

Summer Project– Description of Work

Impact Assessment/Importance of the Meetings of the Directors of the Canadian Research Centers on Aging

Summer 2022

About Us

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is Canada’s health research investment agency. Its mandate is to excel, according to internationally accepted standards of scientific excellence, in the creation of new knowledge and its translation into improved health for Canadians, more effective health services and products and a strengthened Canadian health care system. The Institute of Aging is one of the thirteen institutes of CIHR. Each Institute is dedicated to a specific area of focus, linking and supporting researchers in pursuing common goals. As one of the 13 Institutes of CIHR, the Institute of Aging shares responsibility for achieving the principal objectives of CIHR.

The Institute of Aging’s mandate is the aging person in an aging society, and the effects of different diseases and conditions on aging.

The Institute has a vision to position Canada as a leader in the creation of knowledge through health research that benefits all Canadians and the global community. The Institute of Aging works very closely with all the other 12 CIHR Institutes and is the main co-leader of a number of crucial multi-institute initiatives, including the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging, as well as the Dementia Research Strategy and its national (Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging) and international components.

The Institute of Aging also contributes intensively to the Canadian presence in a number of international initiatives within its mandate and fulfills a convenor and catalyst role with all stakeholders.

One of the important convenor actions of the Institute is to act as the primary national convenor for the Directors of the Canadian Research Centers on Aging.

Description and Goal of this Project

The goal and purpose of this summer position is to review, assess and provide recommendations about the nature and scope of the CIHR Institute of Aging's engagement with the Directors of the Canadian Research Centers on Aging (<https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/30794.html>).

Specific objectives/deliverables:

- Develop and disseminate a questionnaire/survey for the Directors of the Canadian Research centers on Aging regarding their opinions on the importance of the meetings, the format and impact of the meetings and ideas for future engagement.
- Develop a summary report of the findings from the survey
- Identify barriers, facilitators and benefits of ongoing engagement between the CIHR-IA and the Directors
- Conduct targeted interviews with research center directors to validate and do a deeper dive into the results and suggestions
- Conduct targeted interviews with key CIHR IA personnel involved in the meetings
- Assess the barriers and facilitators of the current meeting format
- Develop a model for future meetings and engagement with the Directors
- Develop a Terms of Reference document
- Identify resources (human and financial) that would be needed to lead this work moving forward

Timelines and Deliverables

12-week time span

Approximately 24 hours/week (paid position)

Preliminary report of survey results

Summaries of informant interviews

Final Report including written recommendations

Terms of reference

Please submit CV and cover letter to: cihria@uwo.ca

Deadline: **February 15th, 2022**