

## What is needed to sustain a healthy research ecosystem for Canadian health and life sciences?

**1. Strategic investment:** To ensure a healthy research and innovation ecosystem across the knowledge to practice gap.

- **Granting Councils:** Modernize the federal granting council budgets to retain promising individuals and ideas (CIHR, CFI, Genome Canada, etc.).
- **Innovation Fund:** Invest in an Innovation Fund to ensure that the fruits of our research and innovation investments are moved into practice.
- **Inclusive ecosystem:** Allow healthcare organizations engaged in research to apply directly to research, infrastructure and federal support for research funds.
- **Indirect costs:** Increase the Federal Research Support program to international standards and recognize contributions of healthcare organizations with tax credits.

**2. Strategic policy:** To ensure that our investments and policy choices align to the benefit of health and the economy.

- **Formal national recognition:** Explore a national recognition/credentialing program for the significant research infrastructure provided by some healthcare organizations.
- **GST/HST Rebate:** Increase the GST/HST rebate on all eligible purchases made by research hospitals, companies, and individuals investing in health research.
- **Procurement:** Align organizational, provincial and federal procurement policies to support Canadian jobs, products, and companies from our health research & innovation.
- **Venture Capital:** Attract venture capital by facilitating market entry for Canadian health innovations.

**3. Strategic coordination:** To ensure that the wide range of programs, agencies and stakeholders within the health research and innovation ecosystem work in unison, through:

- **Coordinating table for health and life sciences:** Guide policy decisions and coordinate the range of programs, agencies and stakeholders involved in health research and innovation.
- **Canadian Health Innovation Network:** Coordinate key players required to move research and innovation into practice by leveraging/developing pathways and supports.

### Recommendation

A healthy research and innovation ecosystem requires the health of its individual parts which is maintained through strategic coordination, strategic investment and strategic policy in the areas described above.