

CIHR agency-specific information sheet

Overview	Funding Agency	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
	Open Date	March 18, 2026
	Stage 1 deadline to GACD	June 17, 2026 at 5 p.m. London Time / 6 p.m. Brussels Time.
	Stage 1 deadline to CIHR	June 23, 2026 at 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).
	Stage 2 deadline to GACD	October 20, 2026 at 5 p.m. London Time / 6 p.m. Brussels Time.
	Stage 2 deadline to CIHR	October 22, 2026 at 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).
	Link to GACD call on CIHR's website	English: ResearchNet - RechercheNet French: RechercheNet - ResearchNet
	Contact (name & email)	For all inquiries, please contact: CIHR Contact Centre Telephone: 613-954-1968 Toll Free: 1-888-603-4178 Email: support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca
	Total budget available for GACD grant programme	The total amount available for this funding opportunity is CAD \$3,000,000.
	Amount that individual projects can request	The maximum amount per grant is \$200,000 per year for up to five (5) years, for a total of \$1,000,000 per grant.
	Approximate number of projects to be funded through this grant call	Approximately 3 grants are expected to be funded through this call.
Permitted project length (in years)	5 Years	
Scope	Circulatory and Respiratory Health (ICRH) Research Area Pool: Reimagine Circulatory and Respiratory NCD Care	Projects in this pool must be relevant to the ICRH mandate and strategic vision , and address the pre-acute and/or post-acute phases of NCDs in an integrated approach in collaboration with and/or beyond the healthcare system. ICRH will also support research that explores care transitions between community and healthcare settings. See call text on CIHR's ResearchNet web site for complete information once available.
	Population and Public Health (IPPH) Research Area Pool: NCD Prevention and Health Promotion	Projects in this pool must be relevant to the IPPH mandate and mission , must meaningfully address health equity *, and focus on health promotion or primary prevention of NCDs outside the formal healthcare system. See call text on CIHR's ResearchNet web site for complete information once available.
Eligibility	Principal Investigator requirements	The Nominated Principal Applicant (NPA) must be a Canada-based NPA who is: a) An independent researcher affiliated with a Canadian postsecondary institution and/or its affiliated institutions (including hospitals, research institutes and other non-profit organizations with a mandate for health research and/or knowledge translation). OR (only applicable to projects involving Indigenous Peoples in Canada)

- b) An individual affiliated with an Indigenous non-governmental organization in Canada with a research and/or knowledge translation mandate.
OR (only applicable to projects involving Indigenous Peoples in Canada)
- c) An Indigenous non-governmental organization in Canada with a research and/or knowledge translation mandate (see [Administration of Funds](#)).

If the NPA is not an [independent researcher](#), the team must include at least one Canada-based [independent researcher](#) listed as Principal Applicant (PA).

The team must include at least one (1) team member who is an [early career researcher](#) (ECR) identified on the application as Nominated Principal Applicant, Principal Applicant or Co-Applicant.

- a) If the NPA is an ECR, an additional ECR is not required. However, applications should provide evidence that the NPA has the experience necessary to lead the proposed project, given its complexity and geographical scale or demonstrate that sufficient mentorship and support will be provided.

Canadian-LMIC teams must also include (from each LMIC):

- a) At least one [independent researcher](#) listed as Principal Applicant
- b) At least one [decision maker](#) and/or policy maker listed as Principal Knowledge User or Knowledge User.

If the project involves [Indigenous Health Research](#), the team must also include:

The following participants **from Canada** where Indigenous Health Research will be conducted:

- a) At least one team member listed as NPA or Principal Applicant who self-identifies as Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit or Métis) or can provide evidence of having [meaningful and culturally safe](#) involvement with Indigenous communities (First Nations, Inuit and/or Métis), or both.

AND

- b) At least one Indigenous Elder and/or Indigenous Knowledge Keeper* (First Nations, Inuit or Métis) **OR** a [knowledge user](#) who is affiliated with an Indigenous non-governmental organization in Canada with a research and/or knowledge translation mandate listed as NPA, Principal Knowledge User, or Knowledge User.

