

Fall 2023 CIHR Project Grant Workshop and Panel Q&A

August 21, 2023; 9:30 – 11:30am
HLTH 1130 (E-wing), Health Science Building

Land Acknowledgement

As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

Internal Review

- Goal is to provide high quality feedback to researchers during the final stages of grant development.
- NOI and timelines can be found [HERE](#)
- Contact: grant.review@usask.ca / Manisha.jalla@usask.ca

IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES	NEW APPLICATION	RESUBMISSION (applications that were submitted to the Fall 2022 competition)
NOI Due	July 14, 2023	July 26, 2023
Draft Application Due	July 27, 2023	August 8, 2023
Internal Reviews returned to applicants	August 22, 2023	August 29, 2023
CIHR Registration Deadline	August 17, 2023	
Compliance Review Deadline (UnivRS)	September 6, 2023	
CIHR Application Deadline	September 14, 2023	

Project Grant Internal Review Success Rates

	Spring 2018	Fall 2018	Spring 2019	Fall 2019	Spring 2020	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Fall 2021	Spring 2022	Fall 2022	Spring 2023
# USask Applications	36	41	30	29	30	39	30	31	33	32	36
# Awarded	4	5	3	4	6	3	6	6	7	6	9
Underwent IR (%)	56	73	54	86	50	62	70	52	60	61	53
Awarded IR (%)	75 (3/4)	100 (5/5)	75 (3/4)	67 (2/3)	83 (5/6)	67 (2/3)	100 (6/6)	17 (1/6)	86 (6/7)	33 (2/6)	56 (5/9)

Spring 2023 Results: Highlights

- 36 applications were submitted and 9 were funded – Best USask Results for Project Grant
- **USask Success Rate: 25%;** National Success Rate: 21.5%
- **Total funds awarded were \$7.18M**, which is the most ever received for a single Project Grant competition at our institution.
- **5 applications ranked in the top tertile**
- **6 received scores above 4.1**, and an additional 5 applications scored between 4.0 and 4.1.
- 5 successful applications were the 3rd attempt, and 1 was the 4th attempt. Persistence, refining and re-application is the key.....

CIHR Project Grant Resources Available

- Slides from previous workshops
<https://vpresearch.usask.ca/research-support/tri-council.php>
- Successful CIHR grant examples on the USask Grants repository
https://share.usask.ca/go/ovpr/grants_repository/Pages/CIHR-Examples.aspx
- Grant deadlines, internal review and workshop information is distributed through triagency.leaders@usask.ca (dedicated for TriAgency communication) via the CIHR Research Listserv [Health Sciences/CIHR/SHRF](#)

USask CIHR Bridge Funding

CIHR Project Grant Bridge Funding Program supports USask faculty who received a high score/ranking in the Project Grant competition, but were not funded, in re-applying for CIHR funding.

Up to four (4) bridge funding awards of \$20k or two (2) awards of \$40K will be available for the Spring Project Grant 2023 competition

NOTE: Applications must have undergone **formal USask CIHR Internal Review**.

Contact: cihr.bridgefunding@usask.ca / Manisha.jalla@usask.ca

For more information, please contact:

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Internal Review

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CIHR Bridge Funding

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CIHR Project Grant Amplified Internal Review Program Information Session

