



## IHSPR-CAHSPR ARTICLE OF THE YEAR AWARD 2022

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Sponsors:** Institute of Health Services and Policy Research (IHSPR)  
Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR)  
**Program launch date:** 1 Feb 2022  
**Application deadline:** 11 March 2022 (11:59 pm EST)  
**Anticipated notice of decision:** 16 May 2022  
**Funding start date:** 1 May 2022

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### Description

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research - Institute of Health Services and Policy Research (CIHR-IHSPR) is dedicated to supporting the advancement of health services and policy research (HSPR) in Canada. **Since 2011, IHSPR has held an annual competition, *Article of the Year*, to recognize groundbreaking health services and policy research published in a peer-reviewed journal that has significantly contributed to the field of HSPR in Canada.** [Past recipients](#) were honored with an award of \$10,000 and a Certificate of Excellence presented at the annual [Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research](#) (CAHSPR) conference.

This year and moving forward, IHSPR is thrilled to launch the annual *Article of the Year* competition in partnership with CAHSPR. This partnership reflects the organizations' shared commitments to collaborate for collective impact, support a strong HSPR community, and recognize the impact and contribution of ground-breaking research.

In this first partnered launch, two (2) awards will be granted. Since the *Article of the Year* competition was paused in 2021 due to the pandemic, one award will be issued to recognize an article published between *January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020*, and a second award will be issued to recognize an article published between *January 1, 2021 -February 12, 2022*. IHSPR and CAHSPR will jointly present and showcase this award at the annual CAHSPR conference and recipients will now have the opportunity to orally present their article at the conference.

### **Funds Available**

CIHR and partner(s) financial contributions for this initiative are subject to availability of funds. Should CIHR or partner(s) funding levels not be available or are decreased due to unforeseen circumstances, CIHR and partner(s) reserve the right to [reduce, defer or suspend financial contributions](#) to awards received as a result of this funding opportunity.

The total amount available for this funding opportunity is \$20,000, enough to fund two (2) awards, where each award will consist of:

- A research allowance of \$10,000 to be used toward research and/or knowledge mobilization related activities.

The award recipient(s) will also receive:

- Promotion of the author(s) and award-winning article through various IHSPR and CAHSPR channels (e.g., websites, newsletters, social media)
- Certificate of excellence from IHSPR and CAHSPR
- Complimentary conference registration at the CAHSPR conference
- Opportunity to orally present at the CAHSPR conference

### **Objectives**

This award is intended to recognize published research in a peer-reviewed journal that has significantly contributed to the advancement of the field of health services and policy research in Canada. The research article must report on original research conducted by the author (commentaries and editorials will not be considered). Articles will be considered related to:

- Research that demonstrates a clear or potential impact on policy, practice, or health outcomes (e.g., inform the design or implementation of health services policies or interventions, decision maker uptake, change management for improved practice);
- OR**
- Research that breaks ground in the way health services or policy research is conducted (e.g., innovations in methodology, novel theory or application of theory, new approaches to existing problems, new methods for engaging 'hard-to-reach' populations).

## Eligibility

### Eligibility to Apply

For an application to be eligible:

1. The award will be granted to the **lead author(s)**.
  - a. In the case where lead authorship is shared, the award will be shared equally between the authors.
2. The article must be original research or original research synthesis and must have been published (i.e., published and accessible online, not accepted to be published at a future date) in a peer-reviewed journal between January 1, 2020, and February 12, 2022.
3. At least one author of the article (lead or co-author) must be affiliated with a [CIHR Eligible institution](#).
4. Canadians and non-Canadians are eligible.
5. Applicants may only submit one article per competition year. **This year only**, applicants may submit one article for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 and one article for the period January 1, 2021 to February 12, 2022. *Note: Applicants are eligible to win one (1) award within this funding opportunity.*
6. Applicants cannot have previously received the Article of the Year award.

## Guidelines

### General CIHR Policies

Successful applicants funded through this funding opportunity and any other persons working on the project must fully comply with the applicable [CIHR Funding Policies](#).

### Allowable Costs

Applicants should review the [Use of Grant Funds](#) section of the Tri-Agency (CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC) Financial Administration Guide for a complete listing and description of allowable costs and activities.

### Conditions of Funding

- The applicant must consent to the use and disclosure of full application and nominative information for relevance review and funding decisions at the time of application.

## Review Process and Evaluation

### Relevance Review Process

IHSPR and CAHSPR will perform a relevance review to ensure that applications are eligible, complete, and relevant to [IHSPR's mandate and/or priority research areas](#). Please note that applications outside the IHSPR [mandate](#), (including [clinical](#) and [population health](#) research themes) will not be considered. Articles deemed not relevant will be withdrawn from the competition.

### Review Process

A review committee comprised of esteemed members of the HSPR community will review the applications. Members will include researchers and health system leaders and will abide by conflict-of-interest policies.

## Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

1. The relevance and strength of the journal for the target audience of the article's research findings or policy implications.
2. The extent to which the article contributes to the advancement of health services and policy research in Canada by:
  - a. Showing a clear or potential impact on policy, practice, or health outcomes;
  - or**
  - b. Breaking ground in the way health services or policy research is conducted.
3. The overall strength and clarity of the article.

## Funding Decision

The top-ranked application will be awarded the IHSPR-CAHSPR Article of the Year Award. This year, the top-ranked 2020 and 2021 articles will be awarded. The names of successfully funded applicants will be published on the IHSPR and CAHSPR websites.

## How to Apply

- The application for the IHSPR-CAHSPR Article of the Year Award will be accepted online using the following submission form: <https://events.eply.com/aoy2022>
- Detailed instructions on how to submit your application are provided [here](#).

## Contact Information

For all inquiries please contact:

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## Sponsor Description

### **Institute of Health Services and Policy Research**

IHSPR is one of the 13 institutes that comprise the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research \(CIHR\)](#), Canada's federal funding agency for health research. IHSPR is dedicated to positioning Canada as a global leader in optimizing health and health outcomes in the population through the provision of evidence-informed health care services. IHSPR's mandate is to support innovative research, capacity-building and knowledge translation initiatives designed to improve the way health care services are organized, regulated, managed, financed, paid for, used and delivered, in the interest of improving the health and quality of life of all Canadians.

### **Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research**

The Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) is a multidisciplinary association dedicated to improving health and health care by advancing the quality, relevance, and application of research on health services and health policy. As the largest and most diverse association

of its kind in Canada, CAHSPR provides members with unique opportunities for networking, research collaboration, and career advancement.

### [Additional Information](#)

The next Annual Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) conference takes place virtually from 31 May to 2 June 2022. Award winners will receive complimentary registration to attend and will receive their Award from the IHSPR Scientific Director and CAHSPR Executive Director during the conference awards ceremony and have an opportunity to deliver a brief oral presentation about their article.