



RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION OF CANADA (MHCC) AND THE CANADIAN INSTITUTES 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. The CIHR application deadline is October 1, 2009. For more information please contact Chris McCutcheon at 613-948-2725 or chris.mccutcheon@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

The PHSI (English) funding opportunity guidelines are available at: <http://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=761&view=search&terms=phsi&org=CIHR&type=AND&resultCount=25>

The PHSI (French) funding opportunity guidelines are available at: <http://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/viewOpportunityDetails.do?view=search&prog=646&type=AND&org=CIHR&progType=CIHR-14&resultCount=25&language=F>

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 contact the Commission with a research summary and page 1 of CIHR's partnership module by September 15, 2009. This includes applicants from Quebec.

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The CIHR deadline for complete applications is November 2, 2009. 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.

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