

# MICYRN Network News

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## CRI Application Submitted

The MICYRN CRI-RHF application was submitted on October 9th, 2007.

Following the review of MICYRN's CRI-RHF Letter of Intent by the Scientific Committee, we were asked to choose a specific research focus for our full application. In response to this request, obesity was chosen as the overarching research theme due to the fact that obesity has been identified as an emergent, under-served and poorly understood area of research in Canada. The MICYRN approach to an obesity research theme will include several parallel endeavours. In collaboration with leading obesity researchers across Canada, we propose to create a national cohort of obese children with standardized measures of important social determinants,

physical characteristics, biochemical phenotypes, genotypes and storage of biospecimens. Such a prognostic cohort does not currently exist in Canada. The activities of the eight MICYRN Cores will be linked to the obesity research theme, thereby creating an initial focus for these initiatives from which other needs in the Canadian research environment can be addressed. MICYRN will continue to identify and connect teams, networks and organizations with an interest and expertise in all areas of perinatal, infant, child and youth health research, with the intent to pursue additional research themes in the future.

The application involved a total of 49 co-applicants from 25 hospitals and universities covering eight provinces across Canada. A total of

\$25M was requested from the CFI infrastructure portion of the grant -which required 60% matching funds, with twelve centers who were able to participate in this portion of the request. These centers include: St. John's (Nfld.), Halifax, Quebec City, Ottawa, Kingston, Sick Kids, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Vancouver. In addition, \$10M to be allocated over five years was requested from the CIHR portion of the grant. The funding announcement will be made in late March 2008.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this application. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

***MICYRN's Vision:***  
*Healthy mothers,  
infants, children &  
youth—through high  
quality, collaborative  
clinical research*

## Foundation Funding

We are pleased to announce that the Children's Hospital Foundations, in partnership with the Foundation for Research into Children's Diseases (Quebec), has established a trust for MICYRN in the amount of \$490,000. Dr. Terry Klassen presented to the Foundations in early October on MICYRN's past activities and future plans and it was at this time that this

commitment was made. This funding will be used to assist MICYRN with expenses related to the preparation of the CRI application, salaries, Core and National Coordinating Centre Operating expenses, the MICYRN annual workshop, seed grants for Emerging Teams and Networks, Logo/Identity development and ongoing website development.

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