

Applicant Resource:

How to highlight your research contributions and impacts

CIHR is committed to funding excellent research. An important part of that is recognizing a wide range of research outputs in the review process and ensuring that researchers' work is assessed on its own merits.

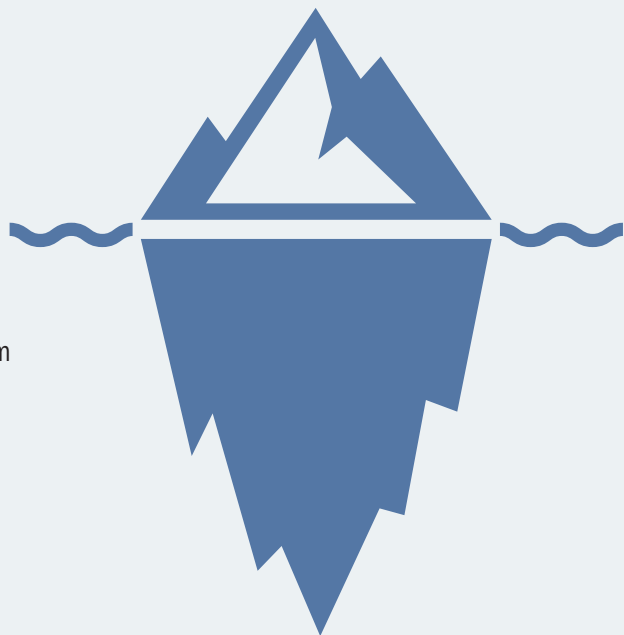
CIHR wants to ensure that peer reviewers look beyond the traditional indicators of productivity when assessing contributions and impacts. We ask peer reviewers to avoid using metrics (e.g. number of publications and citations; size/number of research grants) in isolation and to avoid using journal-based metrics (e.g. Journal Impact Factors) as surrogate measures of quality and impact.

Historically valued

Publications and citations
Reports and books
Prestigious awards
Number/size of grants
Knowledge mobilization outputs & activities

Other valuable research outputs

Influence on policy and practice
Public engagement (including public, patients, providers, policymakers/government, researchers, industry, mainstream and social media)
Community-based participatory research
Training & mentorship
Volunteerism
Guidelines, standards, software and tools
Networks, collaborations and partnerships
Datasets, code and infrastructure development
Commercialized and open-access products



TIPS

- Think broadly when choosing contributions and impacts to highlight
- Include indicators of **quality** (e.g., distinctions-based, meaningful and culturally safe health research) and **impact** (e.g., influence on policy and practice, health and societal outcomes) directly
- If relevant, provide context to support peer reviewers in assessing your track record (e.g., leave history, career stage, area(s) of research, experiential knowledge and lived and living experience, diverse career paths, family responsibilities, pandemic impact, barriers to entry facing individuals from underrepresented, rights-holding and/or equity-deserving groups)

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Adapted from: "Visible vs invisible skills and experience" by UK Research and Innovation (March 2023)