



**UBC Faculty of Medicine
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Full Faculty Meeting**

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Administration and Operations

Facilities

- Updating the Faculty of Medicine’s Academic administrative and research space policies through a stakeholder-informed multi-phased process in alignment with the 5-year cycle for the policy updates:
 - **Phase I & II – Engagement & Development** (March 2025 to October 2025): 19 information & engagement sessions with Faculty of Medicine committees and stakeholder groups. Additionally, a broadly- circulated survey received 139 responses from 19 of 22 Departments and Schools, 14 of 26 Research Centres and Institutes, 4 of 4 Distributed Medical Program Regional Sites, and 11 Administrative Units. The updated draft policies were posted for comment from the Faculty of Medicine community for 30 days starting October 7th, 2025.
 - **Phase III – Approvals** (December 2025 to January 2026): The draft policies will be taken through the Faculty of Medicine administrative governance structure for endorsement and recommendation for approval with final approval by the Dean, Faculty of Medicine.
 - **Updates to policy include:** a land acknowledgement, general policy language updates to provide clarity and reflect UBC’s adoption of Hybrid Work including Typical Shared Workspace Models, increasing the benchmark metric for assigning dedicated workspaces from 70% (3.5 days) to 80% (4 days), and a Shared Space Guidelines section in the Appendix.
- Ongoing participation in Academic Space design and construction at the following clinical sites:
 - New St. Paul’s – Station Street site (2027)
 - Burnaby Hospital (Phase 1 2026, Phase 2 2030)
 - Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster (Phase 3 2028)
 - New Surrey Hospital and Cancer Centre (2030)
 - Dawson Creek and District Hospital (2027)
 - Cariboo Memorial Hospital, Williams Lake (2027)
 - Cowichan District Hospital, Duncan (2027)

Faculty Affairs

Leadership Appointment Announcements

- Please refer to the [Appointment Announcements](#) webpage.

Current Leadership Searches

- Please refer to the [Careers](#) webpage.

Upcoming Department/School External Reviews

- Department of Medical Genetics – October 29 to 31, 2025
- Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology – November 4 to 6, 2025
- School of Population and Public Health – November 12 to 14, 2025
- Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology – December 1 to 3, 2025



- Department of Dermatology and Skin Science – January 12 to 14, 2026
- Department of Psychiatry – January 26 to 28, 2026

Completed Department/School External Reviews

- Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences – April 2025
- Department of Emergency Medicine – October 2025

Organizational Development

- The fourth cohort of the 12-month [Faculty of Medicine Staff Mentoring Program](#) begins January 2026. Mentors and mentees have been recruited, and pairings will be finalized by end of November. The Mentorship Foundations workshop series for mentors and a goal-setting workshop for mentees will be offered throughout the year.
- The sixth cohort of the 6-month [Faculty Emerging Leaders Program](#) begins January 2026. Applications to the program closed November 3. Based on participant feedback, the program kick-off and Module 1 have been changed from virtual to in person.
- The Faculty of Medicine Awards Reception was held on October 14 recognizing the [2025 Faculty of Medicine Awardees](#).

Digital Solutions

- The team produced 5 short films that are a foundational part of asynchronous (module) and workshop-based training to address new PGME accreditation requirements focusing on racism in health care. These feature interviews with anti-racism experts across Canada, with the first module of the series released in May 2025.
- Supported the development of an xR Pilot for a UGME Y1 Virtual Reality Immersive Clinical Experience (ICEvr). The VR experience, featuring case-based learning, was anchored within headache and traumatic brain injury weeks. Survey and facilitator data from the pilot will be used to provide recommendations to the program on application of future VR and other xR innovations in medical education.
- Mr. Kato AI Chatbot - This optional UGME Y3 pilot is ongoing in the Ophthalmology. The AI chatbot is a simulated patient encounter embedded within the Mr. Kato Virtual Patient case, offering learners the opportunity to practice articulating their history taking questions and work up for a differential diagnosis for a red eye patient.
- In F24/25 FoMDS supported 262 clinical research, 33 quality improvement and 22 research admin projects. Additionally, 9 new Biobank projects with 4711 patients and 129,205 samples were facilitated on the FoM biobank platform.
- A prototype faculty activity portal has been developed utilising cloud technology to enable the creation of dynamic academic CVs in support of grant application and promotion and tenure processes. User testing will be happening over the next few months.
- Work is underway on the Learning Platform Transformation (LPT) Program, which will migrate the UGME and PGME Elentra system from an on-site system to a cloud hosted environment with a target completion date of June 2027 for the complete migration to the new platform.



