

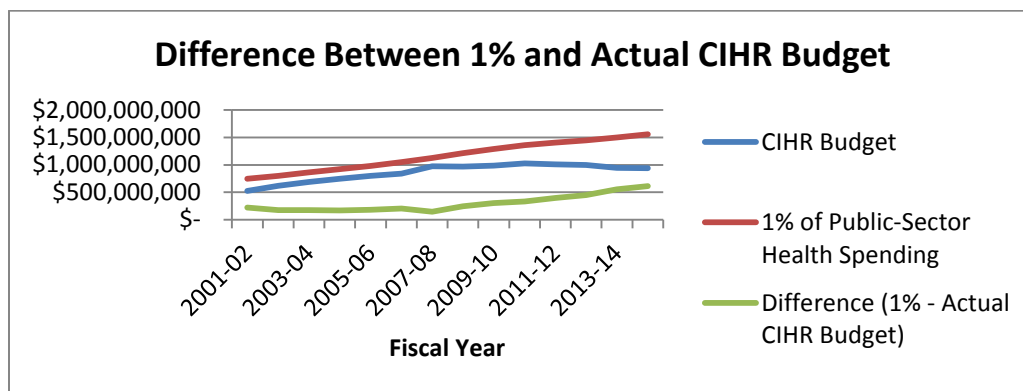
## Why do Canada's health researchers need immediate support?

### What is the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)?

- CIHR is Canada's premier health research investment agency. It was created in 2000 by a Liberal government under the authority of the CIHR Act.
- Its mandate is to promote scientific excellence and support the creation of new knowledge and its translation into improved health for Canadians.
- CIHR supports over 13,000 investigators and has attracted world-leading clinicians and scientists to the benefit of patients, the health system and the economy.

### What is the current situation?

CIHR's core budget has not increased since 2010. For this reason, CIHR has initiated a number of recent reforms that have positioned Canada to lose its best and brightest scientists.



CIHR has been forced to make a number of difficult decisions:

- Leaving the supervisors of 956 staff and students to face a \$173 million funding shortfall
- Allocating 30% of funds to more applied initiatives, reducing funding for researchers
- Cutting training programs, such as the MD/PhD program
- Cancelling the Cochrane Collaboration for which Canada is known internationally
- Changing the peer review process to reduce in-person meetings and discussion
- Rejecting 80-95% of funding applications, including those deemed outstanding
- Requiring applicants to find matching funding for their grant applications
- Changing the advisory and funding capacity of its 13 institutes

### Recommendation

Provide immediate restorative funding for CIHR (\$150 million added to A-base budget) plus one-time only funding of \$50 million over two years to create bridge funding for emerging and mid-career scientists.