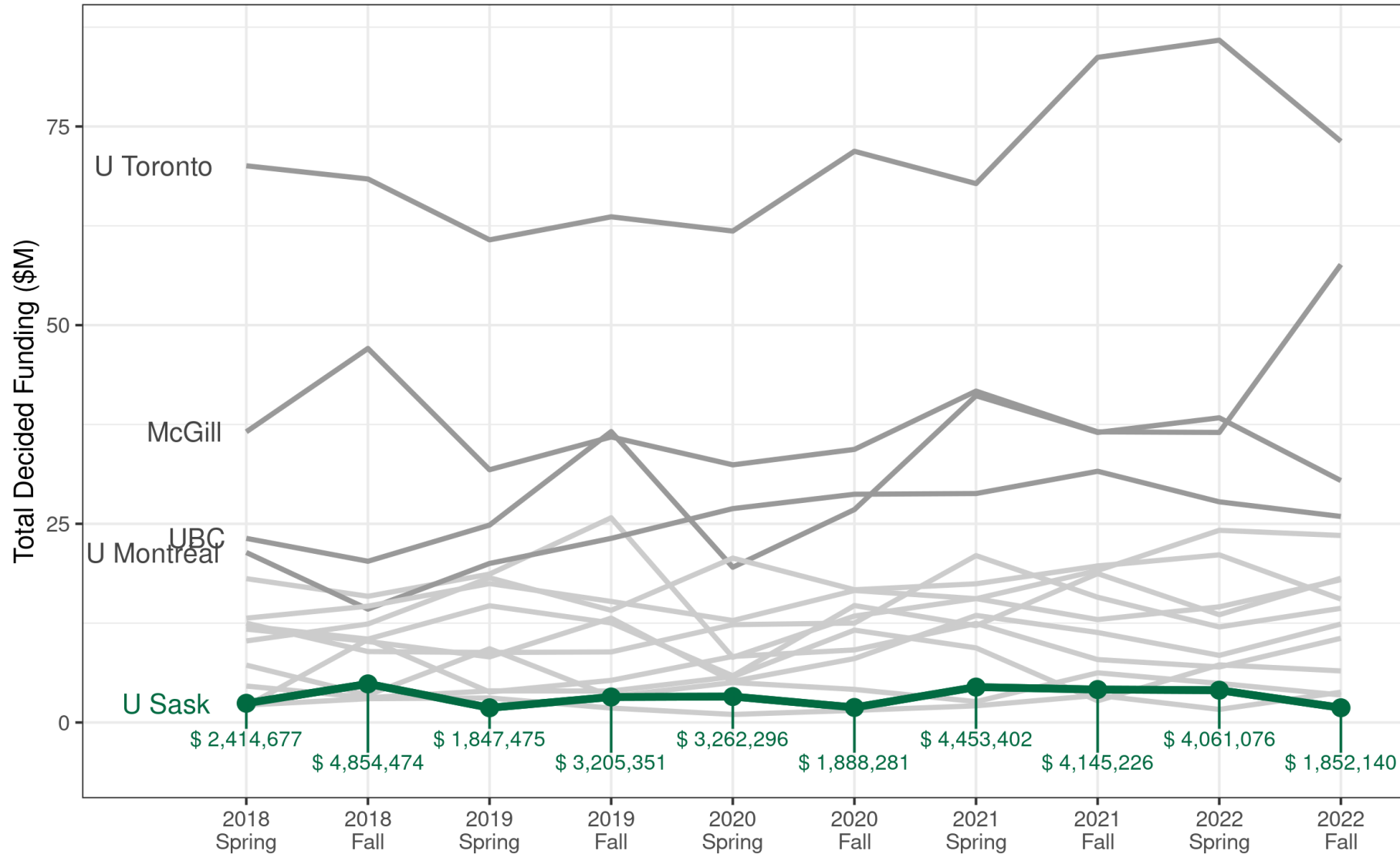
CIHR Oversight Committee

Darcy Marciniuk, Associate Vice President Research, CIHR Delegate

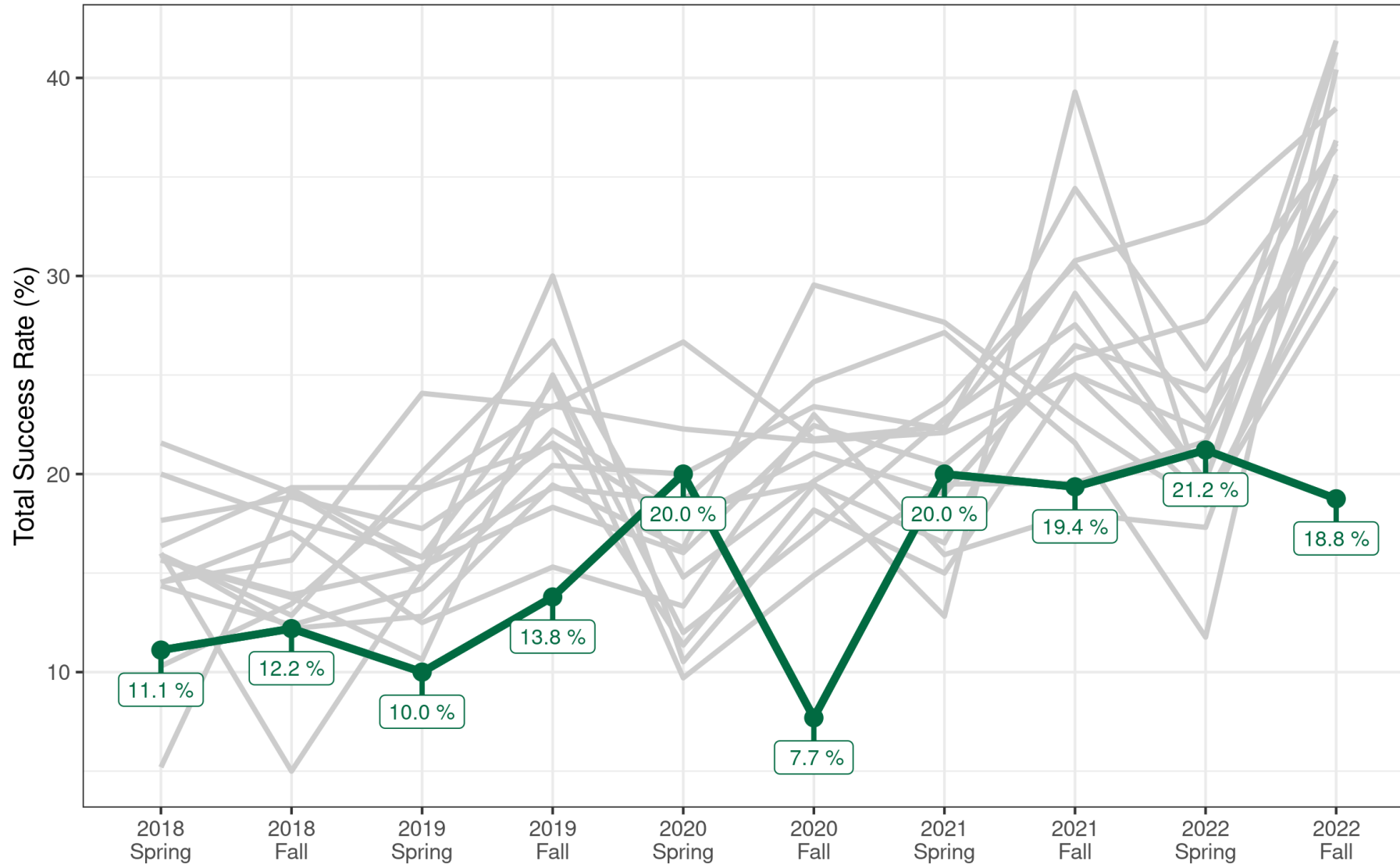
Dave Blackburn, Associate Dean Research and Graduate Affairs, College of Pharmacy & Nutrition

Manisha Jalla, Research Development Specialist, Office of Vice President Research

Project Grant Funding Awarded – U15



Project Grant Application Success – U15



Amplified Internal review



1. You submit an NOI at an early stage

**CIHR Project Grant
Notice of Intention (NOI) to Apply / Request for Internal Review
(Amplified Program)**

Please submit the completed form to grant.review@usask.ca

Principal Applicant: Form Submission Date (yyyy-mm-dd):

E-mail: Department (if applicable):

College/School: Department Head (if applicable):

ADR/ Vice-Dean/ Director: Research Facilitator (if applicable):

Have you submitted this application to CIHR Project Grant Competition before?

NO. This is a new application YES. This is a Resubmission

If yes, please check the competition option when your application was submitted (Check all that applies)

Spring 2023 Project Grant Fall 2022 Project Grant
 Spring 2022 Project Grant Earlier than Spring 2022

Type of Research (check all that applies)

Basic Health Research Clinical/Health Systems/Population
 Indigenous Health Patient-Oriented Research

Experience with CIHR Grants (as a Principal Investigator)

Project Grant Holder (current/prior)
 CIHR Grant holder (other than Project Grant)
 First Application for CIHR grant
 None of the above

Which CIHR applicant category applies to you?

- Early Career Investigator** (A researcher who, at the time of application, has held a full time, independent research appointment, for a period of 0 to 5 years {60 months})
- Mid Career Investigator** (A researcher who, at the time of application, has assumed his/her independent research position 5-15 years ago)
- Senior Investigator** (A researcher who, at the time of application, has assumed his/her first independent research position more than 15 years ago)

Project Title (can be tentative if title isn't finalized yet)

Keywords that best describe your proposed research

Anticipated Project Grant competition to which application will be submitted

Fall 2023 Spring 2024 Fall 2024 Spring 2025 Later than Spring 2025

If you know the [project grant peer review committee](#) for your application please indicate below. (These can be tentative and up to 3 committee names can be provided. This information will also help in assigning Strategic Grant Advisor for applicants choosing to avail that level of support

Level of Review Support

- I do not wish to receive an internal review for my application. (Note – if you choose this option you will NOT be eligible for USask(OVPR) Project Grant bridge Funding to help with a resubmission if the application is unsuccessful).
- I would like to be assigned to a Strategic Grant Advisor who will assist me in developing this proposal until the final application submission deadline. (anticipated competition date should be 6 months or more from date of submission of NOI to avail this support. A Grant Advisory Team comprising of Strategic Grant Advisor, your Associate/Vice Dean Research and Research Facilitator will provide the necessary research facilitation support for your application. Know more about CIHR Project Grant [Amplified Internal Review Program](#))
- I would like my application to undergo an internal review but I prefer NOT to have a strategic grant advisor assigned to my application. If you have suggestions for specific USask researchers who could provide a review without conflict of interest, please indicate their name(s) below. (You may contact your Research Facilitator; A/VDR; Research Development Specialist (OVPR) for assistance with suggestion on internal reviewers.)

1.Name: Email:

Department:

2.Name: Email:

Department:

3. Name: Email:

Department:

Required for Internal Review: Summary of Proposed Research. This will be sent to your Strategic Grant Advisor or suggested reviewers so they can make a well-informed decision whether they are able and willing to review your draft application.

In 2015, a [Grants Repository](#) was created containing examples of successful Tri-Agency grants. If your application was successful, would you consider sharing it on the grants repository?

