Ottawa Regional Impact Backgrounder

The Ottawa Health Research Institute (OHRI) is leading a bold new collaborative health research program that brings together The Ottawa Hospital, the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO), and the University of Ottawa Heart Institute and the University of Ottawa.

The program, called TIMEx (Translation of Innovation into Medical Excellence) has three important benefits for OHRI, its partners, and patients:

1. The funding will support construction of sophisticated new facilities to investigate the molecular basis of health and disease, manufacture new therapies and conduct early stage clinical trials in patients.
2. The infrastructure will also enable the recruitment of up to 40 scientists and 200 research staff over the next five years and increase student training capacity by fifty percent.
3. TIMEx also includes a unique mentorship and training program that will help researchers design meaningful studies and translate their findings into benefits for Canadians.

"TIMEx is all about doing research that makes a difference for our patients", said Dr. Duncan Stewart, CEO and Scientific Director of the Ottawa Health Research Institute, Vice President of Research at The Ottawa Hospital and Professor of Medicine at the University of Ottawa.

TIMEx was just one of eight in the country selected for "once-in-a-generation" funding through the Large Scale Institutional Endeavour program of the Research Hospital Fund competition held by the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI).