

Potential Sources for Research Funding

The following list of agencies includes several major health funding agencies in Canada. Researchers from various fields compete for these funds.

Note: Funding sources were identified through systematic internet searches for key terms. The search was supplemented by manually sifting through online grants and awards databases for funding opportunities relevant to registered dietitians.

The intention of this list is to help researchers locate other potential sources of funding, but it is by no means comprehensive. For example, several non-governmental organizations with research funding have been added to the list, but researchers investigating a particular area of nutrition should contact the pertinent representative organization directly to inquire for more opportunities.

This list is organized into five different sections. The first three (Federal, Provincial/Regional, and Non-Governmental) list websites for single departments, offices, and organizations that offer funding. The fourth section, Compiled Lists and Databases, offers links to websites that list funding opportunities from several different departments, offices, and organizations. They may or may not include the sources listed in the first three sections. Finally, the fifth section is entitled Other Related Sources and focuses on how a researcher can build skills for finding grant funding.

Federal Funding

Canadian Foundation for Innovation

- <http://www2.innovation.ca/pls/fci/fcienrep.base>
- Contains online database for searching; only some categories apply to RDs

Canadian Health Services Research Foundation

- http://www.chsrf.ca/funding_opportunities/Mythbuster_Student_Award_e.php
- LEAD Grants (Linking Evidence to Action on Decisions); Open Grants may apply to RDs

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

- <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/204.html>
- Need to be connected with one of several organizations to be able to apply, check the list of CIHR Eligible Institutions first
- Grant areas that might apply include: Catalyst Grants; Emerging Team Grants; Meetings, Planning and Dissemination Grants; Other; Randomized Control Trials

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

- http://www.sshrc.ca/site/apply-demanded/program_index-index_programmes-eng.aspx
- Specifically those under Research Grants and Strategic Research Grants

Provincial/Regional Funding

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research

- <http://www.ahfmr.ab.ca/grants.php>
- The Health Research Fund provides money for research in health services and population health
- Aimed mostly at research teams that include both researchers and decision-makers, but can be sponsored by non-profit decision-making organizations or non-profit research organizations

Atlantic Aboriginal Health Research Program – Research Funding Program

- http://aahrp.socialwork.dal.ca/research_programs/funding_information.html
- Grants for researchers interested in working with aboriginal communities – must have two letters of support from community
- \$30,000 each and projects to be completed within 2 years

Canadian Circumpolar Institute – Northern Research Grants

- <http://www.ualberta.ca/~ccinst/GRANTS/grants.html>
- Open to residents of Alberta, the Yukon, the Northwest Territories, and Nunavut
- 3 grants of \$150,000 annually to fund research of any focus, as long as it takes place in an area of the boreal forest

Fonds de la recherche en santé – Quebec

- <http://www.frsg.gouv.qc.ca/en/index.shtml>
- Few awards and grants listed for 2010-2011, but may have more in the future

Manitoba Health Research Council

- <http://www.mhrc.mb.ca/funding/competition.asp>

Medical Research Fund of New Brunswick

- <http://www.gnb.ca/0391/MedicalResearch-e.asp>
- For biomedical, clinical, health services or health systems, and population determinants (social, economic, environmental) of health
- To be eligible, PI must be affiliated with a university, health service organization, voluntary health agency, or non-profit research organization

Ministry of Health and Long Term Care – Ontario

- <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/ministry/research/competitions.html>
- Yearly competitions most often for a specific area of research, so area may not apply to RDs one year, but might the next

Ministry of Research and Innovation – Ontario

- <http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/programs/MRI.asp>
- Funding aimed at companies and researchers

Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation

- <http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?siteid=1&lang=1&id=3>
- Designed to lead health improvements for Nova Scotians

The Ontario Trillium Foundation

- http://www.trilliumfoundation.org/cms/en/html/news_grants/ng-grant_archive.aspx?menuid=123
- Funding organized by province-wide or regional competitions

Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation

- http://www.shrf.ca/SHRF_Competitive_Funding_Programs
- Health Research Group Grants may provide funding
- Applicants strongly encouraged to call to discuss eligibility before applying

Non-Governmental Funding

Canadian Cancer Society – Grants

- http://cancer.ca/research/grants%20and%20awards/grants%20to%20individuals.aspx?sc_lang=en
- Grants found under the research area of Population Health Sciences
- PI must be based at an eligible Canadian Host Institution, which can include health care agencies

Hamilton Community Foundation –Grants

- http://www.hcf.on.ca/grants_hcf_researchgrants.shtml
- Objectives of grants are to support innovative applied and participatory research in community health in Hamilton (about 8 grants in total)

