

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Funding Workshop

Deadline for application – **Fall 2019 and
Winter 2020**

Student Perspective

- Relevant graduate student application experiences through CIHR
 - CIHR Masters Award (wait-listed then awarded)
 - *Application year – 2014*
 - CIHR Doctoral Award
 - *Application year – 2016*
 - CIHR Vanier Doctoral Award
 - *Application year – 2016*
 - CIHR Health Systems Impact Doctoral Award
 - *Application year – 2018*
 - CIHR Travel Award
 - *Application year - 2019*

Application Process

- Typical components of CIHR applications:
 - Canadian Common CV
 - Publications list
 - Research project summary
 - Space, facilities, and personnel support
 - Lay title and abstract
 - Training expectations
 - Transcript
 - Three references

Application Timeline

- Considerations:
 - Preference for ‘part-time’ vs. ‘full-time’ focus
 - References availability and preferences
 - Submission date for references
 - Co-occurring course requirements
 - Institution signatures

Application Content

- Consider CIHR literally
 - **Canadians** (and beyond)
 - **Health** specific
 - **Research** experiences, abilities, and plan
- There are two aspects that can be hard to balance: feasibility and perceived importance and long-term goals of the project
- Read ***all*** instructions on CIHR's website, researchnet site, and the CCV website
 - Ask for clarification early
 - Read the information boxes

Application Review

- Consider:
 - varying input based on the application and specific documents
 - E.g., lay abstract vs project summary
 - your willingness to revise your documents depending on how finalized you think your documents are
 - the skills and perspectives that you're hoping to gain from the individuals reviewing your documents
 - requesting review at different stages of your application preparation

Miscellaneous

- National funding is difficult to get!
 - You will typically have the chance to try again if not achieved on the first round
- Watch for institute specific opportunities
- Watch for new doctoral funding opportunities through CIHR
- You can consider the statistics of funding for specific awards
- Applications take a **long** time to prepare, expect this and prepare for it (e.g., stock up on your favourite study snacks)
 - Your McGill colleagues can be an important source of support – they are not your enemy!

Help with Writing

Graphos

- Fellowship Writing Workshops

McGill Writing Centre

- Tutorial Service: Can book up to 7 hours/semester. Appointments fill quickly so book in advance!

SKILLSETS

- Would You Fund It? Fellowship Consultation Session
Sept 16, 19, 25, or Nov 25 (Various times, Redpath Library)

Questions?



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