




Meeting Minutes

Committee	FoMD Faculty Council		
Members:	Dr. B Hemmelgarn (Chair) As per list attached	Date :	March 16, 2021
	 Faculty Council Attendee List March <i>Quorum is represented by those faculty members member present.</i>	Time:	4:00pm
Called to Order:	4:01pm	Location:	Via Zoom
Guests	Dr. Greta Cummings	Scribe:	Erin Neil
Approval of agenda	Approved by consensus with no additions.		
Approval of previous meeting Minutes	Date: January 26, 2021 MOVED by Dr. K. Aitchison and SECONDED by Dr. J. Schulz to approve the agenda as circulated. ALL IN FAVOUR. CARRIED.		
Meeting Attachments:	Provided via email March 2, 2021		

Topic	Summary	Action by whom	Target Date	Status
1. College of Health Sciences	Dr. Greta Cummings provided update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each of the three colleges are unique. Six strong faculties within the College model. The excellence and strength – to preserve and grown. \$170million in budget reductions. Reviewed UAT vision. Goal to streamline process. Streamlining of the administrative processes – can support the academic work of the University of Alberta. College will provide the administrative structures – coordination of services. Reviewed areas that will remain within the Faculty. Reviewed the Council of Health Sciences Deans. Overview of the governance structure. Opened for questions & answers. 			
2. Business Arising	None			
3. Introduction of New Leadership Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drs. Hemmelgarn, Schipper, Kassam, Silverstone and Williams did introductions. <div style="text-align: center;">  1. Introduction of New Leadership Pos </div>			ONGOING

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4. Dean's Report	Dr. Hemmelgarn provided updated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed the budget and the reduction to the campus Alberta grant. • Reviewed the Administrative Transformation – 6 streams and centers of expertise. • Functional Streams reviewed. • Implementation of the Vision 2025 – located on the FoMD website. 			ONGOING
5. Office of Research – Update	Dr. Richer provided update: <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>2. Office of Research Update .pdf</p> </div>			
6. Vice-Dean Faculty Affairs	Dr. Kunimoto reviewed status of Chair searches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmed concurrent search with AHS and will be external search for OBGYN • Review – Dr. Derek Emery – term ends June 30, 20201 – Dr. Emery would like to renew and review will commence. • GFC Update – Dr. White unavailable – update will be provided at next meeting. 			
7. Vice Dean Education	Dr. Schipper provided update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruiting learners – CARMS interviews. • Dentistry accreditation –is currently underway. • COVID-19 - Phase 2c – is when Medical Students will be vaccinated. 			
8. Other Business	None			
9. Announcements	Adjourned at 5:23pm			
Next Meeting	May 18, 2021			
APPROVED	May 18, 2021			

Introduction of New Leadership Position

			Introduction by:
Derek Dillane	Interim Chair	Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine	Dr. B. Hemmelgarn
Lawrence Cheung	Associate Dean, PGME	Office of Education	Dr. S. Schipper
Wayne Clark	Executive Director, Indigenous Health Initiative Program	Office of Education	
Nicole Cardinal	Clinical Lead, Education, Indigenous Health Initiatives Program	Office of Education	
Kyle Mckenzie	Rural Communities Engagement Lead	Office of Education	
May Sanaee	Assistant Coordinator Rural ICC	Office of Education	
Brock Debenham	Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs in the MD Program	Office of Education	
Eniola Salami	Black Health Lead in the MD Program	Office of Education	
Peng Wang	Assistant Professor	Medicine	Dr. N. Kassam
Yifeng Wei	Assistant Professor	Psychiatry	Dr. P. Silverstone
Hollie Power	Assistant Professor (Special Continuing)	Surgery	Dr. D. Williams



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Research



Research Resumption on Campus: (Research Impact Committee)

- **Survey of clinical researchers**
- **Summer students**



Survey of the Impact of COVID-19 on Clinical Research

Surveyed FOMD faculty members that conduct or plan to conduct research involving direct interaction with human participants. N=61. This is 39% of our target group.

- 72% of studies have had to stop or continue only partially.
- The top reason for disruption was restricted clinic/patient access (10/19 comments).
- Areas of research operations with major impact included PIs availability for research (N=31/61) and trainees' projects (N=28/61).
- The study aspect impacted the most was screening and recruitment of patients.

