

CIHR GRANT APPLICATION WORKSHOP
January 12, 2010

Humanities, Law, Ethics and Society in Health Committee

Mandate: To support theoretical and empirical research in health humanities, health law, health ethics, health studies and performing and visual arts that can contribute to the health of Canadians and the Canadian health care system.

Preparing successful applications:

1. Have you defined the research question clearly and emphasized its applicability to the health of Canadians and the Canadian health care system?
2. Is your literature review complete and clearly relevant to the proposed project?
3. Have you defined the meaning of terms such as post-modernism, post-colonialism, etc., as you explain how your discipline designs and conducts research for the sake of committee members from other disciplines?
4. If there are potential difficulties such as gaining access to archival material or other data, have you clearly indicated how you intend to overcome them during the grant period?
5. What new knowledge will your project create and where does the originality of your proposal lie? Is it the questions being asked or are you developing a new methodology or a novel application of a current methodology?
6. Does your application fully reflect the excellence of your previous research and highlight its contributions?
7. Do your plans to disseminate the results include the dates and locations of conferences, the names of journals, the titles of websites, etc.? Do you see opportunities for public engagement through media interviews, etc.?
8. Have you explained why UW is the best location for your proposed project? What do we offer that enables our applicants to compete with researchers based at universities with medical schools?
9. Have you clearly outlined the roles and responsibilities of student trainees, lab staff, contractors, etc.? Does your budget reflect both UW and CIHR salary and equipment requirements?
10. Are you prepared to revise and resubmit your application in light of the reviewers' comments and the material provided by the Scientific Officer's notes?