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada

- <http://www.hsf.ca/research/en/open-competitions/grant-in-aid.html>
- \$28 million grant-in-aid funding for clinical, health services, healthy systems, and health of populations

The Lawson Foundation –Grant Programs

- http://www.lawson.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=12&Itemid=26
- 25 grants for type I and type II diabetes research annually
- Support community and practice-based research

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada – Research – Apply for a Research Grant

- <http://www.mssociety.ca/en/research/researchfunding.htm>
- RDs interested in this area might qualify for Clinical and Population Health Research Grants
- Must create a login and password to be able to view available funding opportunities

Dairy Farmers of Canada – Research Funding

- dairynutrition.ca
- Supports Canadian research in the area of nutrition, food science and health and contributes to the development of a Canadian network of experts in those fields

Compiled Lists and Databases of Funding Resources

Brock University – Office of Research Services – Funding

- <http://www.brocku.ca/researchservices/funding/external/>
- Website designed for faculty looking for external funding

CanadaResearchFunding.org

- <http://canadaresearchfunding.org/funding-links/>
- Mostly for biomedical research funding
- Has information for funding from federal, provincial, and private, and international sources

Community of Science – Funding resource, expertise database and abstract management system

- <http://fundingopps.cos.com/>
- Covers funding for the humanities and the physical, social, and life sciences
- \$33 billion dispersed over 400,000 different funding opportunities
- Includes US federal and non-US federal sponsors, read carefully which ones are open to Canadian citizens

Dalhousie University – American Funding Sources – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

- http://arts.dal.ca/Research/American_Funding_Sou.php
- List of US funding sources specifically for art and social science disciplines with specific grants applicable as indicated

Grantsnet

- www.grantsnet.org
- May not have much to offer for practitioners, awards mostly for graduate students, medical students, and postdoctoral employees, but some for administrators, too

Ryerson University Grants – Funding Sources

- <http://www.ryerson.ca/library/subjects/grants/funding.html>
- List of grant sources by region or institution

SickKids Foundation – National Grants Program

- <http://www.sickkidsfoundation.com/grants/knowledge.asp>
- Provide funds for grants related to knowledge translation of medical and health services for children

Simon Fraser University – External Granting Agencies

- <http://www.sfu.ca/ors/grant+agencies.html>
- Focus on health-related funding sites from the tri-council, Canada, and the US

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre – Funding Opportunities

- http://www.sunnybrook.ca/research/?page=sri_funds_home
- Potential grants available in the area of knowledge translation

Trinity Western University – External Funding Opportunities

- <http://www.twu.ca/academics/research/external-opportunities.html>
- External funding sources listed by agency type

University of British Columbia – Office of Research Funding

- <http://www.ors.ubc.ca/funding/index.htm>
- Normally this site operates the ORSIL Research Funding Database, which is currently being updated

University of Lethbridge – Research Grant FUNDamentals

- <http://www.uleth.ca/lib/guides/research/display.asp?PageID=154#databases>
- Also includes information on how to write grant proposals, a list of books that aid in finding research funding, and a list of websites that have grants associated with them

University of Toronto Awards, Honours & Prizes Opportunities Database

- <http://link.library.utoronto.ca/rir/>
- Provides search for grants in applied research

University of Toronto – Finding Funding – Granting Agencies

- http://www.research.utoronto.ca/funding/ff_agencies.html
- List of over 100 agencies that provide some sort of research funding, both American and Canadian

University of Western Ontario – Research in the Faculty of Social Science

- <http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/research/funding/externalfunding.asp>
- External funding sources listed alphabetically including a list of granting agencies
- Some are not directly applicable so RDs will need to sift through the list depending on his/her research interests

Other Related Resources

Developing and Sustaining Community-Based Participatory Research Partnerships: A Skill-Building Curriculum

- <http://www.cbprcurriculum.info/>
- Unit five deals solely with securing and distributing funds for this type of research. There are no lists or grants specifically, but lots of information on how to go about searching for research money in this unique area

How to Apply for Research Funds

- <http://ceris.metropolis.net/Virtual%20Library/education/cerispac1/INTRODUCTION%20ON%20HOW%20TO%20APPLY%20FOR%20RESEARCH%20FUNDS.DOC1.pdf>
- Created by CERIS-PAC
- An outline for a workshop designed to obtain funds for community-based research

The International Development Research Centre – 5e. What are the dynamics of funding participatory research through competitive grants processes?

- http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-132518-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html
- Discussion of the unique challenges posed in obtaining and maintaining research grants for participatory research
- Also provides links to competitive grants

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