



WHERE HEALTH MATTERS

2022-2023 ANNUAL RESEARCH REPORT



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WORD FROM THE VICE-DEAN RESEARCH

This past year, **equity, diversity and inclusion** were front and center in the numerous dossiers we prepared, including the two Canada Research Chair (CRC) T2 positions (ISHS and SHK), internal calls for CRC T1, and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Awards. We expect these efforts will continue to lead to more diverse, equitable and inclusive research approaches and Faculty environments.

Creative knowledge mobilization strategies were evident, through the various outreach initiatives summarized (see p. 3) and outlined throughout this annual report, with strong emphasis on informing and supporting communities.

We continued to facilitate **interdisciplinary, interfaculty and intersectoral collaborations** through our continuous support of five research centers and institutes (see p. 15). We look forward to welcoming the newly appointed Director of the LIFE Research Institute, **Nafissa Ismail** (cross-appointed to FHS from Faculty of Social Sciences) and sincerely thank outgoing Director **Linda Garcia** for her great work in creating a vibrant Institute with representation from across uOttawa and beyond, including numerous partners in Canada and internationally. Thank you very much, Linda!

This past year, we invested time and effort in the **planning of the new LEES** to ensure a smooth transition for research teams. The *Management of Research Space* policy and the *Shared Research Platform Principles and Procedures* were approved, pursuing the promotion of a cultural change for **optimal use of research space**. These policies will be applicable throughout the various spaces across the Faculty.

We can confidently say that we delivered on five of the six research office priorities (as outlined in bold above). However, we fell short in the **development of efficient and effective communication strategies**. Due to staffing challenges, we had to pause our monthly Health Research Reporter, and only intermittently hosted a Health Research Conversation. However, with the arrival of a new Research Advisor, Flo Lesage (Ph.D.), as well as a new Manager, Communications and Marketing, Valérie Charbonneau, we hope some communication initiatives will be reactivated.

In 2022-2023, external funding reached \$8.9M in total funding, including \$4.6M in tri-council funding. This is slightly down from previous years. The COVID-19 research boost from the previous two years, as well as some fatigue and capacity limits brought forth from recent successes, may explain the reduction. Nevertheless, our research impact remains strong. Noteworthy are the more than 800 media appearances, 614 published articles and 27,930 citations, all reflecting the merits of the researchers themselves.