- Information Security FoM IT Governance and Security policy/procedures and the UBC Privacy and Information Security Management (PRISM) Compliance Support Initiative was completed at all 49 in-scope FOM units. Remediation activities have closed over 80% of the gaps identified in the CSP and validation exercises are underway.
- M365 Outlook – Over 7700 FOM email users have been migrated from Fasmail (UBC’s on-premises email system) to Outlook M365. This move will facilitate the rollout of additional functionality and has already significantly reduced the volumes of spam and phishing emails being received by UBC mail users.

Strategic Initiatives

- The Faculty of Medicine is in Year 5 of its strategic plan, Building the Future: 2021-2026. Teams across the Faculty continue to advance strategic goals through key initiatives, including the Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) program, which encourages Faculty of Medicine members to submit project proposals that advance our strategic goals. Up to \$1M is invested annually in innovative projects that advance the strategic plan and create meaningful impact across disciplines, communities, and the province. Since 2017, over \$13M has been invested in 123 projects. A call for proposals was issued on September 2, 2025, with funding decisions expected in early 2026.
- For ongoing updates please refer to <https://stratplan.med.ubc.ca/strategy-to-action/stories-and-updates/>

Development and Alumni Engagement

Development Update

- The Faculty of Medicine has raised \$19.2M in philanthropic gifts since April 1, 2025, with 53% supporting research, 8% funding various learner awards, and 16% supporting honorifics. About 23% was raised towards facility and infrastructure.
- On August 7th, Development held a private reception in the Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health, hosted by Dean Dermot Kelleher, to celebrate our ongoing partnership with the ALS Society of BC, as well as Dr. Andrew Eisen’s lifetime contributions to ALS research. As part of the event, the newly named Dr. Andrew Eisen Atrium and accompanying recognition signage were unveiled.
- On October 15th, a small group of key donors and research partners attended the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade (GVBOT) luncheon, which featured a panel including UBC President Benoit-Antoine Bacon, and UBC spinoff and industry leaders. The panel explored how research partnerships are fueling progress across sectors—from powering health innovation, to advancing responsible AI, scaling B.C.-born climate solutions, and training the talent needed to grow the province’s innovation economy.
- On October 30th, the Faculty of Medicine Development team and School of Biomedical Engineering cohosted an event celebrating the launch of the Conconi Family Biodevice Foundry at the Gordon B. Shrum Building. This intimate event was an opportunity to welcome Bob and Diane Conconi to the Gordon B. Shrum Building and Biodevice Foundry for the first time and



celebrate our partnerships with the Conconi Family Foundation, as well as additional support from PacifiCan and Michael Smith Health Research BC.

- Special donor-focused communications highlights:
 - In June, we sent our e-newsletter to all recent donors, endowment donors, and emeriti of the Faculty of Medicine. We featured [UBC's announcement of the AI and Health Network](#), developed by Medicine C&C in collaboration with Medicine DAE, along with stories about [AI training in the health professions](#), a [Marshall Fellow in the Institute of Mental Health](#), and the impact of [donor-funded awards for MD students](#).
 - The Faculty of Medicine Development team is collaborating with UBC's Annual Giving team on a fundraising campaign for the *Building the Future in Medicine Bursary*. Our goal is to increase giving to bursaries for MD students and thank donors and alumni for their participation and support. The campaign has several phases, including cultivation (summer 2025) and solicitation (December 2025).

