2022 Convening & Collaborating / 2022 Reach

Competition Information Session

Asta Jureliaviciute | Research Competitions
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As a provincial organization, our work extends across many Indigenous lands and territories throughout British Columbia. We acknowledge with respect and humility that our Vancouver offices are located on the traditional and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səl̓ilwətaʔɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.
Info Session Agenda

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About Michael Smith Health Research BC

The Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) and the British Columbia Academic Health Science Network (BC AHSN) have joined forces to create a dynamic and integrated health research organization, 

**Michael Smith Health Research BC**, to support the growth and evolution of BC’s vibrant health research system and life sciences sector.

Dr. Michael Smith (1932-2000)
Overview of Convening & Collaborating (C²) & Reach program
Knowledge Translation Programs: Convening & Collaborating (C²) & Reach

Convening and Collaborating (C²) Program
Support the co-development of research activities

Reach Program
Support the dissemination of health research outputs

C² and Reach are KT awards providing $15,000 for a maximum of 18 months for research and research user teams
## Convening & Collaborating (C²) & Reach

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<td>To facilitate the co-development of tools, activities, and events to disseminate research evidence at the end of research cycle</td>
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| Award Amount & Duration | Up to $15,000 for 18* months (*All activities must be planned to occur within the first 12 months of the award) |

| Minimum Team Composition | Researcher Co-Lead + Research User Co-Lead + Trainee (can be a research user co-lead) |

| Other eligibility requirements | * Must be based at an eligible BC host institution  
* Award funds must be used in BC |

| Competition Dates | Competition Launch: **April 7, 2022**  
Application due date: **May 16, 2022 at 4:30 pm**  
Award Start Date: **October 1, 2022** |
Insights from a C\textsuperscript{2} and Reach award recipient

Dr. Liisa Galea

- Professor, Department of Psychology, University of British Columbia
- Member of the Centre for Brain Health
- Health Advisor to Vice-President Research and Innovation at UBC
- Lead of the Women’s Health Research Cluster at UBC
- Scientific Advisor at Women’s Health Research Institute

2019 Convening and Collaborating award

Brain Exchange: Engaging Inter-disciplinary Perspectives to Support Women’s Brain Health Research User Co-lead – Shirley Weir, Menopause Chicks

2020 Reach award

Women’s health knowledge translation initiative & science communication training program Co-Lead – Katherine Moore, UBC
Notes from a C2 and Reach Awardee

Liisa Galea, Ph.D.
Centre for Brain Health,
Dept of Psychology,
Graduate Program in Neuroscience

Laboratory of
BEHAVIOURAL
Neuroendocrinology
Women’s Brain Health Conference

- 1 Keynote
- 2 Workshops: Women’s Health Advocacy, Women’s Brain-Mind Connection
- 6 Symposia
- 2 Networking sessions
- 5 Trainee-Mentor Sessions: Organized in collaboration with the IGH Trainee Network
- 367 Attendees worldwide (including 173 trainees).
- 1 FT staff, 2 part time staff and 1 volunteer engaged.

Bonnie Lee,
PhD Student UBC Neuroscience
Reach

Women’s Health Blog

- Ranked #9 women’s health blog worldwide by Feedspot
- Two COVID19 blogs have >50K views each
- **Behind the Science** Series
- **Student-led:** 2 PT editors, 1 PT communications, & 4 volunteer expert reviewers
- Other staff/volunteers: 1 FT manager & 1 PT volunteer KT professional

Alex Lukey, PhD student
Population and Public Health

Arrthy Thayaparan, MA student
Journalism

Katherine Moore, WHRC Coordinator
Reach

Women’s Health Interrupted

- First episode was the 3rd most listened to on the UBC Medicine Learning Network
- Listeners from North America, UK, Saudia Arabia, Africa, Germany, Bangladesh, Hong Kong and Iceland.
- Highlighted at an International Women’s Day event within the UBC Faculty of Medicine as a women’s health learning resource

Sidney Klips-Hryciuk, BA student
Political Science/Global Health/Theatre

Rebecca Baron, BA student
Global Health and Nutrition
Convening and Collaborating ($C^2$) Award Details
CONVENING & COLLABORATING (C²) PROGRAM