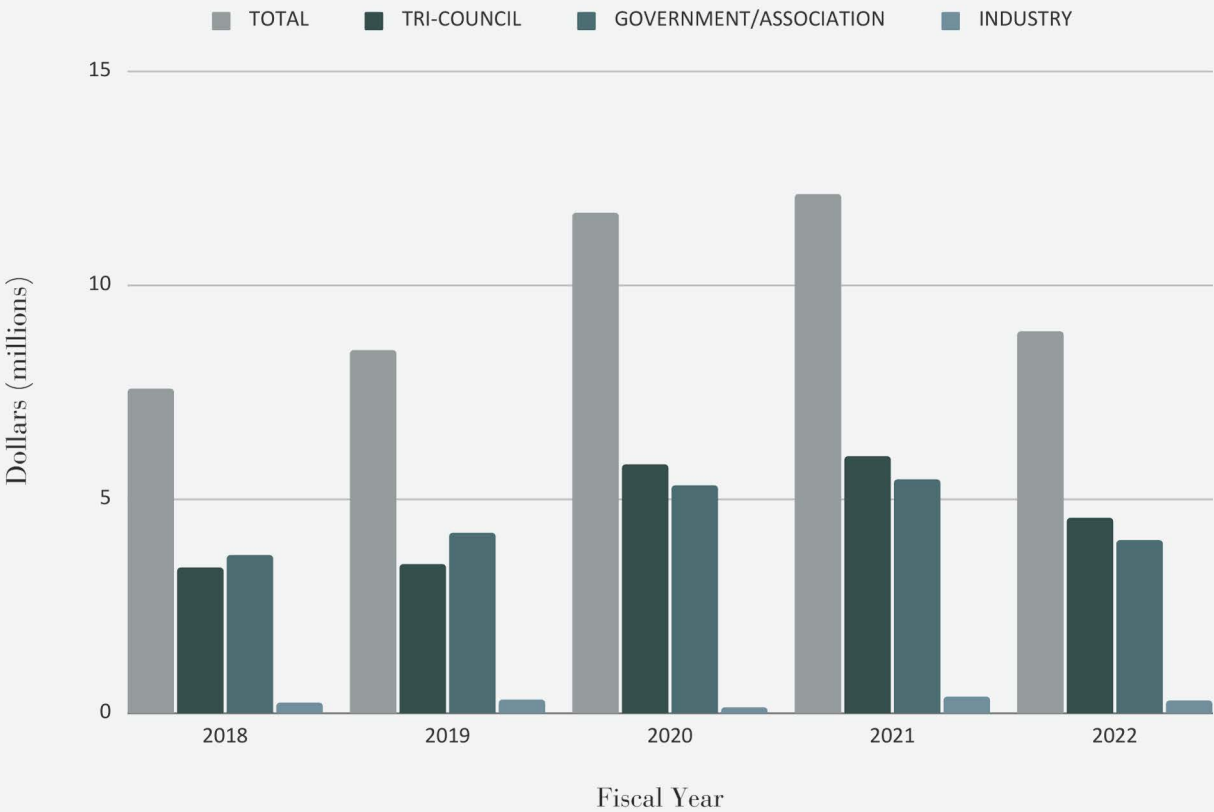
On June 30, my three-year term as Vice-Dean Research comes to an end. I started during the pandemic, but this past year, I was able to execute this role under more “normal” circumstances. I look forward to passing the torch to Dawn Stacey (SoN); I have no doubt that the Faculty’s research portfolio is in good hands. It has been a tremendous honour and a pleasure to serve you with the valuable assistance of the staff in the research office, particularly AnneMarie Gagnon, whose commitment and support to the researchers is relentless. I also want to thank the members of the Research Committee (see p. 17), and particularly our outgoing members: **Shannon Bainbridge** (ISHS), **Michael De Lisio** (SHK) and **Krista Power** (SNS) for their generous contributions to the research enterprise at the Faculty.

I wish all of you continued success in your research endeavours.

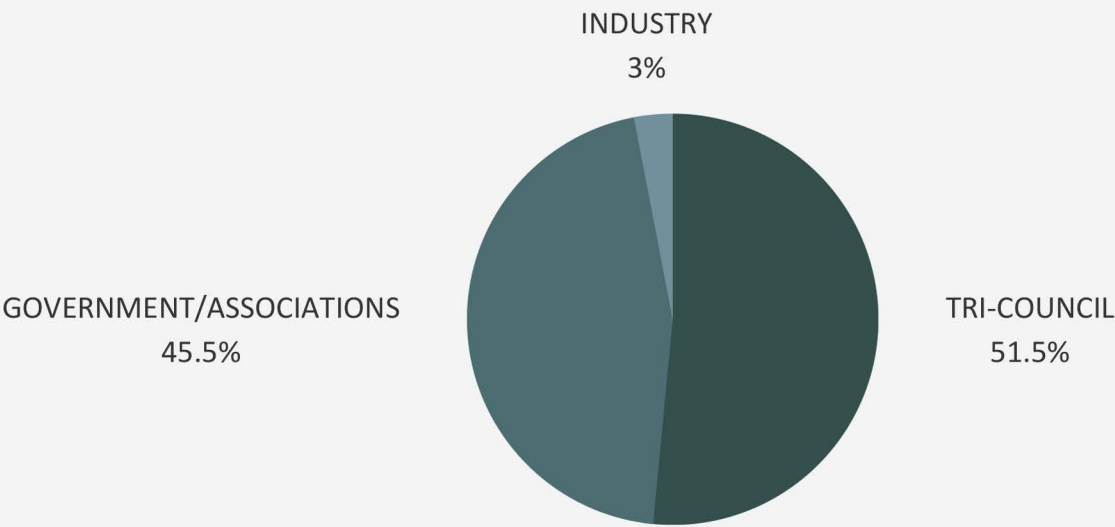
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RESEARCH INDICATORS: FUNDING

Annual External Research Funding
Faculty of Health Sciences



Funding Distribution



Data derived from eAwards on April 16 2023, filtering out infrastructure and equipment funding and internal sponsor sources from the University of Ottawa or FHS.