Alumni Engagement Update

- Congratulations to Medical Alumni Association Award recipients Dr. Nick Carr MD'83, Dr. Una Srejic MD'92, Dr. Beverley Tamboline MD'60, Dr. Sarah McCorquodale (MAA Hons'25), Dr. Haoran (Chalres) Li MD'25, Grace Yang (Yr3), Mariam Eji-Lasisi (Yr4). The awards are given out for Leadership, Honorary Alumni, and Student Leadership with an awards presentation held at the UBC Medical Student & Alumni Centre on October 22, 2025.
- Co-hosted successful celebrations for the Island Medical Program's 20th anniversary and Southern Medical Program, who marked 10 years of graduating MDs in the Interior - engaging students, alumni, faculty, and staff, as part of our ongoing commitment to fostering meaningful connections across all program sites within our province wide medicine community.
 - Looking for a venue to host your winter celebration event? The MSAC still has December dates available! Email msac.centre@ubc.ca for more information.

Education

- The Faculty of Medicine's 2025 Vancouver Summer Program successfully welcomed 294 international and domestic students, facilitated by the dedicated efforts of faculty, staff, and student volunteers. Students were able to select from nine diverse course packages, encompassing subjects such as anatomical sciences, medical laboratory science, and clinical medicine. In addition to their daytime classes, students enjoyed a range of evening social activities designed to enhance their academic experience.
- MDUP Clerkship Expansion: A new Integrated Community Clerkship (ICC) site in the Comox Valley launched in June 2025. Like other sites in the MDUP's ICC stream, the new Comox Valley site will offer third-year UBC medical students the opportunity to enhance their clinical education by living and learning within a rural area. This training will take place in various locations throughout the Comox Valley's three main communities of Courtenay, Comox, and Cumberland, including in family medicine and specialty clinics, public health and wellness centres, and the North Island Hospital Comox Valley.



- In August 2025, the FoM welcomed 328 medical students (Class of 2029), distributed across the province in the Island, Northern, Southern and Vancouver Fraser Medical Program sites, marking the largest MD class in the Faculty's history.
- In July 2025, 421 R1 residents began postgraduate training at UBC in sites distributed throughout the province. This is the largest intake to date of PGME learners at UBC.
- Master of Physical Therapy: Launching a new cohort in the Interior region (MPT-IRV), beginning with the 2026 intake. The new MPT-IRV cohort allows 20 of the 80 students based at the UBC Vancouver campus to complete their studies with a clinical focus in the Interior region. This initiative responds to the need for more physical therapists in the Interior region and provides students with increased hands-on experience in underserved areas.
- Master of Occupational Therapy: Launching a new cohort in the Interior region (MOT-IRV), beginning with the 2026 intake. The new MOT-IRV cohort allows 16 of the 60 students based at the UBC Vancouver campus to complete their studies with a clinical focus in the Interior region. This initiative responds to the need for more occupational therapists in the Interior region and provides students with increased clinical experience in this region.
- Faculty Development's new Artificial Intelligence and Teaching Resource webpage is now live. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is an emerging and rapidly evolving field that is increasingly influencing teaching and learning within the Faculty of Medicine. Faculty Development has been working with faculty experts to curate resources for teachers looking for guidance on AI use in their teaching. The new resource webpage can be found here.
- Layered Learning Resource Webpage: Over the last year, the UBC Office of Faculty Development spoke with preceptors, patient partners, residents, students, and administrators to develop resources to support the simultaneous placement of multiple levels of learners under a preceptor.
- CHES is currently inviting applications for the 2026 cohorts of the Master of Health Professions Education (MHPE-Canada) and the Clinical Educator Fellowship Program (CEFP). This call also includes the 2026 Indigenous Stream of the CEFP. With support of an advisory group, fellows within the Indigenous Stream will help create a vision of an Indigenous approach to educational leadership and work alongside our cohort of fellows in the Indigenous Stream Applications for all of the 2026 cohort are due by December 12, 2025. For any inquiries, please email ches.applications@ubc.ca directly.

