



RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION OF CANADA (MHCC) AND THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH RESEARCH (CIHR): PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTH SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT (PHSI)

The PHSI program funds teams of decision makers and researchers to conduct applied and policy-relevant health services and systems research that is useful to health system managers and/or policy makers and strengthens the Canadian health care system.

Successful teams are eligible to receive up to \$500,000 over three years. Up to \$1M from the MHCC and up to \$6.9M from CIHR is available for research projects in the priority area of mental health and homelessness that are complementary to the MHCC multi-site Research Demonstration Projects in Mental Health and Homelessness. *(See description of this initiative at www.mentalhealthcommission.ca/English/Pages/homelessness.aspx).*

Three priority areas within **mental health and homelessness** research are eligible for MHCC partnership funds:

1. mental health and homelessness in youth;
2. mental health and homelessness in the northern and remote areas (i.e. one or more of the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut and northern regions of the provinces);
3. **mental health and homelessness**.

Possible areas for investigation include:

- development of policy-relevant method(s) that enable cross-provincial analyses of homelessness trends and enhance policy makers' understanding of the causes and consequences of homelessness;
- participatory action research on innovative prevention and service programs;
- evaluations of effective strategies for achieving collaboration across governmental levels to address homelessness;
- understanding and modifying the causes of homelessness in at risk populations.



Please note: *There is also a separate opportunity for small development grants (up to \$15,000) – called PHSI Partnership Development Funds - to help support the formation and development of partnerships between researchers and decision makers interested in applying to the PHSI program. For more information please visit the CIHR/IRSC website at <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/> or contact Andrea Smith at andrea.smith@cihr-irsc.gc.ca; phone 613-941-0805.*

The PHSI (English) funding opportunity guidelines are available at:
<http://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtIs.do?prog=1052&&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=AND&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true>

The PHSI (French) funding opportunity guidelines are available at:
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Applicants interested in the Partnerships for Health System Improvement (PHSI) program and that are requesting partnership support from the Mental Health Commission of Canada must submit to the Commission with a brief research summary and page 1 of CIHR's partnership module by September 3, 2010. This includes applicants from Quebec.

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The CIHR deadline for complete applications is November 1, 2010. Applications can be sent through the regular CIHR PHSI process but must include support documentation (specifically Page 1 of CIHR's partnerships module) from the MHCC.