RESEARCH INDICATORS: KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION

502 Conference presentations

250 Invited presentations

614 Articles published

27930 Citations

10 Books

62 Book chapters

831 Media appearances

2 Patents and disclosures

49 Technical reports

30 Tools

Data extracted from Scopus in April 2023 (published articles in 2022, citations in 2022), or from 2021-2022 annual reports (presentations, other publications, products, and media appearances during the calendar year 2021).

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION



PROJECT	INVESTIGATOR	SCHOOL	COLLABORATION
Analytical services for fiber-based products	Nicolas Bordenave	SNS	United States of America
Arctic Winter Games 2023 – Arctic Youth, Culture and Environment	Christine Dallaire	SHK	France and Denmark
Collecting data on self-managed abortion in humanitarian and fragile settings: a global initiative	Angel Foster	ISHS	Democratic Republic of the Congo, Jordan, Pakistan, Thailand and Venezuela
Development of gait detection algorithms for individuals with multiple sclerosis	Ryan Graham	SHK	United Kingdom and United States of America
Exploring access to abortion services in India during the COVID-19 era: a multi-methods study	Angel Foster	ISHS	India

This list represents research projects with international collaborators for which FHS researchers received external funding as nominated principal investigators.

INTERNATIONAL IMPACT

The Montreal International History Film Festival selected the web-documentary *Les infirmières de la folie* created by Alexandre Klein, Marie-Claude Thifault and Sandra Harrisson (SoN) to be featured during this year's festival. This interactive project recounts the trajectories of three real-life nurses throughout the last century, from training to their work in psychiatry. The documentary is based on a careful review and analysis of Quebec psychiatric institutional archives. You can view the announcement of the selection and access the web documentary through [this link](#).



As part of her role as a member of the Board of Directors for the Global Foundation for Children with Hearing Loss, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick (SRS) collaborated with the Hospital for Children, Eye, ENT and Rehabilitation Services in Nepal to implement a newborn hearing screening program. In addition to bringing much-needed services to this community, the program can be scaled up to other Nepali regions, improving the quality of life for many children.



From the recent changes in the legal landscape on abortion in the United States to the disruption in the abortion pill supply chain, women's reproductive rights have been under attack. Angel Foster (ISHS) continues to support and bring attention to women's sexual and reproductive health in North America, as well as humanitarian and fragile settings on the global scene. She continues her role as the Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, which now boasts an impact factor of 5.7.



In an article published in *The Conversation Canada*, Chibuikwe Udenigwe (SNS) presents current challenges, as well as opportunities to establish sustainable and environmentally-friendly global food systems. His research suggests that innovations in food science and technology offer solutions to address these issues. His research program examines processing methodologies to optimize the utilization of plant-based proteins as sustainable and functional food sources.

NATIONAL IMPACT

Research from Glen Kenny (SHK) and his team was featured on the front page of The Globe and Mail. [This expansive article](#) describes the impact of rising heat on human health as well as the unique facilities available within our own faculty.



The culture of sports, and specifically of sports organizations, has made front page news recently. With scandals at Hockey Canada, Canada Soccer and several others, it appears that a toxic environment permeates organized sports in our country. Eric MacIntosh (SHK) and colleagues are working to address this by examining how to initiate a culture shift. They see opportunities in targeting coaching practices and coaching behaviours, as explained in [this article](#).



A knowledge mobilization site was launched by the Chaire de recherche de l'Université d'Ottawa et de l'Institut du Savoir Montfort sur la santé des francophones de l'Ontario. The co-holders of the Chair, Jacinthe Savard (SRS) and Louise Bouchard (Faculty of Social Sciences), offer this dynamic and engaging information bank to enhance the information on the health of official language minority communities. You can access the site [here](#).