A team of health researchers and research users co-developing a project addressing BC health system priorities

A C² award provides:
- $15,000 to be used within 12 months
- Support for knowledge translation activities that bring researchers and research users together

C² awards enable researchers and research users to:
- Share expertise and knowledge
- Co-develop research that is relevant to patients and a diverse range of stakeholders
- Build capacity in knowledge translation

Benefits to BC:
- Advance research aligned with BC health system priorities for use in planning, policy, and practice
- Increases the likelihood research findings will be relevant to patients, health practitioners, policy makers, and other stakeholders
Objectives of C^2 Awards

- Support meaningful collaboration and knowledge sharing between health researchers and research users. These collaborations increase the likelihood that research findings will be relevant to the users.

- Support the co-development of research questions and processes.

- Build KT capacity, experience and skills in BC’s research and health professional trainees.
Examples of Supported Research Activities – C²

- Developing **research questions** or **plans** that could form the basis of a grant application.
- Developing an **integrated KT plan** as part of a research project or program.
- Developing a plan to **implement research evidence** and/or study the implementation of research evidence.
- **Stakeholder engagement partnership** (e.g. workshop or symposium) regarding health research needs, gaps, and opportunities, priority policy issues and/or priority research questions.
- Building a new **partnership**.
- Evaluating a **peer support initiative**.
Examples of Successful C² Applications

- *Kitchen Table Justice: Co-Developing Indigenous-informed Food Justice Participatory Action Research Strategy to Support Holistic Health & Redress Health Inequities with Paroled Women in BC*
  
  Helen Brown (University of British Columbia), Angel Willard (BC Centre of Excellence for Women’s Health)

- *Co-developing a digital health systems research program to support cultural safety and health equity for Two-Spirit, transgender and nonbinary patients in British Columbia*
  
  Karen Courtney (University of Victoria), Lorraine Grieves (PHSA)

- *Co-Creating Fraser Health’s Partner-Centred Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Research Priorities*
  
  Janice Sorensen (Fraser Heath Authority), Adriaan Windt (Fraser Heath Authority)

[https://www.msfhr.org/funding/awards-database](https://www.msfhr.org/funding/awards-database)
Reach Award Details
REACH PROGRAM

A team of health researchers and research users with knowledge to disseminate

A Reach award provides:
- $15,000 to be used within 12 months
- Support for the dissemination of health research outputs

Reach awards enable researchers and research users to:
- Co-develop events, activities, and/or tools to share research findings
- Communicate research evidence to key target audiences
- Build capacity in knowledge translation

Benefits to BC:
- Increases the likelihood that research evidence will be used
- Allows BC research to be communicated across BC, Canada, and internationally
Objectives of Reach Awards

• Support researcher and research user partners to co-develop events, activities, or tools to share research findings.

• Disseminate research evidence beyond the normal researcher peer group to reach audiences who can directly use the knowledge.

• Build capacity in KT experience and skills for research or health professional trainees.
Examples of Supported Activities – Reach

• Development of new educational materials or sessions
• Creation of multiple media platforms and social marketing
• Development and implementation of products or tools that result from health research
• Development of media releases or outreach campaigns
• Creation of relevant networks and/or presentations to relevant networks
• Engagement with champions/key opinion leaders
• Communication of evidence to health practitioners
• Activities/events that engage patients to improve their knowledge and health behavior
• Organization of scientific meetings, conferences, symposia, etc.

The Reach funds may not be used for pilot research studies or research operating funds (primary research or primary data collection including surveys).
Examples of Successful Reach Applications

• **Strengthening Cultural Identity: Supporting urban Indigenous youth-in-care to access culture through self-determined health and wellness in lək̓ʷəŋən territory**
  Denise Cloutier (University of Victoria), Jennifer Chuckry (Surrounded by Cedar Child & Family Services)

• **Participatory Indigenous Nursing Knowledge Translation Project: Co-Creating Indigenous Wellness Support Networks by and For Indigenous Healthcare Professionals in Interior British Columbia**
  Lisa Bourque Bearskin (Thompson Rivers University), Judy Strum (Interior Health Authority)

• **Developing Clinical Decision Tools and Hosting Educational Events to Disseminate an Evidence-based Guideline for the Sustained Use of Patient-Centered Measurement Data in Mental Health**
  Angela Wolff (Trinity Western University), Anthony Neptune (Fraser Health Authority)
Partnership opportunities
Health Research BC partners with leading organizations to grow BC’s health research capacity.

