teams and develop research programs that advance cutting-edge health solutions.

- Identifies and develops outstanding BC health researchers who are within five years from the start of their first institutional appointment as an independent investigator
- Helps researchers start and develop new programs of research
- Protects researcher's time to conduct research, develop an independent research career and attract additional research funding
- Award term: five years

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL- INVESTIGATOR (HP-I) PROGRAM



Purpose: Supports health professionals to conduct research with the goal of bringing research evidence into practice within the health system.

- Identifies health professionals with a high potential for sustained research success
- Helps advance the research careers of health professionals
- Allows health professionals to link their practical knowledge in the care and treatment of patients to important research questions that can lead to improved quality of care
- Award term: up to five years

REACH PROGRAM

Purpose: Supports health researchers and research users to disseminate the outputs of health research.

- Supports researcher and research user partners to co-develop dissemination activities that will inform and/or improve further health research, practice and/or policy-making
- Supports the dissemination of research evidence beyond the normal peer group of the researcher
- Builds capacity in KT experience and skills for research or health professional trainees
- Award term: up to 12 months

CONVENING & COLLABORATING (C²) PROGRAM

Purpose: Supports collaborative activities (such as stakeholder consultations, public engagement or co-development of research or methodologies) between health researchers and research users.

- Brings health researchers and research users together to plan or co-develop shared activities
- Encourages the use of research evidence in practice, policy, and further research through the exchange of knowledge
- Supports activities targeting research that addresses BC health system priority areas
- Award term: up to 12 months

IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE TEAM PROGRAM

Purpose: Supports teams of health researchers, research users and decision-makers to plan, conduct and study the implementation of health-related interventions.

- Supports the implementation and/or adaptation of specific health-related interventions for a larger scale or in new settings
- Improves health and health services by fostering the systematic uptake of research findings and evidence-based practices
- Enhances BC's implementation science capacity
- Award term: Development grant - Six months
Project grant - Up to three years

HEALTH POLICY FELLOWSHIP



Purpose: Unites policy needs with outcomes/solutions by connecting post-doctoral (PhD, MD) health researchers with health policy decision-makers.

- Provides health policy decision-makers with individuals possessing valuable health research expertise
- Builds relationships between health researchers and decision-makers
- Provides post-doctoral researchers real-world health policy experience by embedding them within the BC Ministry of Health or a BC-based health authority
- Award term: up to 12 months