



Research Manitoba and Victoria General Hospital Foundation Support Research Excellence in Adult Mental Health and Care of Older Adults

June 30, 2021, Winnipeg, MB. Research Manitoba and Victoria General Hospital Foundation are pleased to announce the recipients of the inaugural Victoria General Hospital Foundation Research Grant Program. Two new grants, totaling \$69,230, have been awarded to support research excellence in adult mental health and the care of older adults.

Congratulations to our recipients!

Dr. Krista Hardy, \$34,691
 Max Rady College of Medicine, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba
 Project Title: A decolonizing approach to the incorporation of traditional Indigenous ways of healing into Manitoba's bariatric program

Dr. Corey Mackenzie, \$34,539
 Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts, University of Manitoba
 Project Title: Opportunities to promote treatment engagement among older adults referred to specialty mental health services

The Vic Foundation and Research Manitoba Program aims to fund interdisciplinary research with potential for significant impact based on scientific excellence, and relevance to adult and/or geriatric mental health, and the overall health and well-being of older adults within the Province of Manitoba.

The priority areas for the research include novel therapeutics, remote access and artificial intelligence, Indigenous health, improvements to quality of care, and/or improvements to geriatric care.

"We are very proud to work with the Victoria General Hospital Foundation as this strategic partnership advances research in Manitoba," said Karen Dunlop, CEO, Research Manitoba. "Supporting local talent and improving treatment and care for older adults will create a stronger healthier future for many Manitobans."

"We are proud to partner with Research Manitoba to support the work of world-class researchers here in our province," said Rhonda Chorney, Acting Executive Director of The Vic Foundation. "We are pleased to invest in local talent and work in collaboration to transform care and improve the health and well-being of Manitobans."

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<u>Information about the Program.</u> Information about the Partnership.

About Research Manitoba:

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 Victoria General Hospital Foundation:

<u>Victoria General Hospital Foundation</u> is dedicated to advancing healthcare at Victoria General Hospital and in our community to create healthier futures for us all. Since 2009, we have invested more than \$15 million in innovations that enhance patient care, prevent disease and injury, and improve the overall health and well-being of our community.