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You can contact CRISM Prairies using the information provided at the bottom of this email.



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CRISM is a national network dedicated to translating substance misuse intervention research results into practice and policy.

## CRISM | Prairies Updates

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The CRISM Prairies Annual Meeting was hosted at Wanuskewin Heritage Park, near Saskatoon SK, on November 1 & 2 2018. The gathering brought over 100 of our network members together for two days of planning, presentations and discussions that will advance priorities in our region.

We look forward to providing members with the meeting evaluation results in coming weeks. We will also be posting presentation slides on our website.

Thank you to everyone involved for making this meeting our best one yet!

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## CRISM | Prairies Evaluation

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The Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) funds CRISM. CIHR is in the process of evaluating the CRISM Nodes and would appreciate feedback from CRISM members. Below you will find an introduction by CIHR and a link to the survey. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Cam Wild (cam.wild@ualberta.ca) or Denise Adams (denise.adams@ualberta.ca).

*Your responses will help inform a review of the Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse (CRISM). The review will seek to provide evidence about the relevance and effectiveness of the CRISM Network as well as to provide recommendations for the future delivery of the Network.*

*The survey should take about 15 minutes. Your participation in this survey is voluntary and you can discontinue the survey at any time. Anything you share with CIHR in the survey will be used for CIHR research purposes (i.e. evaluation reporting, program development, other publications, etc.) and will be reported in aggregate form. You will not be identified in any report of this review or further publications, and nothing you say will be directly attributable to you. Your participation will not in any way affect current or future CIHR funding considerations. Any personal information (details related to you and/or your involvement with CIHR) provided will be managed in accord with the Privacy Act.*

[Click here for the survey](#)

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## Events & Activities

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### The Opioid Data Challenge!

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Canada faces a growing opioid crisis. Securing data on opioid-related overdoses and harms is crucial to the design and delivery of effective interventions. And yet, timely and accurate data, particularly on non-fatal overdoses occurring in communities, remains limited.

MaRS seeks to engage innovative Canadians — people and organizations of all backgrounds and skills — to propose and test **new data sets, sources and methodologies** to bolster existing information and better measure **opioid overdoses and harms** in our communities.

To learn more about the structure, parameters and how you can meet the challenge visit the [HeroX website!](#)

### The 22nd International Council on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety Conference



You are invited to submit abstracts for oral, paper poster, digital poster at the 22nd International Council on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety (ICADTS) Conference, August 18 - 21, 2019 in Edmonton, Alberta. A limited number of abstracts will be selected for oral presentations. Abstracts are due **November 13 2018**.

Hosted on a rotating basis among a range of relevant organizations including Edmonton's Traffic Safety section, this conference brings together delegates drawn from the areas of public health and safety, traffic, and transport psychology, public health, law, medicine, economics, law enforcement, public policy, education, pharmacology, toxicology, forensic science, human factors, and alcohol intervention and rehabilitation.

Please visit the [conference website](#) for more information and to submit your abstract.

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### M.S.I Foundation Funding Available



The Foundation periodically issues an invitation for Letters of Intent (LOI) in areas of interest to the Foundation. The timing and frequency of invitations to submit an LOI is determined by the Board of Trustees, based on the interests of the Foundation and the availability of funds.

Funding is available for early career investigators conducting pillars 3 and 4 research, for up to \$100K over two years.

This invitation is advertised on the Foundation website, and by letter to Alberta organizations concerned with health research. The Letters of Intent are reviewed by the Foundation and successful applicants are invited to submit more details proposals. The detailed proposals are also reviewed by the Foundation in competition, and funding is offered to the successful applicants.

The Foundation is accepting Letters of Intent until **November 30 2018**. Please visit the [M.S.I. Foundation website](#) for more information.

### Mental Health Promotion Innovation Fund

Action and Knowledge on the Determinants of Health among People and Communities in Canada



The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)'s Mental Health Promotion Innovation Fund (MHP-IF) is pleased to invite eligible organizations to submit Letters of Intent (LOI) for Phase 1 of funding for projects which promote population mental health through the delivery, evaluation and promotion of innovative population health interventions.

The full application process for this Invitation to Submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) consists of two stages. The first stage is the submission of an LOI which outlines the proposed project. The second stage involves inviting applicants with successful LOIs to submit a full proposal.

The deadline to submit a LOI is **November 26, 2018** at 12:00PM (noon) EST. No extensions will be granted. To learn more about this opportunity please visit the Public Health Agency of Canada [website](#).

### Resilience - Canada Research Chair (Tier 2)

Dalhousie University, Faculty of Health

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The Faculty of Health at Dalhousie University invites applications for a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in the area of "Resilience" to be held in the School of Social Work, Faculty of Health. The appointment will be a probationary tenure-track or tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor with an anticipated start date of September 1, 2019. The successful candidate will have demonstrated potential and capacity to develop and lead an internationally recognized research program, within our Resilience focus, that aligns with our strategic directions within the Faculty of Health and promotes collaboration with external partners in this area.

Consideration will begin **November 30 2018**. The full posting can be retrieved [here](#).

## Did you miss it? Items from our previous issues...

### Consultation Request: Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy

Have your say on possible next steps in the

## Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy

The Government of Canada is consulting Canadians on how we can better address substance use issues in Canada from a health perspective.

Visit:

[Canada.ca/substance-use-consultation](http://Canada.ca/substance-use-consultation)

between **September 5<sup>th</sup> & December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018** to share your views.

Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

On September 5th 2018 Health Canada launched a public consultation on potential next steps in the Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy (CDSS). The purpose of this consultation is to engage Canadians on new and innovative ideas on how to further strengthen the federal government's approach to substance use issues through the CDSS.

The consultation will last for 90 days, closing on December 4, 2018, and is open to all Canadians - everyone is invited to share their ideas! You can complete the [online questionnaire](#) to provide input on possible next steps in the CDSS or you can [share your story](#) about how substance use has impacted your life or the lives of people you know.

To learn more about the consultation and to provide your feedback please visit [Health Canada](#) or email [hc.cdss.consultations-scdas.sc@canada.ca](mailto:hc.cdss.consultations-scdas.sc@canada.ca)

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**Resource: CCSA & CISUR -**

Canadian Substance Use Costs and Harms (2007-2014)



In June 2018, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) and the University of Victoria's Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR) released a new report, [Canadian Substance Use Costs and Harms \(2007–2014\)](#), covering a broad range of substances including alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, opioids and central nervous system (CNS) depressants, cocaine and CNS stimulants, and other substances such as hallucinogens and inhalants.

Providing national, provincial and territorial estimates for the cost and harms of substance use between 2007 and 2014, the study estimates the total cost of substance in Canada in 2014 at \$38.4 billion. Alcohol and tobacco use contributed over two thirds of these costs, while opioids ranked a distant third.

To learn more and download the full report please visit the [CCSA website](#) or [CISUR website](#). You can also visit the Canadian substance use costs and harms website at [csuch.ca](#) to learn more about this project.

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**Questions? Comments? Contributions?**  
**Please be in touch using the information provided below!**

**News For the Node?**

If you have news for the node please send the information that you would like included in our next issue to [barb.fornssler@usask.ca](mailto:barb.fornssler@usask.ca). If something is happening in our region we are happy to share!

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