



**CIHR - Nova Scotia Partnerships for Health System Improvement (PHSI)  
2012 Funded Recipients**

CIHR's Partnerships for Health System Improvement (PHSI) program is a funding opportunity that supports teams of researchers and decision makers interested in conducting applied and policy-relevant health systems and services research that responds to the needs of health care decision makers and strengthens the Canadian health system. Applied health services (including public health), health systems and policy research has played an important role in discussions, debate and decision-making in health and health care in Canada for decades, and will continue to do so in the current 'evidence-based' environment. While decision-making in health care and public health organizations is a complex process, research evidence has an important role to play. When the research process is guided by the information needs of users of research, findings are more likely to be translated into new knowledge. Therefore, the PHSI program requires meaningful collaboration between researchers and decision makers likely to be able to make use of the results of the research. Funding is shared between CIHR, Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation and other partners. Funding available through the PHSI competition is a maximum of three years of support at CIHR recommended funding level.

**2012 Competition CIHR NS-PHSI Funded Recipients:**

**Funded Applicants: 3**

**Total Funding: \$258,097.00**

| <b>Principal Investigator Name<br/>Department<br/>Institution<br/>Team Members</b>   | <b>Project Title</b>   | <b>NSHRF<br/>Contribution</b> | <b>Term of Funding</b> |
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| <b>Michael Leiter</b><br>Centre for Organizational Research and Development<br>Division of Research and Graduate Studies<br>Acadia University<br><br><b>Heather Laschinger</b><br>School of Nursing<br>Faculty of Health Sciences<br>University of Western Ontario<br><br><b>Barbara Foster</b><br>Health Canada<br><br><b>Greta Cummings</b><br>Faculty of Nursing<br>University of Alberta<br><br><b>Team Members:</b> Beth Brunsdon-Clark, Vanessa Burkoski, Doris Grinspun, Sherri Huckstep, Mary Ellen Gurnham, Lianne Jeffs, Sue Matthews, Maurio Roffolo, Judith Shamian, Angela Wolff, Maura MacPhee, Sandra Regan, Ann Rhéaume, Judith Ritchie, and Carol Wong. | New Graduate Nurse Retention:<br>A National Study of Factors<br>Influencing New Graduate<br>Nurses' Job Transition in the<br>First Two Years of Practice | 65,000.00                     | 3 Years                |

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| <p><b>Audrey Steenbeek</b><br/>School of Nursing<br/>Faculty of Health Professions<br/>Dalhousie University</p> <p><b>Andrea Glenn</b><br/>Department of Medicine<br/>Faculty of Medicine<br/>Dalhousie University</p> <p><b>Donald Langille</b><br/>Department of Community Health and Epidemiology<br/>Faculty of Medicine<br/>Dalhousie University</p> <p><b>Team Members:</b> Mark Asbridge, Janet Curran, Maryanne Fisher, Kate Krug, Catherine MacDonald, Jo-Ann MacDonald, Peter McLeod, Lucia O’Sullivan, Stephen Perrott and Anne Marie Whelan</p> | <p>Sexual Health Services and Sexual Health Promotion Among Undergraduate Students in the Maritimes</p>                         | <p>\$95,597.00</p> | <p>3 Years</p>  |
| <p><b>Isabel Smith</b><br/>Department of Pediatrics<br/>Faculty of Medicine<br/>IWK Health Centre/Dalhousie University</p> <p><b>Patricia Murray</b><br/>Department of Health and Wellness<br/>Government of Nova Scotia</p> <p><b>Susan Bryson</b><br/>Department of Pediatrics<br/>IWK Health Centre/ Dalhousie University</p> <p><b>Jeffrey den Otter</b><br/>Department of Health<br/>Government of New Brunswick</p> <p><b>Team Members:</b>, Barbara D’Entremont, Helen Flanagan, Nancy Garon, Paul McDonnell, Wendy Ungar, and Charlotte Waddell</p> | <p>Intervention Models for Preschoolers with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD): A Population-based Comparative Effectiveness</p> | <p>\$97,500.00</p> | <p>3 Years</p>  |

