



# Pathways to Health Equity for Aboriginal Peoples

Pre-announcement: Pathways Implementation Research Teams Component 2, Second Launch

## What are Implementation Research Team (IRT) Component 2 grants?

IRT Component 2 (enhancement and adaptation) grants will support research teams aimed at strengthening the effectiveness or scalability of population health interventions through community-informed enhancements or adaptations in one of the identified Pathways exemplar areas.

IRTs will be comprised of researchers and community members, including knowledge users and knowledge holders. Researchers on teams are expected to bring together pertinent expertise in Aboriginal Health, intervention research and implementation science, health systems research, ethics and knowledge translation. Researchers, with knowledge users and knowledge holders are expected to bring expertise in Indigenous Knowledge (including Two-Eyed Seeing and/or Indigenous Ways of Knowing), local governance systems, community mobilization, culturally appropriate care, and preventive health services (design, implementation, evaluation).

Funded teams are required to collaborate and share learnings with community members and other teams, as well as to work with the [Pathways funded Partners for Engagement and Knowledge Exchange](#) (PEKEs). Collaboration will also be encouraged with researchers funded through other Pathways funding opportunities as well as decision makers and community representatives. An approach centered on continuous learning and knowledge sharing that includes helping to facilitate opportunities for community members to share their own experience and understanding will be used in all stages of Pathways in order to successfully scale interventions.

## Objectives

The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are:

- to strengthen the effectiveness or scalability of interventions in the four exemplar areas through community informed enhancements or adaptations using an implementation science approach, and;
- to support teams to study the enhancement and/or adaptation, and scale-up of population health interventions across at least 4 diverse communities.

## Important Dates

This funding opportunity will be comprised of two stages. The first stage will be a Letter of Intent (LOI) competition to be launched in Fall 2015. Successful LOI applicants will be invited to submit full applications in Fall 2016. The maximum grant amount from CIHR is \$225,000/year for up to 3 years. Applicants must secure additional funds through applicant partners as cash and/or in-kind contributions to the research.

## ABOUT PATHWAYS TO HEALTH EQUITY FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLES

[Pathways to Health Equity for Aboriginal Peoples](#) is a CIHR Signature Initiative with an overall goal to develop a better understanding of how to design, implement and scale up population health interventions that will improve First Nations, Inuit and Métis health in **four exemplar areas**:

- Suicide prevention
- Diabetes/obesity
- Tuberculosis
- Oral Health

## IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH TEAMS

The Pathways [Implementation Research Teams](#) (IRTs) conduct research to identify effective interventions, strengthen them, and support scale-up. Funding will be provided according to how ready the intervention is to be scaled up:

- development grants will support research teams to identify promising or effective interventions and build relationships with communities
- enhancement and adaptation grants will support research teams aimed at strengthening the effectiveness or scalability of interventions through community-informed enhancements or adaptations
- scalability grants will support research teams to study the scale-up of promising interventions across heterogeneous communities

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