

CIHR Health System Impact Fellowship

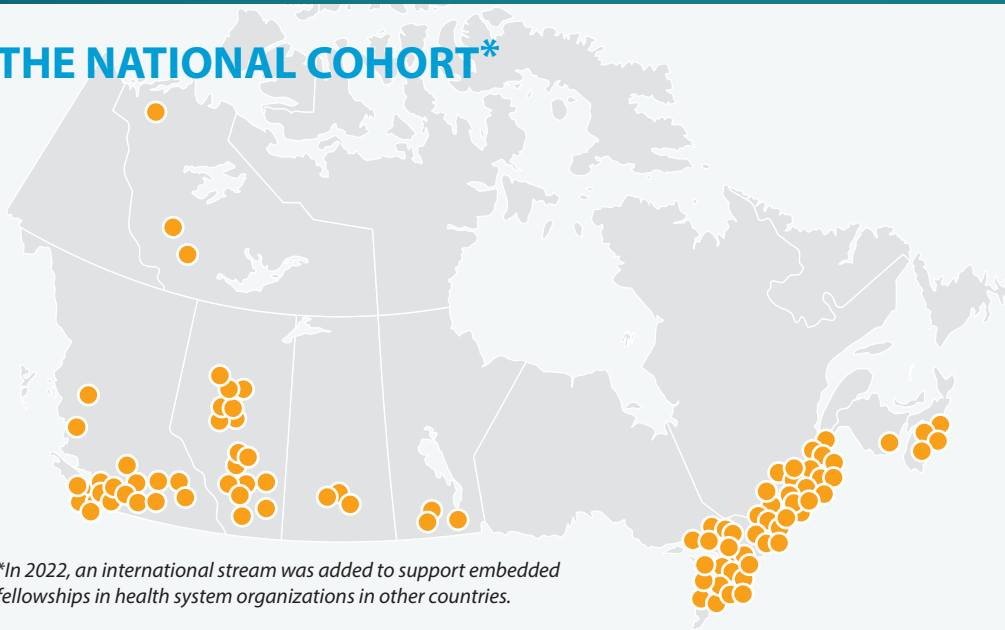
Harnessing the power of research for better health system decisions, performance & impact

The [Health System Impact \(HSI\) Fellowship](#) is a training program designed to build capacity for embedded research, support impact-oriented career paths of emerging leaders, and foster the advancement of learning health systems (LHSs) across Canada.

The program provides highly-qualified PhD trainees and post-doctoral fellows with a unique opportunity to apply their research skills directly within the health system organizations, and to advance pressing priorities with evidence.



THE NATIONAL COHORT*



*In 2022, an international stream was added to support embedded fellowships in health system organizations in other countries.

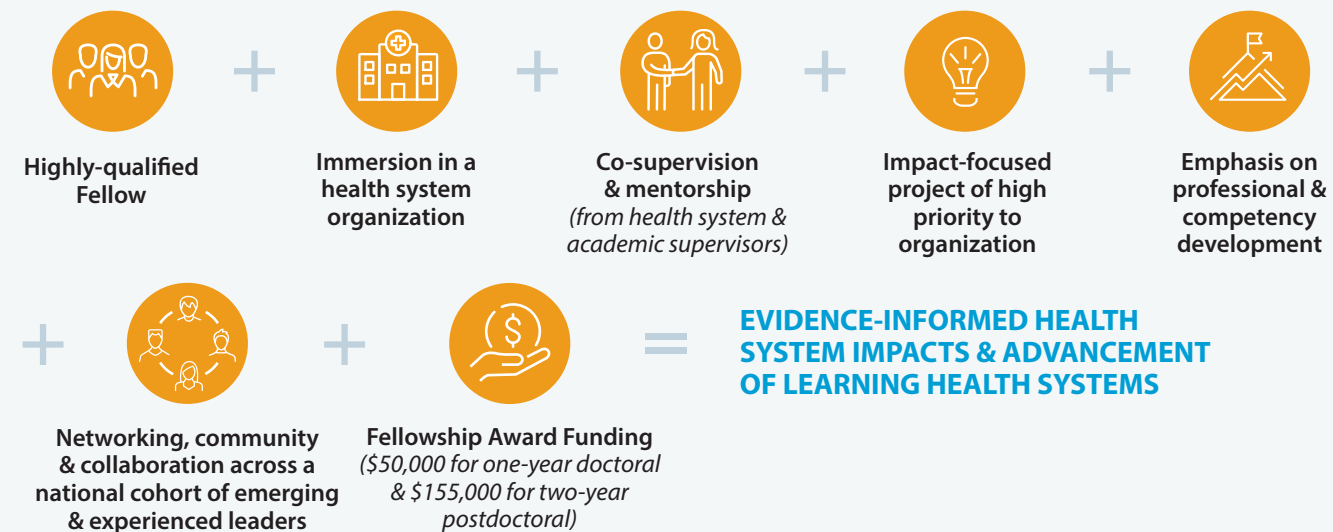
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This is a strong reminder that without research, education, learning and innovation, health systems can never progress or be sustainable. The fellow brought rigor to questions that needed to be asked and brings that inquisitive lens to the health system which is so imperative.