COMMUNITY IMPACT

In late May, we welcomed members of Wesley Clover International and the Business Development Bank of Canada to the Lees Campus. Ryan Graham and trainees Victor Chan, Matthew Mavor, and Alexandre Mir-Orefice (SHK) held an interactive biomechanics demonstration for these attentive guests. The research group has begun a collaboration with Celestra Health Systems to advance treatment for individuals living with multiple sclerosis, by combining wearable technology, mobile application, and artificial intelligence to monitor gait and balance in daily activities.



The [Ontario Guidelines for Providers Offering HIV Testing](#) were developed “specifically for Ontario to help reach the undiagnosed”. Three articles from the SoN (Patrick O’Byrne, Dave Holmes and PhD candidate Lauren Orser) were included as part of the cited evidence that led to this updated document. This is an excellent example of the practice changing research that is being done in our Faculty.



The *Better Lunch Box* program is a 4-week intervention designed by Claire Tugault-Lafleur (SNS) and colleagues at the University of Guelph (Guelph) and Western University (London). The project aims to support families with young children in packing healthy (and most importantly, delicious) lunches on school days. In addition to improving school-aged children’s nutritional intake, the intervention aims to uncover the familial factors influencing school lunch food choices, and continue to inform and refine the program.



EVENTS

The University of Ottawa was host to the *2022 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for the History of Nursing (CAHN): In the Shadow of Historiography: Toward another History of Healthcare*. The bilingual event, organized by the Past President of the CAHN, Sandra Harrisson (SoN), with assistance from Marie-Claude Thifault (SoN) and Alexandre Klein (SoN; Nursing History Research Unit (NHRU)) was held from June 9 to 11. The engaging program attracted researchers from across Canada and from Europe, and purposively went beyond nursing history, expanding to include the history of healthcare with an emphasis on those whose contributions may not have been acknowledged to date, such as racialized and Indigenous peoples and non-orthodox caregivers. The bimodal conference was a success and will be repeated in this form in the coming years. As a result of the event, new relationships were created between the NHRU and French-speaking European students and researchers.

The *endMS Summer School 2022*, a week-long training and networking event of the MS Society of Canada, was held at uOttawa from June 13 to 16. The event welcomed 60 participants with 39 trainees from across Canada. The Multiple Sclerosis Research Group of the uOttawa Brain and Mind Research Institute, including Lara Pilutti (ISHS), was involved in hosting and organizing the event, and three FHS trainees (Zain Awadia, Katherine Cardwell and Darrin Wijeyaratnam) were selected to attend this prestigious training program. The event was also made possible through support from the MS Society of Canada and the uOttawa Office of Continuing Professional Development.



Over 1000 leading scientists and researchers in all areas of biomechanics from across North America and worldwide arrived in Ottawa in August 2022, for the *North American Congress on Biomechanics (NACOB)*. Daniel Benoit (SRS) and Ryan Graham (SHK), co-Chairs for this event, organized an exciting program with support from the Canadian Society for Biomechanics, the American Society of Biomechanics, FHS and the University of Ottawa. In addition to keynotes, oral and poster presentations, the 5-day event also featured career development workshops, student networking opportunities, and activities to support best practices in equity, diversity, and inclusion in research.

The *World Congress of the Secrétariat international des infirmières et infirmiers de l'espace francophone (SIDIIEF)* was held at the Montfort Academic Hospital from October 16 to 20, 2022. The event brought together more than 1500 researchers, clinical experts, governmental and professional decision-makers, and healthcare leaders, representing almost 30 countries of the Francophonie. The Scientific Committee, chaired by Michelle Lalonde (SoN) built an engaging program with a focus on clinical innovation, under the theme *Creating Health: The Power of Nursing Knowledge*. This international networking event was a great opportunity to showcase the work of the School of Nursing's and Faculty's researchers and students.



