



## Key Messages and Asks for the Health Research and Innovation Ecosystem

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**Canada's health care system is in crisis and needs the best available science to facilitate highly effective responses *now*.**

**The Ask:** All levels of government need to work collaboratively and listen to the voices of our health care experts and scientists to address the immediate crisis and ensure the long-term sustainability of the health system.

**Underinvestment in health research is not an option.**

**The Ask:** The Government of Canada needs to double research funding to the Tri-Agency and commit to an annual increase that will keep pace with inflation and global benchmarks.

- This increase in funding must maintain a balance with investments in infrastructure and people.

**A well-supported research workforce that reflects the fullness of humanity and human potential is the foundation of a vibrant, innovative and sustainable research system.**

**The Ask:** The Government of Canada needs to better support and enable a flourishing and diversified talent base in Canada, with a focus on Indigenous researchers, Black and people of colour researchers, early-career researchers, and other underrepresented and equity-deserving groups.

**Realizing the full health, social and economic potential of Canada's health research and innovation ecosystem and ensuring a more prepared, resilient and sustainable ecosystem in the future requires a strong, active and engaged life sciences industry.**

**The Ask:** The Government of Canada needs to delay the implementation of the new draft guidelines to allow for meaningful consultation with industry, patient groups and other stakeholders.