– Health system supervisor

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KEY PROGRAM ELEMENTS



Benefits to Fellows

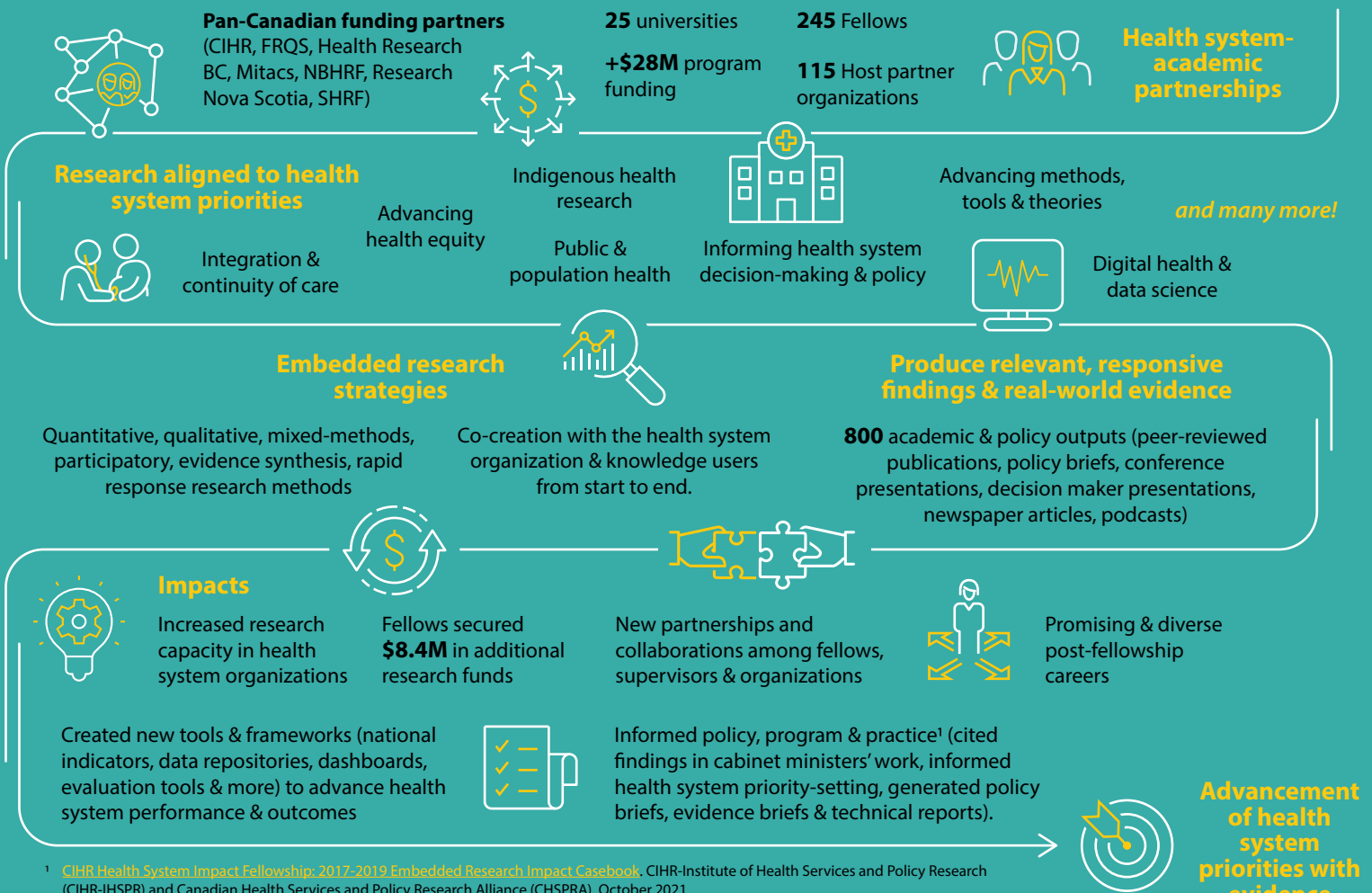
- Use research skills to help address health system challenges
- Lead impact-oriented embedded research projects/programs¹
- Develop professional and research competencies²
- Receive mentorship from health system & academic leaders
- Be an active member of a pan-Canadian community of emerging & experienced health leaders
- Prepare for promising & diverse career paths post-fellowship³

Benefits to Organization

- Bolster research capacity & evidence support within the organization
- Address high-priority challenges with robust evidence
- Build relationships & strengthen collaborations with the academic community
- Mentor & supervise an emerging leader
- Be an active member of a pan-Canadian community of emerging & experienced health leaders



PATHWAY TO IMPACT



¹ CIHR Health System Impact Fellowship: 2017-2019 Embedded Research Impact Casebook. CIHR-Institute of Health Services and Policy Research (CIHR-IHSPR) and Canadian Health Services and Policy Research Alliance (CHSPRA). October 2021.

² McMahon M, Brown A, Bornstein S, Tamblyn R. *Developing Competencies for Health System Impact: Early Lessons Learned from the Health System Impact Fellows*. *Healthc Policy*. 2019;15(SP):61-72.

³ Kasaai, B; Thompson, E; Glazier, R.H., McMahon, M. *Early Career Outcomes of Embedded Research Fellows: An Analysis of the Health System Impact Fellowship Program*. Manuscript accepted, October 2022.

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