YES NO

2. We find a strategic grant advisor

3. You work with the advisor to develop the best grant possible.

Goal is a funded CIHR application

Moving beyond identifying weaknesses

- Work with PI to find solutions / improvements

Leverage your networks

- Seek out necessary expertise

Advocate for extra support

Empower the PI

- Mentorship and support

Amplified Review Program: Supports Available

▪ Strategic Grant Advisors

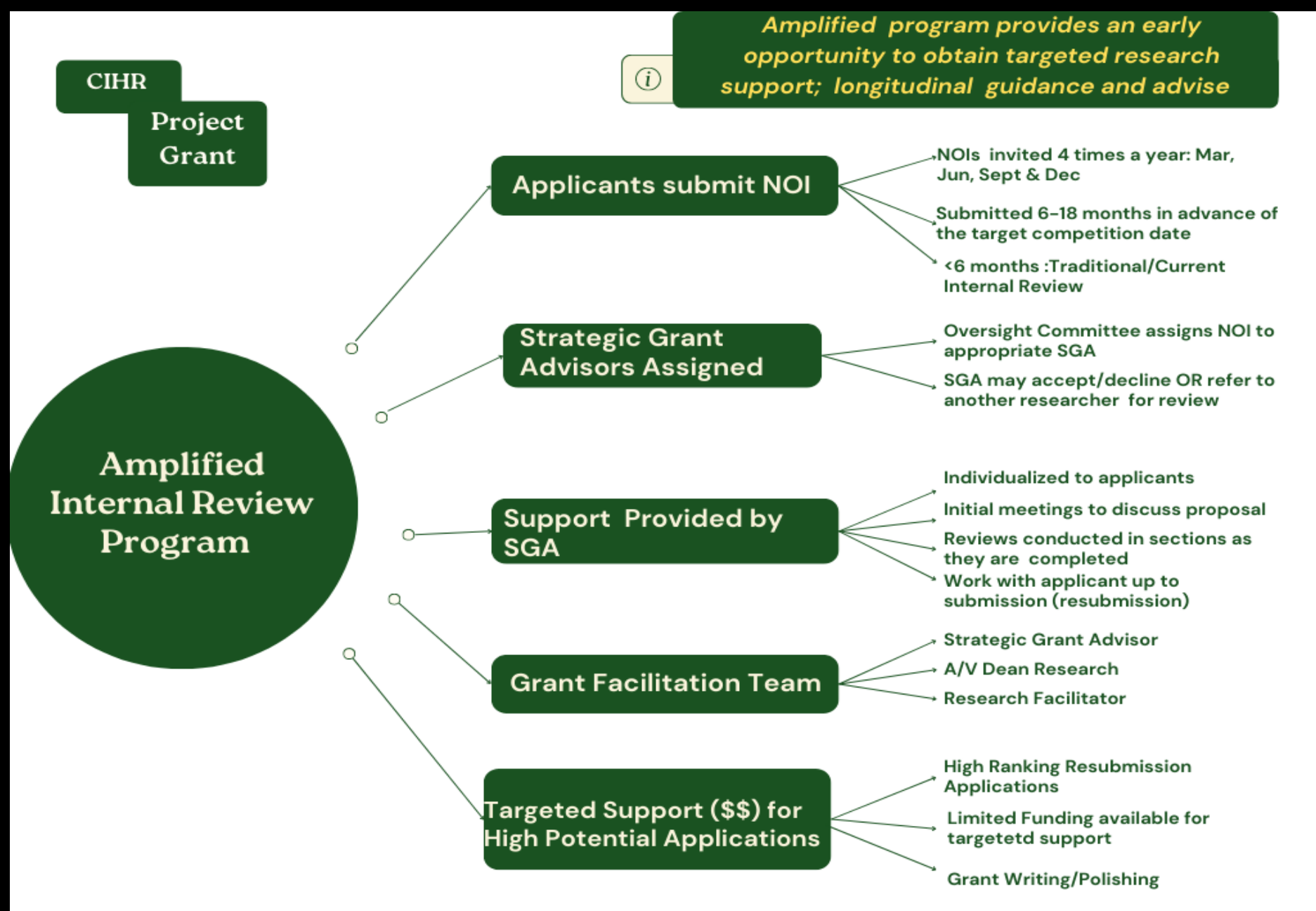
- CIHR Grant Holder
- Peer Review Committee Member
- Work with applicants up to submission (resubmission)
- Support individualized to applicants

▪ Grant Facilitation Team

- Strategic Grant Advisors
- A/V Dean Research
- Research Facilitator

▪ Targeted support (\$\$) for High Potential Applications

- High Ranking Applications
- Limited Funding available
- Grant Writing/Polishing, Meetings etc



Amplifying CIHR Internal Review

NEW Augmented Program	Current Program
Notice of Intent (NOI) 4x/year (Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec)	Twice a year (July & Dec)
Enable applicants to start as early as 18 months before intended date of submission	2-3 months prior to submission
Strategic Grant Advisors (Grant Mentors) with Longitudinal Grant Review	Internal Reviewers provide single point-of-time feedback
Oversight Work group (OVPR & A/VDRs) will help recruit Council of Strategic Grant Advisors (ie. CIHR grant holder, member CIHR Peer Review Committee, etc., etc.)	Applicants suggest Internal Reviewers
Augmented, targeted support for applications ie. grant writing expertise, scheduling, research/ administrative support, statistician/methodologist, etc. (<i>**only for high-ranking resubmission applications</i>)	Provide only internal peer review
Work to better recognize and reward Strategic Grant Advisors for their contribution and goal to enhance PG application success (... and researcher success!)	'Thank you' letters are sent to Internal Reviewers
Grant Facilitation Team: Strategic Grant Advisor + A/VDR + Research Facilitator	
<i>The PI will retain full authority over all decisions and visioning for the application</i>	

Thank-you!

Questions...?

...Comments?