

## **CRISM Coordinating Centre Application: One page Summary**

This proposal describes a national coordinating centre that will work to augment and further expand CRISM reach for research, training and capacity building, and knowledge mobilization. The coordinating centre will also further enhance involvement and engagement of CRISM stakeholders and partners, including persons with lived or living experience (PWLLE) and Indigenous Peoples. These activities will synergize our ongoing partnerships within the existing network and, combined with our national and international collaborations, will also ideally position CRISM to undertake collaborative research and the implementation of evidence-based therapeutic and preventive interventions across Canada. With the additional resource opportunities associated with this proposal, CRISM will be increasingly proactive in identifying national needs and opportunities. CRISM will better position itself within the national and international landscape of research networks and global collaborations to be the key Canadian partner in substance use research.

Key activities of the national coordinating centre will include four core platforms: 1) *Knowledge mobilization*- supporting the co-creation of various KM products and activities with relevant stakeholders, including PWLLE, service providers, community organizations; CRISM website and newsletters; Annual national symposium; 2) *Training and capacity building*- organizing cross node research placements; providing student scholarship funding; providing mentorship of early career researchers and Indigenous scholars; 3) *Trials and project support*- providing support to standardize and accelerate the planning, design and execution of multisite studies, facilitate high-quality research environments for ethically approved and Good Clinical Practice compliant clinical trials and research studies, and facilitate Open Science data sharing and mobilization; and 4) *Guideline development support*- implementing a system that includes tools to support the generation of guidelines and best practice documents, based on CRISM's past successes in this area.

The unique combination of network and regional-level activities undertaken by CRISM requires well organized, yet flexible and nimble communication, coupled with accountability processes operating within well-defined coordination structures. Three levels of national coordinating centre structure are proposed – Node (Node Executive, Node Advisory Committees, Node Members), Network (National Executive, Support Platforms, Core Operations), and External (International Scientific Advisory, Indigenous Engagement Platform and CIHR). This structure also identifies where within the national structure the new research, training and knowledge mobilization support functions will reside.

CRISM's existing nodes have made significant contributions to improving substance use interventions and supporting evidence-based informed policy making since their inception. This opportunity to have national level coordination will serve to considerably increase its impact.