

Strategic Plan

CIHR Institute of Infection and Immunity

2007-2012



Leadership, Innovation, Impact

Since 2000, the Institute of Infection and Immunity has had a mandate to develop and coordinate infection and immunity research on behalf of CIHR and ensure that research results are translated and applied to improving the health and quality of life of Canadians.

The **mission** of the Institute is to provide national leadership, priorities and programs that promote novel infection and immunity research.

The **vision** of the Institute is to be an internationally-recognized innovator in support of infection and immunity research and a catalyst for the translation of new knowledge for global impact.

The **values** that guide Institute decisions, strategies and actions are excellence, innovation, collaboration, transparency and accountability.

Consistent with its mission, vision and values, the Institute will focus investments from 2007 to 2012 in five areas:

- **Emerging Infections and Microbial Resistance:** *Solutions from innovation in tools and technologies*
- **HIV/AIDS:** *From prevention and therapy to addressing global health challenges*
- **Immunotherapy:** *New approaches through systems biology*
- **Pandemic Influenza Preparedness:** *Prevention, therapy and public health challenges*
- **Vaccines of the 21st Century:** *Integrating innate and adaptive immunity and novel vaccine technologies*

In the context of its investments in these research areas, the Institute will pursue the following strategic goals:

- Encourage and support **high quality research** in infection and immunity that contributes important knowledge and new insights relevant to human health.
- Foster and sustain **innovative environments** to attract, train and retain high quality research personnel across the spectrum of disciplines contributing to the achievement of the Institute research mandate.
- Encourage and facilitate **knowledge translation** in all fields and sectors related to the Institute mandate.
- Develop and maintain **effective partnerships** that benefit research domains of the Institute.
- Maintain and enhance **organizational excellence** through effective planning, communication and collaboration.

Over the next five years, the Institute aims to provide national leadership in enabling research excellence, leverage relationships and partnerships to promote innovation, and facilitate national and international research impacts through knowledge translation and communication. Through these actions and consistent with its mission, the Institute ultimately seeks to improve and sustain the health of Canadians and contribute to reducing the global burden of disease.