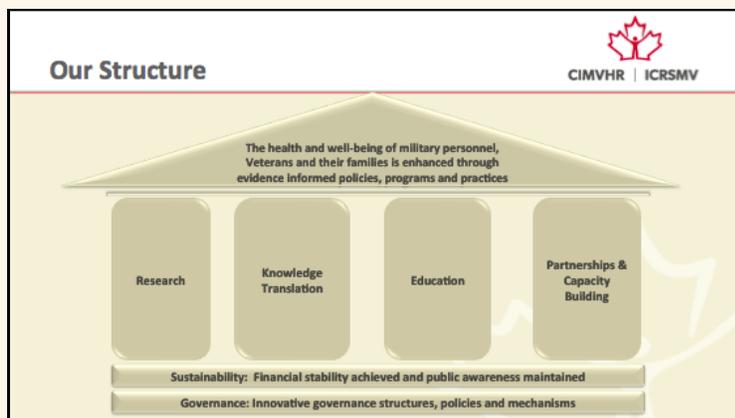


Special Edition of the CIMVHR Newsletter on the Recent Funding Announcements

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In this special edition of our newsletter we would like to explain the recent funding announcements and what it means to everyone engaged with CIMVHR. We hope you will see opportunities relevant to you and your research team. We are very excited about the future of the Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran Health Research (CIMVHR) and what this means to all of us.



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HEALTH CANADA

What: \$5 million investment by Health Canada through the Health Care Policy Contribution Program (HCPCP). This was acquired through a standardized application process, and the focus is entirely on the Knowledge Translation and Partnerships and Capacity Building pillars within our structure. The money will flow in roughly equal increments over the 5 years of the project. Because this is a regular contribution vehicle used by Health Canada, the use of the funds is directed.

What the money will fund:

- The development and implementation of a full KT strategy including specific engagement strategies for each of our partner universities and other partners, such as the health care professional associations.
- Site visits and unique strategies to help engage all of our partners.
- The development and implementation of a full and robust communications plan to engage all stakeholders on an ongoing basis. This includes ensuring all appropriate materials are available in both official languages.
- Support for the start-up and ongoing success of CIMVHR's journal, the *Journal for Military, Veteran and Family Health* (JMVFH).
- The development and implementation of a provincial and territorial government engagement strategy.
- The development and implementation of a full and robust Performance Measurement and Evaluation plan.

TRUE PATRIOT LOVE FOUNDATION

What: A matching \$5 million investment by True Patriot Love is aimed at improving research and research capacity. The \$5M will flow over a period of 10 years but will start in small increments for the first two years, and grow after that. The money for the first year has been directed already by TPL, but in the future innovative funding opportunities will be available to all of our research partners. CIMVHR gives 100% of all philanthropic money directly to the projects for which it is designated.

PWGSC CONTRACT

What: \$11.25 million in contract money over 5 years. This will work similarly to our previous pilot contract where sub-contracts are awarded to a researcher or research team at a partner university. The contracts are for directed research that is sponsored by one of the Federal departments that have a mandate to serve one of the beneficiary populations (Canadian Forces Health Services Group, Veterans Affairs Canada, Defence Research and Development Canada). The project scope, specifications and funding are determined by the sponsoring department and the contract is administered by CIMVHR. Once the contract funds are approved, the researcher works with CIMVHR and a designated government scientist to ensure the sponsoring department's research needs are met. Researchers retain the intellectual property on work performed under a contract and can publish results of their work.



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What is in it for CIMVHR researchers: All researchers will have the opportunity to bid on these sub-contracts. They are disseminated regularly through the research services offices of all of our university partners, and available on our website at: <https://cimvhr.ca/cimvhr-opportunities>. These represent an excellent opportunity to fund research that aligns with government research priorities. Please keep an eye out for these funding notices and let us know if you are not receiving them through your university research services office.

GENERAL DYNAMICS

What: General Dynamics Canada was proud to announce a contribution of half a million dollars over three years to support the work of CIMVHR. The contribution will fuel research into understanding, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of operational stress injuries (OSIs) and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) thereby enhancing the lives of Canadian military personnel, Veterans, their families and their communities.

What is in it for CIMVHR researchers: The \$500,000.00 contribution, from GD's IRB credits, is unprecedented in industry! It is designed to support the partnership between CIMVHR and the Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre, and support capacity building within both organizations.

WOUNDED WARRIORS CANADA

What: Wounded Warriors Canada (WWC) have made a ten year commitment to Canadian scholarships that will ensure a lasting legacy for military and Veteran health research in Canada by training a future generation of researchers. One scholarship will be awarded each year to a PhD student who demonstrates excellence in their proposed research and exhibits significant potential for a high impact research career in a relevant area. Students will be funded for \$18,000 each year for two years. The first two awards have been made, but a new scholar will be selected in 2015.

What is in it for CIMVHR researchers: For more information on The Wounded Warriors Canada Doctoral Scholarship please see the application guidelines available at: <https://cimvhr.ca/cimvhr-scholarships>.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

What: The Royal Canadian Legion's Mr. Tom Eagles, Dominion President, announced that The Royal Canadian Legion will be donating, again this year, a Master's Scholarship to CIMVHR for a scholarship opportunity in Military and Veterans Health Research. The purpose of The Royal Canadian Legion Masters Scholarship in Veteran Health Research is to address the needs over the life course of those who have served our nation and their families.

What is in it for CIMVHR researchers: For more information on The Royal Canadian Legion Masters Scholarship in Veteran Health please see the application guidelines available at: <https://cimvhr.ca/cimvhr-scholarships>

JOURNAL

What: The first issue of the CIMVHR's *Journal for Military, Veteran and Family Health* will be out in February 2015. This new online open access journal will publish articles in all of the research areas that are represented at our annual Forum (mental health, physical health, social health, transition, etc). Along with scientific articles about cutting-edge research, and those aimed at fostering best practices for treatment and programs, the journal will also include articles written from an arts and humanities perspective that contribute to our understanding of the current needs of Canada's military personnel, Veterans and their family members. The peer reviewed journal will publish articles continually in an advance access model of publishing, and publish issues 3-4 times per year. All articles and issues will be available at the journal's website. The journal is being published in partnership with University of Toronto Press.

What is in for CIMVHR researchers: Researchers are encouraged to submit articles for peer review and potential publication at: <http://jmvfh.utpjournals.com/>

PROXIMIFY

What: CIMVHR will be launching the CIMVHR UNIWeb through Proximify in early January 2015. This software program will give CIMVHR researchers the opportunity to identify researchers with whom shared research interests and potential collaborations are possible. While also providing them with a tool that will help manage their Canadian Common CV and simplify the funding application process.

What is in it for CIMVHR researchers: Registration and use to the CIMVHR UNIWeb program for researchers from CIMVHR's 36 university members.

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