EVENTS

The *Finding Common Ground* symposium, presented by the Center for Research on Health and Nursing (CRHN) in partnership with Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada, was held on December 8, 2022. The symposium aimed to develop relationships and networks to collaborate on health and social research priorities related to Inuit life. The lead for this event, Wendy Gifford (SoN), Marie des Anges Loyer-Da Silva Research Chair in Community and Public Health Nursing, plans to continue working to strengthen collaborations while identifying priorities for culturally safe and ethically sound research with Inuit, to inform health and social policies, programs and practices. This symposium was funded by the University of Ottawa Office of the Vice President, Research and Innovation through a SSHRC Exchange grant in partnership with Pauktuutit.



On January 28, Roger Guindon Hall welcomed 75 attendees for the *2023 Nutrition and Mental Wellness Research Day*. In addition to the live-streaming of the Canadian Nutrition Society's Annual Thematic Conference, *Advances in research and practice: From identification to treatment of disordered eating behaviours*, the day included posters by students and presentations by postdoctoral fellows from the School of Nutrition Sciences on the theme of Food, Nutrition, and the Gut-Brain axis. Preceptors who supervise undergraduate students during their internship and alumni were invited to the one-day conference, offering an excellent opportunity to build and expand relationships. Overall, it was a very informative conference giving an in-depth understanding of the bidirectional relationship between eating habits and mental health. We acknowledge the financial support from the generous anonymous gift for Nutrition and Mental Health Research, without which this event would not have been possible.

Community-based research was featured during the “*Meet the community*” event hosted on April 12, 2023 by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the CIHR/HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted and Blood Borne Infections (STBBI) Research Advisory Committee (CHASRAC), in partnership with FHS. The event featured talks from researchers from the SoN, Josephine Etowa, Patrick O’Byrne, trainees Manal Fseifes and Lauren Orser, as well as from community partner the AIDS Committee of Ottawa, highlighting the exceptional research and significant impact their community-based collaborations have enabled. The assembled researchers, community partners, policy-makers and CIHR stakeholders took this opportunity to network and discuss opportunities and challenges for the field of HIV/AIDS and STBBI research.



NEW RECRUITS



Rochelle Einboden
Associate Professor (SoN)

Rochelle is the Endowed Research Chair in Nursing Care of Children, Youth, and their Families, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) and CHEO Research Institute. She has worked with children and families as a registered nurse for over 20 years in Canada and Australia. Her research is clinically grounded and socially relevant, drawing on critical social theory and methods to explore health policy, programs and everyday nursing practices. Committed to offering new ideas, perspectives and possibilities to address health inequity and enhance social justice for children, young people and their families, Rochelle's program of research is organised around three key priorities: (1) Informing and shaping social understandings of children, families and violence; (2) Methodological innovation to support analyses of practices, discourse, power and social positioning; and (3) Development of nurse-led equity-oriented care and policy across health and community services and settings.



Melissa Fernandez
Assistant Professor (SNS)

Apps and social media have transformed how consumers access and communicate about food. Consumers can purchase food with the swipe of a finger while making little physical or mental effort to select or prepare it. Navigating both online and offline retail environments to make healthy food choices is even more difficult for consumers due to an abundance of nutrition (mis)information online. Melissa's research program explores digital food environments and how the internet and technology are changing the way that consumers eat and interact with food and nutrition information. Her research focuses on understanding how the internet and new technologies influence the way that consumers purchase and communicate about food. The aim of her research program is to develop strategies that will support the public navigate healthy food choices in increasingly complex digital environments.



David Landry
Assistant Professor (ISHS)

David's research lab is particularly interested in the epigenetic and transcriptomic changes associated with exposure to hormones and chemicals on fertility and the origins of reproductive diseases in women. They are investigating the hormonal and metabolic disturbances during oogenesis and intrauterine embryonic development on the epigenetic developmental reprogramming of the fetus that manifests into intergenerational adult pathologies such as the polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS). His lab is also interested in the epimutations during adulthood associated with ovarian aging and signaling from the tumor microenvironment. They are working to better identify the origin of epigenetic modifications in mesenchymal cells that differentiate into cancer-associated fibroblasts in tumors, in order to target the formation of a pro-tumoral fibrotic microenvironment during cancer establishment as a therapeutic approach in aging women.

