Application for CRISM Prairie Node Support

As stated in our application to CIHR, the objectives of the Prairie CRISM Node are to (1) create effective and trusting collaborative working relationships among our affiliates, and (2) develop accessible resources for substance misuse interventions that are of value to researchers, service providers, and consumer advocates across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

To that end, the CRISM Prairie Node will consider ad-hoc requests from Node Members (Investigators and Knowledge Users) to provide one-time funding up to $15,000 to support combined research and knowledge exchange activities in the area of substance misuse interventions.

Principles

1. Support is available only to Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba investigators and knowledge users who have established formal Membership with the Prairie CRISM Node.
2. Eligible research activities include groundwork to support research funding applications, pilot studies, data analyses, and production of scientific manuscripts.
3. Eligible knowledge exchange activities include training activities (workshops, webinars) for prevention and treatment service providers, plain-language translation of scientific research for non-academic audiences, and consultation about research priorities.
4. Ability of the Node to approve and fund Member applications is dependent on budget capacity. Funds allocated to successful applications will be protected. However, new applications may be rejected at any time based on budget constraints.
5. Successful applicants agree to (a) formally acknowledge Prairie CRISM Node/CIHR funding on written and digital materials related to their research and/or knowledge exchange activities receiving full or partial Node funding, and (b) provide Member-accessible copies of research protocols, datasets (if applicable), as well as training and other knowledge exchange materials for inclusion on the Node website.
6. The Node agrees to profile supported projects and Members on its website.

Process and Review Criteria

Please send completed applications to Denise Adams at denise.adams@ualberta.ca.
The Node Principal Investigators (C Wild, D Hodgins, C Dell) will jointly review completed applications. The Principal Investigators may consult with the Node Regional Coordinating Committee and/or Regional Advisory Panel for advice during the review process. All decisions are final.

The following criteria will be used to decide whether or not to approve applications:
- Likelihood that the project and activities described in the application will contribute to building the Prairie CRISM Node, i.e., create effective and trusting collaborative working relationships among Node Members and stakeholders.
- Likelihood that the project and activities described in the application will create and disseminate resources for substance misuse interventions that are of value to researchers, service providers, and consumer advocates across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.
- Extent to which the application describes activities related to substance misuse interventions. A substance misuse intervention is defined as treatment and/or prevention activities designed to influence incidence and prevalence of substance misuse and related health and social outcomes in treated or out-of-treatment populations. Consistent with CIHR's focus for the National CRISM network, applications focused on illicit drug misuse interventions will be prioritized.

- Likelihood that the project described in the application will lead to further funding applications from Node Members for research and knowledge exchange funding (e.g., CIHR project grants, health system funding for operational support).

Project Description (1 page maximum)

In the space on this page, describe the project or activities to be supported by the Node. If Node funding will be used to supplement ongoing funded projects, please justify why Node funding is needed and provide a copy of the ongoing funded project application as an appendix to this application.

Fit with the Prairie CRISM Node (1 page maximum)

In the space on this page, provide a concrete description of how the project or activities meet the review criteria described earlier. How will the proposed project or activities contribute to building the Node?

Applicants

In the space below, describe who is applying for Node support. Include (a) the principal applicant and contact information, , (b) other relevant Node Members and their position titles, (b) any other stakeholders who will be involved, and (c) a concrete description of *how* each applicant will be involved in the proposed project or activities.

Budget

In the space below, describe the overall amount applied for (up to $15,000), and provide a timeline for how the funding will be used. Break down the relevant costs (research staff, students, materials, data collection, and/or production of knowledge exchange material) and provide a justification for each item. Continue on the next page if necessary.