

The Health Psychology Laboratory and Pain and Aging Lab, University of Regina will support strong candidates to apply for a **2-year Health Systems Impact Post-Doctoral Fellowship** that would be funded jointly by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation and the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan. Details of the Award have been appended below.

The successful candidate will work with a team of researchers led by Dr. Thomas Hadjistavropoulos, FCAHS, Research Chair in Aging and Health and Professor of Psychology, University of Regina. The lab focuses primarily on pain and quality of life issues for older adults with dementia who reside in long-term care environments. This spacious and well equipped laboratory houses Canada Foundation for Innovation-funded infrastructure including highly sophisticated equipment designed for the study of pain behaviours. The lab is heavily involved in structured experimentation, clinical research, technology development (e.g., pain assessment applications, automated vision systems), implementation science and knowledge mobilization using social media. It has produced approximately 250 peer reviewed papers, 7 books and is currently funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the AGE WELL Network of Centres of Excellence, the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation as well as by an anonymous donor.

Ideal candidates will hold doctorates (or will be doctoral candidates near completion) in related disciplines including Gerontology, Psychology, Rehabilitation Sciences, Nursing etc.

Please contact [Thomas.Hadjistavropoulos@uregina.ca](mailto:Thomas.Hadjistavropoulos@uregina.ca) to discuss this opportunity.

For more information about the lab please visit: <https://www2.uregina.ca/hpl>

For more information about our knowledge mobilization efforts please visit: [seepainmoreclearly.org](http://seepainmoreclearly.org)

#### The Health Systems Impact Post-Doctoral Fellowship

SHRF has once again partnered on CIHR's Health System Impact Fellowship program. This is a great opportunity to host a research fellow at the doctoral or post-doctoral level to complete a co-developed program of work that advances your organization's impact goals and contributes to improved health system performance. With a delay in last year's competition due to COVID, there are additional awards available this year meaning the success rate for applications will be higher.

The opportunity requires that health organizations who will host the fellow in this experiential learning opportunity contribute to the funding. I am writing to let you know that SHRF has this matching funding available as follows for organizations such as yours:

- SHRF will support awards (as long as funds permit) for successful applicants working with host partner organizations in **Saskatchewan** and that have an academic supervisor at a Saskatchewan academic institution. The SHRF will commit the **full 30% partner contribution for doctoral trainees** (Doctoral Western 1-year) working with public and not-for-profit organizations and **half of the 30% partner contribution for a post-doctoral fellow** (Post-Doctoral Western 2-year) working with a public or not-for-profit organization.

It is not required, but if you are interested in being listed on CIHR's Partner Linkage Tool to facilitate connections with interested applicants, you are invited to [complete a short survey](#) (i.e., profile). Learn more [here](#).

The application deadline is coming up fast (February 18). If you have any questions about the opportunity, the partnership linkage tool or how to access SHRF's partnership contributions please let me know.

**Here are a few more details about the program:**

- [here's a link](#) to the funding opportunity posted on CIHR's Research Net.

**Overview:** The Health System Impact (HSI) Fellowship provides Doctoral and Postdoctoral awardees with an experiential learning opportunity within health system organizations (public, private, not-for-profit and Indigenous health organizations outside the traditional university setting) where they dedicate the majority of their time towards a co-developed program of work that advances the organization's impact goals and contributes to improved health system performance. Fellows have protected time for academic research, are co-supervised and mentored by a health system and academic leader and receive a professional development training allowance to support their pursuit of enriched [core competency development](#) (e.g., leadership, change management).

**Who Should Apply:** The Funding Opportunity contains a stream for Doctoral trainees and a stream for Postdoctoral Fellows:

- **Stream A:** HSI Award for Doctoral Trainees: Doctoral Fellows receive a one-year experiential learning opportunity where they are embedded in their health system partner organization for at least 60% of their time focused on an impact-oriented project of direct relevance to their partner organization. The remaining time (up to 40%), is protected to continue with their Doctoral program commitments.
- **Stream B:** HSI Award for Postdoctoral Fellows: Postdoctoral Fellows receive a two-year experiential learning opportunity where they are embedded in their health system partner organization for at least 70% of their time focused on their impact-oriented program of work. The remaining time (up to 30%), is protected for academic research.

**Key Dates**

**Application Deadline: February 18, 2020**

**Peer Review: May 2021**

**Notice of Decision: June 15, 2021**

**Funding Start: September 1, 2021**