NEW RECRUITS



Jennifer O'Neil
Assistant Professor (SRS)

As a physiotherapist with extensive experience working with people living with neurological conditions, Jennifer's program of research focuses on access to rehabilitation. Through community collaboration, her team uses knowledge mobilization and clinical implementation research to test innovation and technology to improve access and equity. Precisely, her research work focuses on telehealth, telerehabilitation, physiotherapy, and access. As a first step in knowledge mobilization around telerehabilitation, she has been fortunate to represent the Canadian Physiotherapy Association in the development of an International Telerehabilitation Clinical Practical Guideline led by the American Physical Therapy Association. Alongside Jacinthe Savard (SRS), she also continues to build capacity and evaluate the implementation of the *Marche vers le Futur telehealth falls prevention program* across Canada. This primary prevention program uses telehealth to improve access to fall prevention programs for older francophone adults living in a minority situation. Finally, future work includes developing a telerehabilitation and equity checklist, strengthening partnerships with community health workers in Uganda to initiate project ECHO, a teleconsultation platform to facilitate capacity building, and developing partnerships within the local community to investigate rehabilitation needs in people experiencing homelessness.



Pier-Luc Turcotte
Assistant Professor (SRS)

Pier-Luc's research program focuses on the socio-political aspects of occupational therapy practice and services for marginalized populations. His program is divided into three interrelated research axes: (1) The control mechanisms associated with the deinstitutionalization processes of individuals living with various forms of disabilities, (2) The socio-political aspects of the ecological crisis and the health of marginalized populations, and (3) The "night side" of occupational therapy and the advancement of a critical perspective of this profession. His work is aligned with the objectives of the University Research Chair in Forensic Nursing and the Royal Hospital Research Centre.

RESEARCH CHAIRS - UPDATES



Rochelle Einboden

SoN, New Chair

Chair in Nursing Care of Children,
Youth and their Families

The Endowed Research Chair in Nursing Care of Children, Youth, and their Families was created through support from FHS and CHEO to recognize an exceptional researcher in pediatric nursing. Rochelle was appointed as Chairholder in July 2022.



Linda McLean

SRS, Chair Renewal

University of Ottawa Chair in Women's Health Research



Annie Robitaille

ISHS, Chair Renewal

Commissionaires Ottawa Research Chair at the Perley
Health Centre of Excellence in Frailty-Informed Care



Dawn Stacey

SoN, Chair Extension

University Research Chair in Knowledge Translation to Patients



Patrick O'Byrne

SoN, Chair Extension

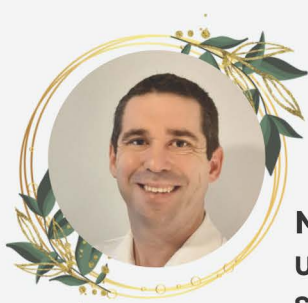
Ontario HIV Treatment Network Chair in Public Health and
HIV Prevention

Research Chairs received, renewed, or prolonged
between May 1 2022 and April 30 2023

RESEARCH CHAIRS - CURRENT

CANADA RESEARCH CHAIRS	Canada Research Chair T2 in Physical Activity Promotion for Cancer Prevention and Survivorship	Jennifer Brunet (SHK)
CHAIRES UNIVERSITAIRES SUR LE MONDE FRANCOPHONE	University of Ottawa/Institut du Savoir Montfort Joint Chair on the Health of Francophones in Ontario	Jacinthe Savard (SRS)
	Canadian Francophonie Research Chair in Health	Marie-Claude Thifault (SoN)
UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CHAIRS (URC)	URC in Integrative Mitochondrial Biology	Yan Burelle (ISHS)
	URC in Biomechanics and Data Science for Human Health and Performance	Ryan Graham (SHK)
	URC in Forensic Nursing	Dave Holmes (SoN)
	URC in Health Evidence Implementation	Janet Squires (SoN)
	URC in Food Properties and Nutrient Bioavailability	Chibuikwe Udenigwe (SNS)
SPONSORED OR ENDOWED CHAIRS	OHTN HIV Treatment Network Research Chair in Black Women's HIV Prevention and Care	Josephine Etowa (SoN)
	Marie des Anges Loyer-Da Silva Research Chair in Community and Public Health Nursing	Wendy Gifford (SoN)
	Montfort Research Chair in Physical and Mental Comorbidities	Pascal Imbeault (SHK)
	SmartCone Technologies Research Chair in Heat Strain Monitoring and Management	Glen Kenny (SHK)

