

2026 ACHRI Catalyst Competition Timeline *(subject to change)*

- LOI Deadline: June 8, 2026
- Applications Invited: June 24, 2026

Eligibility

Nominated Principal Applicants must be ACHRI members; priority will be given to early- or mid-career researchers (i.e. Assistant or Associate Professors, inclusive of Adjunct faculty members). Proposals must include a minimum of 2 applicants who are independent researchers.

LOI Requirements:

- Nominated Principal Applicant Name and Email address
- Nominated Principal Applicant CV (*attachment*)
- ACHRI Program Affiliation
- Team Members
- Title
- Purpose Statement and Rationale
- Project Objectives
- Anticipated Impact
- Funding stream (Seedling or Branch)
- Keywords
- Nursing and/or Allied Health contribution
- Suggested reviewers (up to 5, limit to Canada)

Award Amount and Duration

Seedling Projects may request up to \$75,000, while Branch Projects may request up to \$150,000. All projects should be designed for a maximum duration of 2 years.

Funds available:

- A minimum of \$600,000 is available for this competition
 - At least one award is reserved for projects involving Nursing and/or Allied Health-driven research

Principles for Research Proposals

Proposals may involve experimental and/or observational research, quantitative and/or qualitative methods, and may draw on any or all of the basic biomedical, clinical, health systems, population/public health, and social science disciplines. All research should focus on addressing issues relevant to children and families in Canada, including Indigenous peoples and all equity-deserving groups.

This commitment involves integrating equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility (EDIA) in all areas of research by considering how intersectionalities of research team members, research participants, and diverse stakeholders influence research processes and outcomes. ACHRI is committed to advancing Indigenous and non-Indigenous self-determination, culturally informed methods, and reciprocal and respectful relationships with community.

- Proposals must include considerations for EDIA within the research design (e.g. research questions, design, methodology, data collection, analysis and interpretation, and dissemination of

results).

- Proposals are encouraged to include Indigenous research components and Indigenous ways of knowing to extend research knowledge in the field, which is significant for First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples and communities. This may include a plan for Indigenous community, scholar and/ or participant engagement, as well as commitment to training in and use of culturally appropriate methodologies (e.g., First Nations data collection principles of ownership, control, access, and possession).
- Multi-disciplinary approaches are encouraged.
- Proposals may focus on new projects or the expansion/scale-up of existing projects with strong potential for future external funding.
- Proposals may leverage partner funding and/or in-kind support.

Review Process

LOIs will be batched for internal ACHRI review and evaluated along 4 axes:

- (1) compelling rationale for project,
- (2) feasibility of objectives,
- (3) relative likelihood for impact,
- (4) alignment with ACHRI priorities and strengths (this may include consideration of previous investments in related areas of research)

A ranked list of LOIs will then be provided to ACHRI leadership for final selection of LOIs to be invited to full application. The number of LOIs invited to submit a full application will be based on a targeted success rate of at least 30%.