

Advancing Health Through Nursing Science

Proposal Summary

Background

The Nursing Research Fund, a 10-year federally funded initiative that significantly enhanced nursing research in Canada, expired in March 2009, just as the investments were starting to pay off.

Description

Advancing Health Through Nursing Science is a proposal for a research fund of \$54.9 million over 10 years that was submitted to the prime minister, the minister of health, and the minister of finance in February 2008 and to the minister of state (science and technology) in July 2009. The proposal aligns with the federal government's commitment to a national science and technology agenda.

The proposal was submitted by the Canadian Consortium for Nursing Research and Innovation. The members of the consortium are the Academy of Canadian Executive Nurses, the Canadian Association for Nursing Research, the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing, the Canadian Nurses Association and the Canadian Nurses Foundation.

Goals

The goals for this new research fund are to generate knowledge and solutions to:

- improve the health of Canadians and their communities;
- enhance access, safety and quality across the health system;
- strengthen the nursing workforce;
- build the scientific foundations of nursing for future generations; and
- maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the health sector.

Funding Priorities

To build Canadian capacity for nursing research and education, funds are proposed for:

- five national research chairs;
- 10 junior national nurse fellowships;
- 20 new investigator awards;
- 20 post-doctoral fellowships;
- 50 doctoral scholarships;
- 80 master's scholarships; and
- a new Jeanne Mance Scholars Program.

To stimulate the creation and use of nursing science, it is proposed that funds be allocated for the development of innovative service-delivery models that focus on home and community care, improving the health status of Aboriginal Peoples, helping the elderly age in place, addressing social and environmental concerns and helping Canadians and their families manage chronic diseases and mental health issues.