Health Engagement

Indigenous Engagement & TRC Commitments

- An Indigenous Partnership Executive Advisory Council (IPEAC) is launching this fall, co-chaired by Derek Thompson and Nadine Caron. The IPEAC will support the Faculty of Medicine's unified Indigenous commitments to the TRC, embedded across all four pillars of the Strategic Plan.
- Eyameth Conference planning underway with Sts'ailes and FNHA. Eyameth is the first of ~18 proposed Indigenous primary care centres. Exploring education and research partnerships.



- In October, the FoM welcomed Australian National University (ANU) delegates Dr. Stewart Sutherland and Ms. Amanda Wingett who participated in a series of site visits and meetings focused on Indigenous community engagement, culturally safe health service delivery, and academic partnership development. This is part of ongoing engagement with ANU under the Memorandum of Understanding that was signed between the parties in 2024 to advance collaborative work in Indigenous medical education, health and wellness research, and shared commitments to reconciliation. The visit strengthened relationships with Indigenous communities and leaders, enhanced institutional alignment around Indigenous health priorities, and advanced dialogue on curriculum development and Indigenous student pathways. Both institutions confirmed a mutual interest in continued collaboration, including a potential UBC visit to ANU in 2026 aligned with the Indigenous Allied Health Conference.
- Successful recruitment of new Indigenous Manager to support Derek Thompson (Director, Indigenous Engagement).

Rural and Remote Health

- The UBC Dean's Advisory Council (DAC) on Rural and Remote Health welcomed Dr. Anton Meyer, Medical Lead at the Rural Coordination Centre of BC (RCCBC), as its new co-chair. At its June 2025 meeting, the DAC advanced key priorities reflecting the needs of rural and remote communities: workforce recruitment and retention, housing and infrastructure, technology and data innovation, and strengthening pathways for students from rural backgrounds to pursue health professions education. Planning for the next meeting is underway.

Partnerships with Health Authorities & Ministry of Health

- Ongoing collaboration with Ministry of Health continues to advance support for Academic Clinicians.
- Shared Learning Environment Advisory Councils (SLEACs) have been established across all Health Authorities.
- Health Authority survey underway to assess opportunities for team-based care and inter-professional education opportunities.

Office of Creative & Communications

- Launching the UBC AI & Health Network: In June, UBC launched the UBC AI & Health Network, supported by a \$22.5M gift from the Gordon B. Shrum Charitable Fund. We collaborated with network co-leaders (Drs. Raymond Ng & Anita Palepu) and units across the Faculty on the launch, including developing a UBC News Release and website to showcase how the Network is deploying AI to improve patient care.
- UBC expands two health profession programs to Vancouver Island: On September 4, the Faculty celebrated the expansion of its the Master of Physical Therapy and Master of Speech-Language Pathology programs to Vancouver Island. The Office developed a feature story and hosted a media event that brought together the UBC community and partners like the Government of



B.C., the University of Victoria and Island Health. Media coverage appeared in the Times Colonist, CHEK News and Black Press Media.

- Announcing the new Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Vice-President, Health: In June, UBC announced via news release that Dr. Sharmila Anandasabapathy, a leading clinician-scientist, would be joining the university as the new Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Vice-President, Health. The announcement received positive coverage in the Vancouver Sun.
- Beyond 75 Community Engagement Report: In August, the Faculty released the Beyond 75 Community Engagement Report, which captures highlights from the very successful series of in-person events and meetings held across the province to mark the Faculty's 75th anniversary. The report provides an overview of the many ideas, input and feedback gathered from the Faculty community and partners about the future of medicine at UBC.