PRIZES AND AWARDS 2022-2023



Matthieu Boisgontier (SRS)
University of Ottawa Open
Scholarship Award

Established in 2016, the University of Ottawa Library Open Scholarship Award recognizes excellence in supporting and practicing open scholarship. Matthieu is an advocate for open practices in research. In addition to making datasets and codes available to the research community, he has spearheaded the creation of the Peer Community in Health & Movement Sciences initiative.



Josephine Etowa (SoN)
Fellow of the Canadian Academy of
Health Sciences (CAHS)

Induction into the CAHS is one of the highest honours within the Canadian academic community. Josephine joins this elite group of researchers, recognizing her international leadership, scholarly achievements and creativity that have significantly advanced the academic health sciences, health care and health policy.



Audrey Giles (SHK)

Research Award from FHS: Impact on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Audrey was recognized at the Faculty level for her sustained effort in promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in research. As a tireless advocate and leader, she continues to champion a Faculty culture based on EDI principles.

Best Boating Safety Initiative, Canadian Safe Boating Council

To address the unacceptably high rates of drowning in the North, Audrey has conducted research informed by Indigenous methodologies and community-based participation, clearly demonstrating the need for and benefits of working with Northern communities to co-create water and boating safety programs and resources reflective of community members' traditional knowledge, land- and water-based practices, and geographic and cultural environments. This award recognizes a successful safe boating initiative that was conducted in Canada.

PRIZES AND AWARDS 2022-2023



Diane Ste. Marie (SHK)

Fellow of the Canadian Society for Psychomotor Learning and Sport Psychology

Diane was inducted as a Fellow of the Canadian Society for Psychomotor Learning and Sport Psychology in October 2022, in recognition of her distinguished contributions to the advancement of the fields of psychomotor learning, and exceptional service to this Society.



Linda McLean (SRS)

**Faculty of Health Sciences
Excellence in Research Prize**

Linda was selected as recipient of this year's Excellence in Research Prize for her outstanding research contributions to the field of women's health, with a particular focus on pelvic floor disorders. Her research program informs clinical practices and policies.



Jacinthe Savard (SRS)

Fellow of the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists

The Fellowship Award recognizes sustained outstanding contributions and service made by an occupational therapist. Jacinthe's leadership in developing "l'offre active" as a competency, ensures that clients are aware that they can receive health services in French.



Marijke Taks (SHK)

**Earle F. Zeigler Lecture Award, North American
Society for Sport Management**

The most prestigious award bestowed by this Society, the Earle F. Zeigler Lecture Award, recognizes scholarly, research, and leadership contributions to the field of Sport Management. Marijke presented the distinguished lecture at the annual meeting in May 2023.

This list represents Research Prizes and Awards held or received by Faculty members and officially announced between May 1 2022 to April 30, 2023 . The list of recipients was established to the best of our knowledge; please inform us of any errors or omissions

RESEARCH CENTERS/ INSTITUTES



The **Centre for Research on Health and Nursing's** (CRHN) vision is to be an (inter)nationally-recognized research centre that fosters new ways of understanding and addressing health inequities and social injustices in Canada and the world. This year the CRHN welcomed Zahra Hakimi through the international *Scholars at Risk* network. Zahra is a scholar of Medical Physiology and Midwifery from Afghanistan. The CRHN is a collaboration between the University of Ottawa and the Canadian Nurses Association (Wendy Gifford (SoN), co-director; Wendy Peterson (SoN), associate co-director; and Tim Guest, co-director (CEO at CNA)).



