

CIHR/Health Canada HIV/AIDS Research Program

2003-2004 Update

CIHR and the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS (CSHA) continue to support HIV/AIDS research. In fact, 2003-04 saw a greater CIHR contribution to HIV/AIDS research than any previous fiscal year and a greater number of projects and personnel being supported.

Distribution of HIV/AIDS Extramural Research Funding by CIHR – 2003-04

Funding Stream	Annual Amount
Biomedical/Clinical*	\$4,500,000
Health Services/Population Health*	\$2,425,000
Canadian HIV Trials Network*	\$3,200,000
Total CSHA Commitment	\$10,225,000
Minimum CIHR Commitment	\$3,500,000
Actual CIHR Commitment	
direct	\$8,011,577
indirect	\$7,290,771

* CSHA funds administered by CIHR

HIV/AIDS Grants and Awards Receiving Funds in 2003-04

93 Research Grants
3 Group Grants
5 Randomized Controlled Trials
15 Salary Awards
46 Training Awards

CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Advisory Committee (CHARAC)

In 2003-04, the CIHR Institute of Infection and Immunity established the CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Advisory Committee. The first CHARAC meeting was held in November 2003. CHARAC brings together researchers from all pillars of health research, 5 CIHR Institutes, community representatives, Health Canada and the Ministerial Council on HIV/AIDS. The mandate of CHARAC is to advise CIHR on HIV/AIDS research priorities and the development of Requests for Applications to address these priorities. CHARAC will meet again in May 2004 to move forward on this agenda.

HIV/AIDS Community-Based Research Program

CIHR is very pleased to now administer the CSHA Community-Based Research Program. This program, previously administered by Health Canada, was transferred to CIHR on April 1, 2004. The purpose of the program is to support the goals of the CSHA by ensuring that communities, through research, have the knowledge to develop appropriate and effective responses to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Community-based research is an important component of health research. CIHR welcomes this new program and community of researchers and will launch a call for community-based applications in summer 2004.