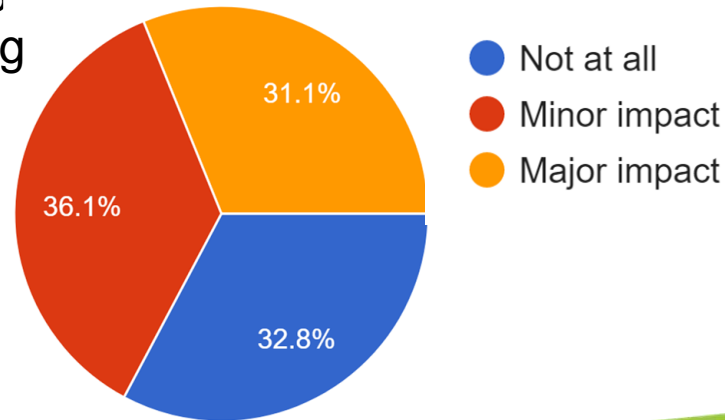
Aspects of studies that were the most challenging (scale of 1-5)



Survey of the Impact of COVID-19 on Clinical Research continued

- A few comments indicated multiple downstream effects of blocked or reduced recruitment and in-person visits. Effects included changes to protocols, ethics applications, trial income, publications, research impact, and future funding.
- 31% of respondents expect major impacts to their grant writing plans.
- The most common explanation was lack/delay of pilot data (N=18/31).
- Other reasons include time demands (N=7/31) and challenges of research during COVID (N=5/31)

Impact on grant writing plans:



SET, College of Health Sciences: Research/Research Administration



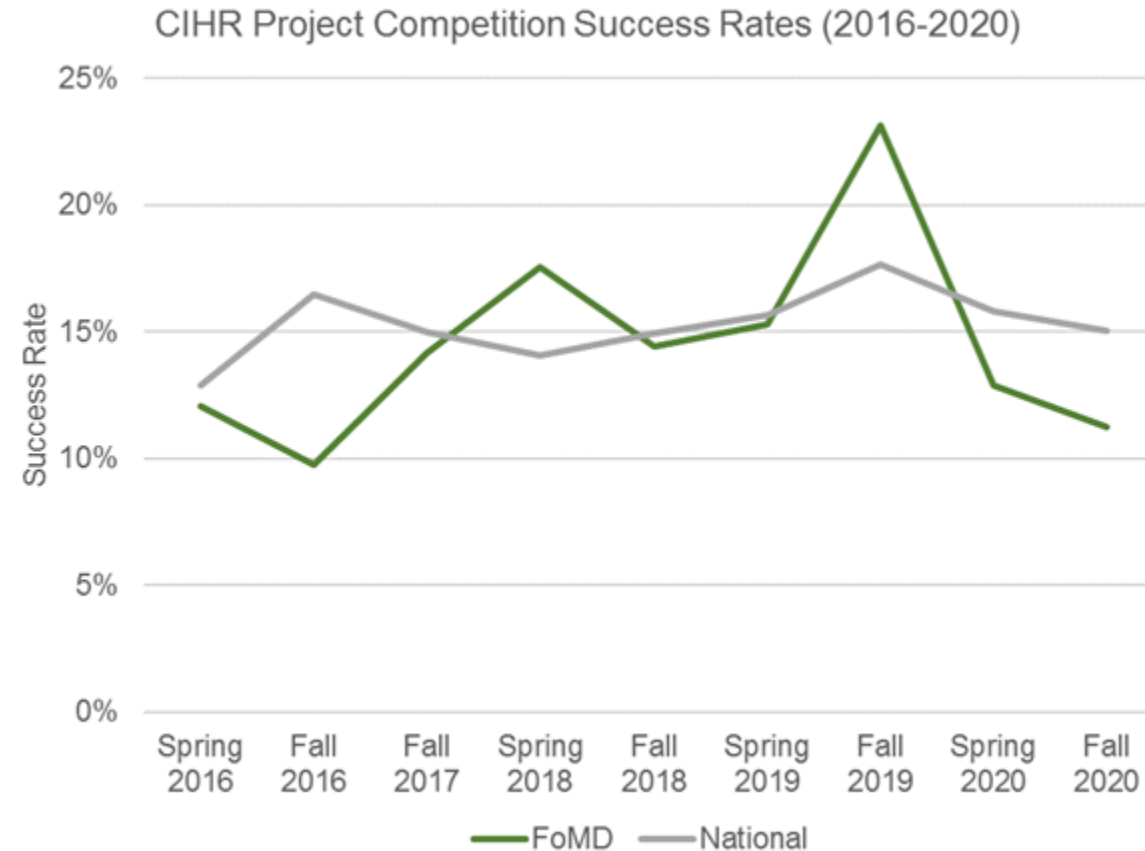
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CIHR Fall 2020 Competition Results