Media Relations

- In Q2 and Q3 2025, we facilitated 175 media requests and produced 32 media releases, Q&As, expert advisories and pitches, helping to elevate the Faculty's visibility and reputation with local, national and global audiences.
- The Faculty received notable mentions in top-tier national & international media outlets including CNN, Daily Telegraph, Newsweek, CBS News and the Globe and Mail.

Website: News, Marquee and Feature Stories

- The Faculty's website, med.ubc.ca, received 182,000+ visitors and 354,000+ page views in Q2 and Q3 2025.
- We produced 16 marquee stories, highlighting the impact of research, education, innovation and contract with society.
- We produced 62 news, awards and honours stories that aligned with the
- strategic priorities of the Faculty of Medicine.
- In many cases, our stories were selected by UBC's central communications team to be the marquee feature on UBC's homepage, ubc.ca, which receives more than 1 million views per month. Many stories are also republished across other UBC and health partner channels, helping to extend our reach and impact with wider global audiences.

Social Media

- With great intention, we continue to grow our social community. In Q2 and Q3 2025, we gained 2,902 new followers, which brings us to nearly 32,000 total across all channels.
- At 1,559, Instagram saw the highest new follower growth, followed by LinkedIn at 1,151.

Internal Communications

- Among the Faculty of Medicine's internal community of faculty, clinical faculty, staff, and learners, we helped raised awareness of Faculty-wide initiatives and key updates through 43 broadcast emails, 13 faculty and staff profiles.



- We produced 13 issues of The Link newsletter, which is distributed to 17,800+ faculty and staff across the province per issue.

Top Stories

- Here are just a few notable stories published in the last 6 months that reached large numbers of viewers and readers, or had significant reputational impact:
 - [Tuum Est! Graduation 2025](#)
 - [Centering tradition and culture in medicine](#)
 - [When is period pain not normal? New website helps young people navigate care](#)
 - [Celebrating changemaking women in the Faculty of Medicine](#)
 - [Could AI and lab-grown sperm solve male infertility?](#)
 - [5 things you didn't \(but should\) know about measles](#)
 - [Understanding the risks of extreme heat and wildfire smoke](#)
 - [MS may begin far earlier than previously thought](#)
 - [How chronic heartburn can drive esophageal cancer](#)
 - [Back to School 2025](#)
 - [How to get kids active this school year](#)
 - [A shared vision for better health](#)
 - ["Tooth-in-eye" surgery restores patient vision in a Canadian first](#)
 - [How babies learn language, and what parents can do to help](#)

REDI Respectful Environments, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Consultations and Advice:

Provided 43 new consultations across 36 units, including 11 departments and schools, three administrative offices, three educational programs, two UBC units, two centers, and an external unit.

Educational Resources:

- Created new best practices documents to help units integrate EDI principles in teaching, research and service (inclusive curriculum).
- Expanded the Inclusive Student Selection module, initially created to support UGME admissions, to Cardiology and Pediatrics.
- Completed creation of anti-racism modules in collaboration with Faculty Development and PGME, including supporting content and scenarios for modules on anti-Black racism and anti-Indigenous Racism.
- In an effort to engage researchers in JEDII, we've launched a new monthly newsletter feature titled Research Voices from the Field. This series spotlights Faculty of Medicine scholars whose work advances equity, diversity, inclusion, justice, decolonization, Indigenization, and trauma-informed approaches in medicine and healthcare. So far, we've featured Bonita Sawatzky, Kevin Eva, Rabia Khan, Faisal Khosa, Jeffrey Ding, Sabeen Tiwana, Katherine Wisener, and Saleem Razack.



Workshops and Presentations:

- Organized and/or co-facilitated 13 workshops for departments, divisions, centres, and administrative units across the faculty, to foster inclusive environments, engage across differences, and resolve conflicts. Recurring themes conflict engagement, decolonization and Indigenization, inclusive learning environments;
- Organized and/or co-facilitated six presentations to FoM faculty and staff on decolonization and Indigenization amongst other themes.
- Facilitated workshops engaging participants across distributed sites in Kelowna.

