

CIHR Funding Opportunity Launch: Healthy Life Trajectories Initiative Linked International Intervention Cohorts

CIHR is pleased to announce the launch of the first two funding opportunities under the *Healthy Life Trajectories Initiative Linked International Intervention Cohorts* (HeLTI LIIC):

- [Team Grant : Healthy Life Trajectories Initiative \(HeLTI\) – China](#)
- [Team Grant : Healthy Life Trajectories Initiative \(HeLTI\) – South-Africa](#)

These funding opportunities will fund Cohort Leadership Teams comprised of investigators and knowledge users/policy makers from Canada and China and Canada and South Africa for cohorts in China and South Africa respectively. CIHR anticipates the participation of other countries in this initiative; additional HeLTI LIIC funding opportunities may be launched later this year.

Initiative Overview

The goal of HeLTI is to generate evidence that will inform national policy and decision-making in Canada and the participating countries for the improvement of health and the prevention of NCDs, with an emphasis on obesity, cardiovascular disease and diabetes throughout the lifespan. Given that both maternal and paternal health have transgenerational effects on development and health of offspring, this funding opportunity also aims to develop gender-responsive evidence for interventions and policies aimed at the needs of men, women, boys and girls. The initiative will use a life course epidemiology approach, which is the basis for the [developmental origins of health and disease concept](#) (DOHaD).

These funding opportunities are launched in partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO) which will provide secretariat support for initiative management and governance.

Additional Information about HeLTI LIIC

- An information session will be held to convene Canadian researchers who are interested in learning more about the HeLTI LIIC funding opportunities.
- Prior to the deadlines for the submission of applications, CIHR and WHO will host a series of Webinars to inform researchers and potential collaborators about the funding opportunity and to provide applicants with an opportunity to ask questions.

For more information about HeLTI LIIC, please visit [our website](#) or contact HLTI-TV@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.