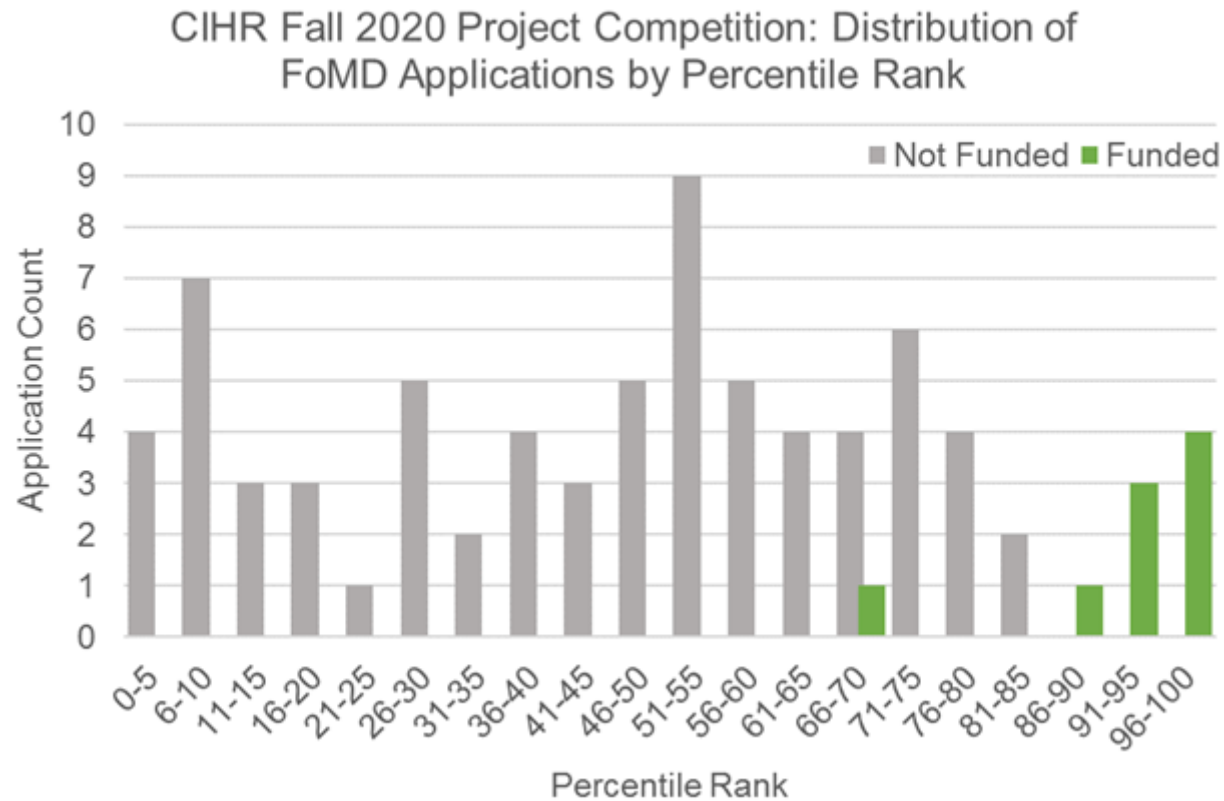
- Nine new grants to FoMD
- \$9.5 million in total funding
- Range from \$600K to \$2.1 million
- Broad range of topics including two COVID-19 projects



CIHR Fall 2020 Competition Results Analysis



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Preparing for the CIHR Spring 2021 Project Grant Submissions



Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Innovation Fund January 2020 Competition Results

- For large-scale infrastructure projects
- Lead by FoMD: **Dr. David Westaway**. “*Protein Misfolding Scientific Exploration*” (ProMiSE) Team: Infrastructure support for remediation of protein misfolding”. Total funding: \$9.6 million
- Co-lead by FoMD: Drs. Liang Li (Science) and **Matthew Hicks**. “*Canadian Analytics Network for Outcome Prediction In Exposures (CANOPIE)*”. Total funding: \$9.1 million
- FoMD is a collaborator: **Dr. Padma Kaul**. “*Canadian Mother-Child Cohort Active Surveillance Initiative (CAMCCO)*”. Total funding: \$3 million



Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) John R. Evans Leaders Fund (JELF) June 2020 Competition Results

- For smaller-scale research equipment and infrastructure acquisition
- FoMD priorities are for placement in cores, to support early career investigators and collaborations with other faculties
- Six new grants funded
- \$4.3 million in total project funding



Update on Research Training Programs

- HYRS
- Summer students
- Graduate students
- Postdoctoral Fellows
- Face shields



Recent Significant Recognitions

Dr. Maria Ioannou awarded the Sloan Research Fellowship

- Assistant professor in Department of Physiology
- In recognition of her innovative work in lipid biology using medical imaging techniques that could shed new light on a wide variety of diseases
- Includes a two-year, \$75,000 (USD) research grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
- In the last year Dr. Ioannou has also obtained a CIHR grant (\$915 K) and CFI JELF grant (\$666 K)



Recent Significant Recognitions

Dr. Vivian Mushahwar appointed as a Fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering

- Professor in Department of Medicine
- An honour that sets apart the top 2% of medical and biological engineers
- Dr. Mushahwar has also recently received over \$2 million (USD) from the US Department of Defense and the Craig H. Neilson Foundation and a new CIHR project grant (\$1.2 million)



Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Health System (PRIHS)

\$7M available from Alberta Innovates and AHS for 3-year projects

Successful stage 1 applications (moving on to full application due March 19).

Lead (Faculty)	Application Title
Dr. Vincent Agyapong (FoMD)	Reducing inpatient readmission rates for patients discharged from acute psychiatric care in Alberta using peer and text message support
Dr. Brian Buck (FoMD)	Improving access and efficiency of stroke care in rural Alberta through the implementation of CT perfusion imaging
Dr. Matt Hicks (FoMD)	The Alberta Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Mother-Baby Care ImprovEmeNT (NASCENT) Program: A stepped wedge cluster randomized trial of a hospital-level Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome intervention.
Dr. Oleksa Rewa (FoMD)	Improving the delivery of acute dialysis to critically ill Albertans – DIALYZING WISELY
Dr. Greg Kawchuk (Rehab. Med.)	The Alberta Back Care Pathway (ABCp) for Low Back Pain



Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Health System (PRIHS)

Support provided:

- Internal peer review meetings (organized 2)
- Pitch practise session (April 9).
 - Applicants will present their pitch and receive feedback from a 10-member panel.
 - All 5 UofA applicant leads are using this support.
- Advice on editors and graphic designers to support applications.



Clinical Health Research - Support for Grant Development

- FoMD CIHR Project Grant Application Guide for pillars 2 to 4, patient-oriented research.
- Grant depository SharePoint



Grant Applications

All grant applications are deposited by the lead Principal Applicant of the proposal, along with supporting documents.

Rules of Use:

- The accessed grant applications are confidential and for individual use only. Do not circulate them.
- The applications are only for use within the University of Alberta.
- Applications are only to serve as an example of a funded grant application for general information.
- In using the grant applications, individuals are to follow the highest standard of research ethics, article 4h, "To obtain the permission of others before using information, concepts or data."

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Name	Granting Agency	Competition
Year: 2019 (2)		
Schmoelzer_Georg_CIHR_Project_P2_The HiLo Trial_RC1	CIHR	Project Grant
Kaul_Padma_CIHR_Project_P2_Pregnancy Complications and Long-Term Risk of Cardiovascular Disease_CD	CIHR	Project Grant



Clinical Trial Management System (CTMS)

- OnCore selected by procurement committee with partnership of AHS, UofA, and UofC.
- CTMS will standardize workflow for managing studies, patients, finance and reporting.
- Able to integrate with Connect Care
- Implementation supported with funding from Alberta Innovates and AbSPORU.
- Goes live at Cross Cancer Institute in April 2021
- Plan to go live at UofA and UofC in Fall 2021.



Connect Care Speaker Series

This three-part speaker series will focus on Connect Care as a research and quality improvement EMR system.

Organized in partnership with UofA and UofC by Drs. Braden Manns, Neesh Pannu and Eddy Lang.

Session 1: Understanding how to access data and create reporting functionality within Connect Care for research and quality improvement

March 15, 2021 at 4 – 5:30 pm MST

Emailed in OoR e-bulletin and posted on the [FoMD Resources for Clinical Researchers/Seminars webpage](#)

