



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR
Traditional, Complementary
& Integrative Medicine Research

2021 Canadian CAM Research Fund (CCRF) APPLICATION GUIDELINES

INCAM, the Canadian Chapter of ISCMR, is an interdisciplinary, collaborative research network with the goal of supporting and fostering excellence in complementary and alternative medicine research in Canada.

The Canadian CAM Research Fund (CCRF) is an annual research funding competition that was launched in September 2009. The CCRF is organized and administered by INCAM and open to INCAM members. Grants of up to \$5,000 are awarded to the research project proposals identified through a rigorous peer-review process.

For the 2021 CCRF competition, up to TWO (2) grants of up to \$5,000 each will be awarded, thanks to the generous creation of the CCRF by Marja Verhoef PhD, INCAM Co-Founder and ongoing support from INCAM membership.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 30, 2021 at 11:59 pm ET

GOALS & RESEARCH PRIORITIES

The primary goal of the Canadian CAM Research Fund is to increase and enhance CAM research capacity in Canada by supporting and funding relevant and high caliber studies that are in line with at least one of the following research priorities:

- 1 Efficacy, effectiveness, cost-effectiveness, and/or safety of CAM interventions (products, independent modalities and practices)
- 2 Evaluation of healthcare delivery models that incorporate CAM
- 3 Development and evaluation/assessment of CAM specific policies in the context of healthcare delivery in Canada
- 4 Effectiveness and/or usefulness of knowledge translation activities related to CAN information (to public, practitioners, etc.) dissemination

For a list of therapies included as CAM, please see the list in Appendix 1.

PLEASE NOTE - the following types of studies are NOT eligible under the CCRF:

- IN VITRO studies
- ANIMAL (NON-HUMAN) studies

For the purpose of the CCRF funding competition, studies on modalities, practices, therapies, and systems of care categorized as a complementary, alternative, and integrative medicine will be considered. The proposed study must directly aim to assess, evaluate, examine, and/or test such an intervention.

WHO CAN APPLY

Individuals eligible for this grant are:

1. **INCAM MEMBERS ONLY.** To become an INCAM member, please visit: <https://www.iscmr.org/user/register> and ensure to choose Canada as your country. If you do not reside in Canada but would like to be an INCAM Chapter member, please register and then contact info@iscmr.org with a request to join INCAM.
2. Established Canadian researchers affiliated with academic institutions in Canada.
3. New researchers and research trainees in the CAM field who are completing MSc and PhD level thesis projects at a Canadian university, and are under the supervision of an individual (who is an INCAM member) at an academic institution that can administer the funds on their behalf.
4. CAM practitioners who are working with an established researcher or a research trainee at an academic institution that can administer the funds on their behalf. ****Priority will be given to projects that are based on collaborative relationships between CAM practitioners and researchers across disciplines****
5. Individuals who do not hold any outstanding CCRF grants which they are in the process of completing (this includes Principal applicants and Co-applicants)
6. Please use definitions of Principal Investigator, Co-applicant, and Collaborator provided by CIHR: <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/34190.html>

REQUIREMENTS

Submission Requirements

1. The Application Form must be completed in English
2. The text is to be typed in a **12-font** and can be **double-** or **single-**spaced
3. Note word limits indicated in the application form
4. **ALL documents must be submitted in .doc or .docx format**
5. The project must be in line with at least one of the CCRF research priorities (see page 1)
6. The project must be presented as a structured description of the proposed project, **maximum of 2,000 words**. The following sections are required: Background; Rationale & Objectives; Research Design & Methodology (including planned analysis); and Significance of Research
7. A detailed outline of the proposed budget (must include specific expense items and estimated costs) must be submitted. **PLEASE NOTE: Applicant's salaries, membership fees, and indirect costs of the university to conduct research are NOT an eligible expense or budget item. Knowledge translation activities (e.g. conference travel) cannot exceed 20% of the overall budget request from CCRF**
8. To support the application, the following documents are *required*:
 - Reference list (of literature cited in the application),
 - Short curriculum vitae for only PI (if co-PIs, submit for both) (max 4 pages each),
 - List of relevant contributions or publications (max 5 per applicant)
 - Ethics approval (if applicable or available) Note: if not available at the time of submission, ethics approval (if applicable) must be provided prior to funds being released
9. To support the application, the following documents (up to 10 pages) may be submitted as Appendices to the application, but are *optional*:
 - Data collection instruments (questionnaire; outcome measure(s); interview guide)
 - Letters of support from partners

Funding Requirements

Funds will only be released upon receipt of a copy of the ethics approval letter for the proposed study, if applicable, and a signed copy of the funding agreement. CCRF grants are to be used within a one (1)-year period from the release of the funds. Extensions **may** be considered with advance notification.