AND

The following participants **from each country other than Canada** where Indigenous Health Research will be conducted:

		<p>a) At least one independent researcher listed as a Principal Applicant who self-identifies as Indigenous or can provide evidence of having meaningful and culturally safe involvement with Indigenous communities, or both.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>b) At least one Indigenous Elder and/or Indigenous Knowledge Keeper; OR a knowledge user who is affiliated with an Indigenous non-governmental organization with a research and/or knowledge translation mandate listed as a Principal Knowledge User or Knowledge User.</p> <p>For teams that include research involving populations living in conditions of vulnerabilities in Canada: The team must include at least one team member (either independent researcher or decision maker and/or policy maker), other than the NPA, from the involved community(ies) listed as Principal Applicant or Principal Knowledge User.</p> <p>For complete eligibility criteria, see call text on CIHR's ResearchNet web site once available.</p>
	Co-funding considerations	<p>CIHR encourages joint applications involving team members from more than one GACD member country and will support successful applications through co-funding between the appropriate funding agencies*. Applicants will be required to meet the eligibility criteria for the relevant funding agencies and the agency's specific funding conditions. Please refer to the GACD call for the specific agencies' eligibility criteria and contact the GACD Secretariat as soon as possible if you are interested in discussing your eligibility for co-funding. You must also indicate in your Stage 1 application your intention to apply through another GACD partner.</p> <p>*In cases of tied scores within the ICRH and IPPH funding pools, funding priority will be given to applications requesting co-funding from participating GACD members.</p>
	Project location requirements	See call text on CIHR's ResearchNet web site for complete information once available.
	Eligible institutions	See call text on CIHR's ResearchNet web site for complete information once available.
	Eligible costs and further information on funding conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release Time Allowance to facilitate the participation of knowledge users, who meet TAGFA compensation requirements, in the research project. • Expenses related to accessibility support(s) considered necessary for the NPA or members of the applicant team to carry out the project and engage with persons with disabilities (e.g. specialized equipment, support services, compensation, and alternate document format(s)). This excludes costs, for accessibility support(s) offered as standard provision(s)/service(s) of the employer institution to their research personnel. • Expenditures that respect the culture and traditions of Indigenous peoples, where needed for the meaningful conduct of research. See TCPS 2 - Chapter 9 Research Involving the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples of

		<p>Canada and TAGFA Directive on Gifts, Honoraria and Incentives. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Costs related to community mobilization and engagement, including culturally relevant promotional items such as, tobacco, cloth, feasting and gift giving for honoring ceremonies, and cash reimbursements (in a method acceptable to the individual or community being reimbursed) to compensate community participation. ○ Contracts and/or consultant fees for knowledge translation and communication activities for Indigenous Elders, community members, and Indigenous Knowledge Keepers involved in activities related to the Indigenous community. <p>See call text on CIHR’s ResearchNet web site for complete information once available.</p>
Resources	Please provide a link to your agency’s guidance on equality, diversity and inclusion best practices, if available.	Equity, diversity and inclusion resources - CIHR (cihr-irsc.gc.ca)
	Please include CIHR’s policy on working with youth and/or other vulnerable populations, if available.	Defining Indigenous Health Research - CIHR (cihr-irsc.gc.ca)
Other	Notes	<p>This program consists of two stages. Successful Stage 1 applicants will be invited to submit a Stage 2 application.</p> <p>At both stages, when applying to CIHR through ResearchNet, you must also attach your GACD stage 1 and stage 2 application. See call text on CIHR’s ResearchNet website for complete information and application instructions.</p> <p><i>CIHR will ensure that any application that focuses on Indigenous Peoples’ health will be reviewed by individuals with appropriate expertise including Indigenous ways of knowing and the Tri-Council Policy Statement 2 (TCPS 2) - Chapter 9 Research Involving the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples of Canada.</i></p>