Communities and Affinity Spaces:

- Provided four sessions in support of the EDI Joint Interest Group (EDI JIG), with 150 members, to foster information exchange and empower people leading EDI initiatives across the FoM. Upcoming EDI-JIG in November will focus on working with AI through an equity lens;
- Supported six events for the Indigenous Sharing Circle, a community of practice dedicated to the Indigenous Strategic Plan and Truth and Reconciliation Commission commitments;
- Hosted a Black and Indigenous Affinity Spaces, providing opportunities for Black and Indigenous faculty, clinical faculty and staff to connect, create informal opportunities for mentorship, build solidarity, foster relationships, and support each other’s well-being.

REDI FoM-wide Events:

- An [*It Starts with Us*](#) event, “[*Advancing Inclusive Research in Medicine: Anti-Racist and Decolonial Approaches*](#)”, engaged a total of 155 participants who joined live or viewed the post-event recordings;
- Our fourth annual symposium, “[*Building a More Welcoming Movement Toward a Just Culture*](#),” engaged a total of 287 participants who joined live or viewed the post-event recordings;
- Our second in-person [*Indigenous Speakers Series*](#) event “[*The Nature of All Things Indigenous: Discussing the Changing Climate of Truth, Reconciliation and Nurturing Connections*](#),” featured Dr. David Suzuki and Dr. Shane Pointe and was grounded in ceremony. The event drew 754 registrants—291 in person and 473 online.

Research

Vice Dean, Research

- [Dr. Wyeth Wasserman](#) was appointed the Vice Dean, Research, for a five-year term effective to June 30, 2030.

Canada’s Immuno-Engineering and Biomanufacturing Hub (CIEBH)

- **UBC Joins Eurolife Network**
 - Faculty of Medicine and CIEBH are now affiliated members of the prestigious **Eurolife Network**, making UBC the first non-European partner to join this alliance. Approved by UBC Senate on **October 15, 2025**, this partnership connects UBC with nine leading



European medical and biomedical institutions, fostering collaborative research, education, and researcher mobility for over 20 years. This affiliation expands UBC's FoM global biomedical innovation reach.

- **Visit from Canada's Chief Science Advisor**
 - On **August 12, 2025**, Dr. Mona Nemer visited UBC for two days and met with Faculty of Medicine leadership to learn more about CIEBH's portfolio projects. Discussions highlighted capabilities in **RNA vaccine platforms, AI-driven biologics discovery, and cell therapies**, with a special focus on **domestic manufacturing capacity**.
- **New Funding for Four CIEBH Projects**
 - On September 19, 2025, funding was announced for four new projects supported by Genome BC, Michael Smith Health Research BC, and federal and industry co-funders. These projects aim to strengthen Canada's ability to address urgent health challenges such as drug resistance, complex immune diseases, viral infections, and barriers to care:
 - MiPEX – Microbiota for Pandemic Interventions and Exploration (Leads: Dr. Carolina Tropini & Dr. Bruce Vallance)
 - PAN-RNA – Pathogen-ready Arsenal of Next-generation LNP mRNA Therapeutics (Leads: Dr. Eric Jan & Dr. Sabrina Leslie)
 - PRISM – Platform for Regulatory Science, Innovation, and Equitable Health Systems (Leads: Dean Regier, Deirdre Weymann, Tania Bubela)
 - DeCIDE – Designer Cellular Immuno-Engineering for Infectious Disease Elimination (Leads: Dr. Peter Zandstra & Dr. Megan Levings)
- **Health Emergency Readiness Canada (HERC) Workshop**
 - On **September 23, 2025**, CIEBH participated in the HERC Workshop Series: *Health Innovation as a Driver of Economic Security*. The session focused on informing government priorities for building industrial capabilities that support growth, resilience, and sustainability in health security readiness.