Follow-up Requirements

Grant recipients are required to submit a progress and final report. A report template will be provided to the principal applicant. All CCRF grant recipients are strongly encouraged to submit and present the findings of the funded study at the subsequent INCAM Research Symposium.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application deadline: **JULY 30, 2021 at 11:59 pm ET**

Complete and submit electronically, by the indicated deadline, the CCRF Application Form and all supporting documents.

The [CCRF Application Form](#) consists of three (3) sections, which **MUST** be completed:

SECTION 1 - General Information

SECTION 2 - Projection Information

- 2.1 Ethics approval
- 2.2 Research priorities
- 2.3 Project Description
- 2.4 Dissemination plan
- 2.5 Proposed budget
- 2.6 Lay summary
- 2.7 Additional information (required)
- 2.8 Additional information (optional)

SECTION 3 - Signature Sheet

Supporting Documents

The following documents are required:

- Reference list (of literature cited in the application)
- Short curriculum vitae for only PI co-applicants (maximum 4 pages each), to be appended in the final pdf
- Significant contributions or publications (maximum: list of 5 items per applicant, to be appended in the final pdf)
- Ethics approval (if applicable or available)

The following documents may be submitted but are *optional*:

- Data collection instruments (questionnaire; outcome measure(s); interview guide)
- Letter(s) of support

Submission of Application

Please read and follow the instructions provided in the CCRF Application Form regarding formatting for submission of each section.

An electronic version of the completed **CCRF 2021 Application Form** and all **supporting documents** must be e-mailed to incam.network@gmail.com no later than 11:59 pm ET on July 30, 2021.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any further questions regarding this funding competition or the application process, please contact incam.network@gmail.com.

APPENDIX 1

List of therapies included as CAM:

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| A | E | O |
| Acupressure | Electric stimulation therapy* (e.g. transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation) | Osteopathic manipulation |
| Acupuncture (e.g. needle acupuncture, electroacupuncture) | Electromagnetic therapy* | Ozone therapy* |
| Alexander technique | Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing (EMDR) | P |
| Aromatherapy | | Play therapy |
| Arts therapy (e.g. dance therapy, drama therapy, music therapy) | F | Prolotherapy |
| Ayurvedic traditional medicine (Ayurveda) | Feldenkrais method | Q |
| | H | Qi gong |
| B | Herbal supplements (e.g. echinacea, garlic) | R |
| Balneotherapy | Homeopathy | Reflexology |
| Bee products (e.g. honey, pollen, propolis, royal jelly, venom) | Hydrotherapy | Reiki therapy |
| Biofeedback | Hyperbaric oxygenation* Hypnosis | Relaxation techniques |
| C | I | S |
| Chelation therapy* | Imagery (i.e. visualization techniques) | Snoezelen |
| Chinese traditional medicine | L | Speleotherapy |
| Chiropractic (i.e. spinal manipulation) | Light therapy* (phototherapy) | Spiritual healing (e.g. prayer) |
| Color therapy (i.e. chromotherapy) | M | T |
| Craniosacral manipulation | Magnetic field therapy (e.g. transcranial magnetic stimulation) | Tai chi |
| D | Massage | Therapeutic touch |
| Dietary supplements (non- herbal)* (e.g. vitamins, hormones, amino acids) | Meditation | Traditional healers & healing practices (other than Chinese) (e.g. Kampo, Shamanism) |
| Diet therapy* (e.g. low fat diets, vegan diets) | Morita therapy | Tui na |
| Distant healing | Moxibustion | U |
| | N | Ultrasonic therapy* |
| | Naturopathy | Y |
| | | Yoga* |

**Depending upon the condition being treated, these therapies may also be standard Western allopathic treatments.*

Reference: Wieland LS, Manheimer E, Berman BM. Altern Ther Health Med. 2011; 17(2): 50-59