Process:

• Applicants interested in being funded through a partnered award are encouraged to Complete the Potential Co-Funding Partners tab in their Full Application in ApplyNet.

• Additional partners will sometimes come on board during or after the full application phase and these are listed on our website. If you'd like to be considered for an award co-funded by any of these partners, please let us know by emailing partners@healthresearchbc.ca

• Health Research BC uses the details captured in your full application and keywords provided by partners to identify applications that may be relevant to and align with partners’ area of interest.
2022 Co-Funding Partner

More information about partnership opportunities will be available in the application form and at https://www.msfhr.org/funding/partnered-awards
How to Apply
Review Process

- Following an initial internal screening, eligible applications will undergo review by an external panel for funding recommendations.
- The Evaluation Criteria for both C² and Reach will be the same:

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Application Development Tips

• Seek support from your organization’s grant facilitation office for development, editing, and revision of your application.

• Have your application critically reviewed by colleagues.

• Review the competition’s evaluation criteria and make sure they are addressed in your application.

• Reviewers do not have the time to look up information on your behalf — if it is important, make it explicit in the application.

• The sample application on our website may help you prepare your application.
Applications to C² and Reach are submitted through our online application system https://healthresearchbc.smartsimple.ca

Welcome to Health Research BC ApplyNet

Michael Smith Health Research BC is British Columbia's health research funding agency. All our funding competitions and peer review are run through ApplyNet.

After logging in, select the appropriate portal (researcher/reviewer/partner) from the top right dropdown menu.

Our Help Desk staff are standing by to answer your questions about ApplyNet. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday to Friday (excluding holidays).

helpdesk@healthresearchbc.ca | 604.714.6609 | 1.866.673.4722 (toll-free)

Resources and tutorials are available on our website.

Reminders:
• Historical grant information will remain accessible in the old ApplyNet system powered by EasyGrants.

Note: ApplyNet is optimized for the most recent versions of Chrome, Firefox, Edge, and Safari. If you are experiencing problems while using Internet Explorer, we recommend trying another browser.
Health Research BC ApplyNet

• From the home page, click **Apply**

![Home Apply Health Research BC Help Desk](image)

• The next page will display a list of competitions available for application.

![Open Competitions](image)

• Click **View Details** to see competition information and to launch an eligibility quiz. A successful completion of the quiz will open the application.
2022 C² and Reach competitions open: April 7, 2022

Health Research BC Full Application deadline: May 16, 2022 4:30 pm PT

Host Institution Deadline: May 24, 2022 4:30 pm PT

Application Process Flow

Eligibility Quiz
- Applicant completes Eligibility Quiz in ApplyNet

Full Application
- Applicant creates Third Party tasks in ApplyNet
- Third Parties* complete their tasks in ApplyNet

Host Institution Approval
- Applicant completes and submits the Full Application

* Third Parties: Department Head (or equivalent), Research User Co-Lead
Health Research BC ApplyNet

- You can find tutorials and other resources at: https://www.msfhr.org/funding#funding-apply

- For any questions about ApplyNet, please email us at: helpdesk@healthresearchbc.ca

- We welcome any feedback about the system!
## Contact Information

### For questions regarding the C² program please contact:

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Coordinator, Research Competitions  
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Email: c2@healthresearchbc.ca

### For questions regarding the Reach program please contact:

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Coordinator, Research Competitions  
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Email: reach@healthresearchbc.ca

### Health Research BC ApplyNet and other technical support

Health Research BC Help Desk  
604.714.6609 (toll-free: 1.866.673.4722)  
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