The University of Ottawa's **LIFE Research Institute** (LRI) takes a critical look at life trajectories in all of its complexities. Members explore in greater detail how we end up where we end up in later life. Our lives are complex, and options are diminished as we age, requiring approaches that are truly interdisciplinary. Members of the LRI, Linda Garcia and Jeff Jutai (ISHS), Louise Bélanger-Hardy (Faculty of Law) and Maria Łuszczynska (formerly at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Cracow) recently edited a book entitled: *Well-being in later Life. The Notion of Connected Autonomy* (Routledge, 2022). The book includes 10 University of Ottawa professors and students from 4 different faculties as authors, as well as other international colleagues. As Linda will retire soon, we wish to thank her for her tremendous leadership in establishing this thriving Institute which was born at FHS. We also send a kind welcome to Nafissa Ismail (Faculty of Social Sciences), as the new LRI Director.



Institut de recherche
sur le cerveau
Brain and Mind
Research Institute

Since its establishment in 2012, the **University of Ottawa's Brain and Mind Research Institute** (uOBMRI) has been committed to advancing interdisciplinary research excellence on the brain and mind for greater impact. The uOBMRI's strength is in its unique virtual model to promote collaborations - across disciplines; across our affiliated research hospitals, between researchers and knowledge users; and across the Ottawa region and internationally.



The **Music and Health Research Institute** (MHRI) explores the links between music and health in order to identify and develop solutions to improve the well-being of individuals and communities. Through its core principles of interdisciplinarity, action-oriented research, collaboration, equity, diversity and inclusiveness, the MHRI aims to make music accessible to all. The Institute has been active over the past year, organizing Speakers and Partnership Spotlight Series, as well as many student events, to support the dissemination of research outcomes to a variety of audiences.



The **Interdisciplinary Centre for Black Health** (ICBH) is Canada's first academic research centre entirely dedicated to the study of the biological, social, and cultural determinants of the health of Black communities in Canada. The ICBH is a leading research and training space, based on excellence and interdisciplinarity, that will guide the efforts of federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal agencies to understand, reduce and eliminate racial health disparities.

LOOKING FORWARD



Fostering Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in research

EDI remains a priority across the campus, and these principles were applied in the recent Chairs competitions. Our goal is to ensure these principles permeate all our activities.



Revisiting Strategic Research Priorities

The current Faculty Research Strategic Priorities were established in 2019. We plan to revisit and update these priorities, incorporating aspects from the Transformation 2030 University plan.



Transitions at the Research Office

The coming year involves many transitions for the Research Office. We welcome a new Vice-Dean Research, Dawn Stacey (SoN) to take office as of July 1, 2023. As well, a new Research Advisor joined the team on June 1, 2023. Preparations are ongoing to ensure smooth onboarding.



Collaborating with affiliated hospitals and research institutes

With a goal of enhancing our existing collaborations, we will continue to work with partner research institutes at affiliated hospitals, to facilitate operational and regulatory oversight.



Optimizing research infrastructure

The imminent move to our own Faculty Building at the Lees campus will assemble many researchers. However, we are keenly aware that many will continue to occupy other buildings, and we will work to support the needs of these researchers.

RESEARCH TEAM

RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Shannon Bainbridge – Interdisciplinary School of Health Sciences



Michael De Lisio – School of Human Kinetics



Josephine Etowa – School of Nursing



Krista Power – School of Nutrition Sciences



Roanne Thomas – School of Rehabilitation Sciences



Marijke Taks – Chair, Vice-Dean Research

RESEARCH OFFICE

AnneMarie Gagnon – Manager, Research

Flo Lesage – Senior Advisor, Research and Program Support



The Research Office thanks the members of the Research Committee for their invaluable insight and commitment to the promotion of research excellence at the Faculty. This report was prepared by AnneMarie Gagnon (Manager, Research) and Flo Lesage (Senior Advisor, Research and Program Support), with expert assistance from Cheng Hu (PhD candidate in Rehabilitation Sciences).