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### CCI-CIC RESEARCH TEAM



### MESSAGE FROM CCI-CIC DIRECTORS

Colleagues,

Another exciting summer for CCI-CIC. Grant facilitation was the focus in August and September with 8 grants submitted this month (see below).

We received further endorsement from multiple committees over the last 6 weeks on our path to becoming a FOM center at the full Faculty of Medicine meeting in November 2021. The centre continues to grow with a total of 71 members and 41 affiliated research staff across the province (> 23 FTE). Annual funding has now surpassed 7 million CAD. New this month, we will start our "CCI-CIC Investigator of the Month" spotlight (see below). This month we are featuring Dr. Stephanie Sellers, co-lead of the new Cardiovascular Translational Lab. Next month we will feature Dr. Jason Andrade.

Finally, please join us for our inaugural **CCI-CIC Day** this **Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>** between 10 am and 2 pm (see below). Cycling, soccer, bocce, and multiple fun activities and prizes for all age groups. Please register at [CCI-CIC.org/rsvp/](https://cci-cic.org/rsvp/) as lunch will be provided by the Disco Cheetah Food Truck. Please have your vaccine passport available if requested. The weather forecast looks amazing!

- **David Wood and Vishaldeep Sidhu on behalf of the CCI-CIC Operations Committee**

### CCI-CIC INVESTIGATOR OF THE MONTH

#### Dr. Stephanie Sellers

**Dr. Stephanie Sellers** is a vascular biologist and new faculty member in the UBC Division of Cardiology and a New Investigator at the Centre for Heart Lung Innovation (HLI) at St. Paul's Hospital. She co-directs the Cardiovascular Translational Lab at HLI with Dr. Sathananthan and is co-leading the pre-clinical and translational science node of CCI-CIC with Dr. Laksman. She completed her Master's at the University of Northern BC and her PhD in UBC Pharmacology & Therapeutics during which she also trained at the University of Western Australia and Yale University. Stephanie completed her post-doctoral fellowship in the Dept. of Radiology at UBC supported by CIHR and the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research. The author of >80 publications, Stephanie's research program focuses on determining cellular mechanisms driving and therapeutic targets in valvular heart disease and bioprosthetic heart valve degeneration as well as the evaluation of new imaging and interventional techniques for cardiovascular disease using in-vivo and ex-vivo models.



## CCI-CIC RECENT PUBLICATIONS

CCI-CIC PUBLICATIONS (JULY-AUGUST 2021): <https://cci-cic.org/recent-publications/>

## CCI-CIC GRANT FACILITATION



CCI-CIC provided full grant facilitation to all CCI-CIC members for various grant competitions this fall, including 1 Heart and Stroke Grant-in-Aid (GIA), 3 Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research - Health Professional Investigator Awards (MSFHR-HPI), and 4 CIHR Project Grants. Please see below for detailed list of grants and support offered this round.

**All CCI-CIC grant facilitation services are provided on a cost recovery basis.**

Grant Competition	PI Name	Faculty/Department	Grant Facilitation Support
Heart and Stroke GIA	Dr. Nathaniel Hawkins	Medicine	Create/distribute templates for registration and full application
MSFHR HPI	Dr. Janarthanan Sathananthan	Medicine	Registration in ResearchNet
MSFHR HPI	Dr. Margot Davis	Medicine	Signature packages- prepare and submit to DOM Research Office, Dean's office and ORS
MSFHR HPI	Dr. Jian Ye	Surgery	Proposal development- guidelines/structure
CIHR Project Grant	Dr. Jacqueline Saw	Medicine	Connect with all Co-investigators/Collaborators for completing their parts in ResearchNet
CIHR Project Grant	Dr. Nathaniel Hawkins	Medicine	Help prepare budgets and budget justifications based on Project proposal
CIHR Project Grant	Dr. Jasmine Grewal	Medicine	Set up and attend statistical analysis meetings between CCI-CIC Statisticians and PIs
CIHR Project Grant	Dr. Peter Loewen	Pharmaceutical Sciences	Appendices- format and attach all appendices for the grant including letters of support, prelim data, references, questionnaires, consent forms, 5 recent publications etc
			Proposal review and editing
			Help with KT/Timeline/ Team/ Challenges and other sections
			Response to reviewer's comments- prepare template for PI according to CIHR guidelines
			Full application previews and editing
			Our statisticians help with SAP for all projects, perform power calculations, and respond to reviewer's comments related to statistical analysis
			Our staff provides common CV support for investigators
			Our staff help draft and collect all letters of support needed for full application

### Upcoming funding competition deadlines:

**UBC Research Support Grant: Oct 1/21**

**VCHRI Investigator Awards Registration: Oct 12/21**

**VCHRI ITA Award Registration: Nov 1/21**

## CCI-CIC DAY



**Join us in Ceperley Park, Saturday, September 25, 2021 for CCI-CIC Day!**

Group Bike Ride from 10 am-12 pm

Lunch provided by Disco Cheetah Food Truck and Mini Olympics from 12-2 pm

Please RSVP at: <https://cci-cic.org/rsvp/>

