



## Emerging Research Leaders Initiative (ERLI) 2016/17

The Heart and Stroke Foundation (HSF) is pleased to announce the launch of the Emerging Research Leaders Initiative (ERLI). This multi-partnered initiative led by HSF includes organizational partners from non-profit, government, industry, and emerging / existing networks. Partners include the New Brunswick Health Research Foundation, Pfizer Canada Inc., Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé (FRQS), the Canadian Stroke Prevention Intervention Network (C-SPIN) the Canadian Venous Thromboembolism Clinical Trials and Outcomes Research Network (CanVECTOR), the Cardiac Arrhythmia Network of Canada (CANet), the Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS), and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

The Emerging Research Leaders Initiative (ERLI) is an establishment grant program for researchers at the transition stage from post-doctoral fellow to early professional career stage in the areas of cardiovascular and/or cerebrovascular research.

This initiative aims to support successful early career launch of new investigators. Through this initiative, partners will provide establishment grant funds that will create a set of conditions conducive to the successful career launch of emerging research leaders in the cardiovascular and/or cerebrovascular health research domains.

Establishment grants are intended to assist new investigators in establishing independent health research programs and achieving the research productivity necessary to obtain major funding from national and other external granting agencies.. For more information click on link to HSF-<http://hsf.ca/research/en/node/1101>

### Timeline:

<b>June 15, 2016:</b>	Launch Date
<b>July 15, 2016:</b>	Letter of Intent (LOI) submission deadline to <a href="mailto:Kimberly.begley@phri.ca">Kimberly.begley@phri.ca</a>
<b>August 12, 2016:</b>	Notification of LOI stage; Invitations to submit full applications to HSFC
<b>September 12, 2016:</b>	Full application submission deadline to HSFC
<b>December 13-15, 2016:</b>	Scientific peer review meeting
<b>Late January 2017:</b>	Early notifications
<b>April 2017:</b>	Announcement of funding decisions
<b>July 1, 2017:</b>	Funding start date
<b>Duration of grant:</b>	Up to 3 years

## Call for Nominations: C-SPIN- MENTORSHIP PRIZE

Mentorship of junior faculty and/or fellows is an important component of the development of highly qualified personnel within the C-SPIN program. The C-SPIN Mentorship Prize will provide recognition to outstanding Canadian atrial fibrillation or stroke researchers (including physicians, nurses, and non-clinical researchers) who are in their mid-career (eight to eighteen years since their first faculty/staff appointment) and are providing direct research mentorship for junior faculty and/or fellows in atrial fibrillation and/or stroke research.

Nominators will send a Letter of Nomination for their mentor to [cspin.admin@phri.ca](mailto:cspin.admin@phri.ca) by July 31 2016.

The CSPIN Scientific Executive Committee after review of all nomination letters will the final funding decision.

**For more information please click on [C-SPIN website](#).**

## C-SPIN Networking In Action

On May 4th of this year C-SPIN co-sponsored the CHRS Clinical Research Mentorship Opportunistic Workshop with CHRS and CANet in San Francisco. The meeting highlighted new study ideas from junior investigators and the value of networking in Canadian Multi-Centre Clinical Studies. This provided an opportunity for the junior investigators to have their ideas vetted by more experienced investigators



On May 5th in San Francisco C-SPIN sponsored the Opportunistic Canadian Study update dinner highlighting REFINE, BRAIN-AF, OCEAN, ARTESIA and RAFT studies. The presentations were well received and the feedback informative.

One of the highlights of this year's Heart Rhythm Society Conference was recognition of our colleague Stuart Connolly for his research by the Heart Rhythm Society with the Distinguished Scientist Award. Congratulations Stuart.

On June 28th a C-SPIN Strategic Planning meeting with the C-SPIN Scientific Executive Committee, the External Advisory Committee, Patient Engagement Committee, study leads and stakeholders was held in Toronto.



The discussion was on C-SPIN the next five years and has set the framework to lead us into the future and toward the development of a feasible cost effective strategy for stroke prevention.

