

PWHR MID-CAREER EXCELLENCE IN WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH AWARD

The Partnership for Women's Health Research Canada (PWHR) is a coast-to-coast alliance of women's health research institutes: the Women's Health Research Institute (WHRI) in British Columbia, the Women and Children's Health Research Institute (WCHRI) in Alberta, the Women's College Hospital Research and Innovation Institute in Ontario, and IWK Health in Nova Scotia.

Our common vision is "Better health for all women, trans and non-binary people through research equity, excellence, and inclusion."

This non-monetary award recognizes mid-career research excellence in women's health. The award recipients from each of PWHR's partner institutions (WHRI, WCHRI, WCH and IWK Health) will be recognized at a PWHR event, where they will present their research. They will also be expected to give a research presentation at their home research institute and to participate in future adjudication of this award.

The PWHR Mid-Career Excellence in Women's Health Research Award honours outstanding mid-career investigators who have made significant contributions to advancing women's health research in any of the four Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) research theme areas:

1. Biomedical research
2. Clinical research
3. Health systems and services
4. Social, cultural, environmental and population health.

In alignment with the CIHR Institute of Gender and Health definition of women's health and PWHR's vision, we recognize women's health as an evolving concept. Women's health refers to "physical, biological, reproductive, psychological, emotional, cultural, and spiritual health and wellness across the life-course in the context of the unique intersecting concerns related to our bodies, our roles, our social locations, and our identities."¹

For this award, the definition of women's health research includes research focused on/relevant to:

- Females, cis-women, trans women and men
- Underrepresented gender identities, including but not limited to, Two-Spirit, non-binary, gender fluid, and agender people

¹ Canadian Institutes of Health Research Institute of Gender and Health, National Women's Health Research Initiative, <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/53095.html> . Consulted May 31, 2024.

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ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply individuals must be a:

1. Mid-career researcher (at the time of application, they must have assumed their independent research position 5-15 years ago)
2. Member of one of [PWHR's partner institutions](#)

A complete nomination package will include:

1. Biography of the Nominee: Please attach the nominee's full CIHR academic CCV in a separate PDF attachment. Free form CVs will not be accepted.
2. Two Letters of Support (max two (2) pages each, 12-point font) are required. No more than two letters of support may be submitted.
 - One letter of support must be provided by another member of the nominee's research institute (WHRI, WCHRI, WCH or IWK Health).
 - One letter must come from an individual outside the nominee's institution (i.e., an external reference).

Note: The Letters of Support should supplement the information provided in the CCV and contextualize the nominee's achievements. The letter should also address the evaluation criteria considering PWHR's strategic aims and principles.

3. Justification for the nomination (max 500 words): Nominations will be assessed based on the evaluation criteria listed below, in the context of PWHR's strategic aims and principles. Please ensure you provide the appropriate detailed information in order for the review committee to assess the candidates accordingly. **Self-nominations are welcomed.**

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Deadline: March 31, 2025 by 12 am (midnight) Pacific Standard Time

- Send the complete nomination package as a single or multiple PDF attachments via email to Tamil Kendall, tkendall@pwhr.org
- **Email subject line:** PWHR Award, [Nominee last name], [Name of PWHR Partner Research Institute] (e.g. PWHR Award, Smith, WHRI).

The nomination package must include:

- PWHR Mid-Career Research Excellence Award checklist and cover page
- CIHR Academic CV
- Two (2) Letters of Support
- 500-word justification for the nomination

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Nominations will be assessed based on the nominee's contribution to advancing women's health research in Canada and internationally over the last ten years, including:
 - What the nominee has done
 - Why their work is important
 - The impact of their research
2. The strength and reputation of the nominee in the field of women's health research in Canada and internationally.
3. The nominee's impact on mentorship and training of early career scientists and other highly qualified personnel (including mentorship of clinicians in research, i.e. clinical residents) in Canada and internationally.

Nominations will be assessed against the evaluation criteria listed above, in the context of the following PWHR strategic aims and principles:

PWHR Strategic Aims

- To prepare the next generation of women's health researchers for success
- Increase the visibility and priority of women's health research in Canada
- Strengthen alliances to enable women's health research and its use in policy and practice

PWHR Principles

PWHR is committed to establishing mutually respectful relationships and to advancing research that values the lived experiences, knowledge systems and priorities of diverse groups of women, trans and non-binary people, particularly those who have been systemically and historically excluded in health care and health science career trajectories.

PWHR promotes equity, excellence, collaboration, diversity, and inclusion and leverages our collective resources accountably and sustainably.

NOTE:

- Nominations for highly competitive candidates not selected may be carried forward for consideration up to three (3) consecutive years from the original nomination year.
- Late nominations or nominations with missing and/or incorrect documents will not be accepted.