Leadership Appointments

- Interim Director Centre for Health Education Scholarship
 - Dr. Kevin Eva has been appointed from July 1 2025 until December 31, 2025
- Director, Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Health
 - Dr. Nadine Caron has been extended from July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.
- UBC President's Excellence Chair in Precision Oncology
 - Dr. Alexander Wyatt has been appointed from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2032.

Leadership Searches

- Director, Centre for Advancing Health Outcomes
 - Search underway
- Director, Women's Health Research Institute (WHRI), FoM and Executive Director, WHRI, PHSA
 - Search underway
- John and Penny Ryan BC Leadership Chair in Spinal Cord Research
 - Search underway
- Sunny Hill BC Leadership Chair in Child Development
 - Appointment underway



- MS Translational Research Chair
 - Search underway

2025 Completed Centre/Institute Reviews

- Internal review of the Centre for Health Education Scholarship took place in March 2025.
- External review of the Centre for Advancing Health Outcomes took place in May 2025.

2025 Upcoming Centre/Institute Reviews

- External review of the Women’s Health Research Institute is expected to take place in fall 2025.
- External review of the Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Health is expected to take place in early 2026.

Research Awards, Funding and Competitions

2025 National Research Awards

- Competition for the 2025 Dr. Chew Wei Memorial Prize in Cancer Research, the Margolese National Brain Disorders Prize and the Margolese National Heart Disorders Prize has been completed. This year’s award winners are:
 - Dr. Chew Wei Prize in Cancer Research: Dr. Poul Sorensen – UBC
 - Margolese National Brain Disorders Prize: Dr. Sheena Josselyn – University of Toronto
 - Margolese National Heart Disorders Prize: Dr. Louise Pilote – McGill University

CFI Innovation Fund 2027

The Innovation Fund (IF) competition will now operate on a two-year cycle, compared to the previous interval of approximately 2.5 to 3 years.

2027 Competition Timeline: See full details here: [CFI IF 2027 Internal Timeline](#)

CFI John R. Evans Leaders Fund (JELF)

The Government of Canada recently announced a total of nearly \$134 million through the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) to support projects at 63 postsecondary institutions across the country, including eight researchers from the Faculty of Medicine. The full list of FoM awardees can be viewed at this link: [FoM CFI JELF Announcement](#).

CFI JELF February 2026 Submission Cycle: See full details here: [CFI JELF Internal Timelines](#)

Canada Research Chairs

The following two researchers from the FoM are among UBC's newly nominated Canada Research Chairs:

- Dr. Sarah Hedtrich, School of Biomedical Engineering – *Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Human Disease Models*
- Dr. Arun John Peter, Department of Cellular and Physiological Sciences – *Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Lipid and Organelle Biology*



Funding Opportunities

CIHR Update

Spring 2025 Project Grant

- CIHR awarded 435/2,814 submissions for a total of \$411M. In addition, 46 Priority Announcement (PA) grants were awarded for a total of \$5.1M, as well as 9 supplemental prizes were awarded for a total of \$310K. There were 9 bridge grants.
- UBC was awarded 48/264 submissions and received \$47M in new grant funding: \$46.4M for 48 full-term grants, and \$650K for 6 Priority Announcements.
- FoM researchers were awarded a total of 44 full awards (total: \$39.7M), including 4 PAs (total: \$400K), from a total of 197 submissions.

Fall 2025 Project Grant

- The Fall 2025 competition deadline was on September 10, 2025.
- A total of 263 FoM faculty members have registered to submit an application for this cycle, the number of submissions is pending finalization by the central Office of Research Services.
- Results are anticipated to be announced in January 2026.

Michael Smith Health Research BC

2025 Scholar Award & Health Professional-Investigator (HPI) Program

- MSHRBC announced the 2025 Scholar recipients, out of a total of 15 recipients, 4 were from UBC and one was from the Faculty of Medicine (out of 12 FoM applicants).
- There was a total of 11 announced Health Professional-Investigator Program recipients, which included 6 UBC recipients and 5 Faculty of Medicine recipients (out of 20 FoM applicants)