



Research Manitoba Announces Karen Dunlop as New Chief Executive Officer

February 9, 2021 – Research Manitoba, a provincial research funding agency, today announced Karen Dunlop as new Chief Executive Officer.

The Board of Directors would like to thank the Research Manitoba team for their efforts and Sean McKay, Interim CEO, for his direction and contributions in recent months; the momentum recently achieved has the organization well-positioned to forge ahead.

The Board welcomes Karen and the expertise and wealth of knowledge she brings to this role; she has served in a number of senior leadership capacities over the past 20 years and her capabilities include transforming organizations in the healthcare, professional regulation, insurance, and professional services sectors in Manitoba. Karen’s skills and certification in leadership, change management, governance, and executive coaching will serve as an excellent foundation as she guides the organization to advance research in Manitoba and to champion the province’s research community.

“Karen is a proven leader; her operational experience, breadth of knowledge, and keen ability to connect with stakeholders will allow Research Manitoba to focus on increasing Manitoba’s global competitiveness through strategic investment in world-class research,” said **Andrea Legary, Research Manitoba Board Chair**. “Together we will continue to build the Research Manitoba success story.”

“With a global spotlight on research this past year, I believe this is a time of unprecedented opportunity to recognize and capitalize on Manitoba’s robust and innovative research enterprise,” said **Karen Dunlop, CEO of Research Manitoba**. “Our world-class researchers, entrepreneurs, and industry have the talent to strengthen our economy and leverage our province’s unique resources and capabilities. I am excited to join Research Manitoba and work with our stakeholders to make Manitoba the most improved province in research.”

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Research Manitoba promotes, supports, and coordinates the funding of research excellence and innovation in health, natural and social sciences, engineering and the humanities in Manitoba.

[Research Manitoba](#) supports local talent development by providing research support to early career researchers and graduate students, along with fostering strategic partnerships to strengthen research and innovation in Manitoba.

About Karen Dunlop:

Karen is a strategic leader familiar with Manitoba's industry, academic, government, association, and research ecosystem and has a strong understanding of government systems. She will guide Research Manitoba as the organization embraces new opportunities, responds to changing needs, and builds strategic partnerships, which will strengthen Manitoba's research and innovation enterprise.

Karen has over 20 years of experience leading organizations at an operations and governance level to grow and transform in the healthcare, professional regulation, insurance, and professional services sectors. Dunlop's professional education includes law and nursing degrees and certification in leadership, change management, governance, and executive coaching.

Before coming to Research Manitoba, Karen was a Critical Care Nurse, the Registrar and President of the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba, Regional Director of Emergency at the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA), Founder and first Executive Director of the Association of Registered Nurses of Manitoba, and Past Chair of the WRHA. Karen has also participated on number of provincial and national Boards such as the Canadian Nurses Protective Society, the Canadian Nurses Association, and the Health Insurance Reciprocal of Canada.