

Women less likely to receive Canadian federal research funding

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Women are significantly less likely than men to be awarded grants and New Investigator personnel awards from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). Credit: stevepb, Pixabay

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Health Research (CIHR), according to a new study published this week in *PLOS Medicine* by Karen Burns of the University of Toronto, Canada, and colleagues.

Research has already shown that [women](#) at all [career stages](#) are more likely to leave [academia](#) than men, and studies have hinted that women also receive less funding. In the new study, the researchers retrospectively reviewed 55,700 [grant](#) and 4,087 personnel award applications submitted to CIHR between 2000 and 2015.

Over the time studied, women submitted 31.1% and 44.7% of grant and personnel award applications respectively. Across all 13 institutes of CIHR, women applicants were significantly less likely to win grants (risk ratio 0.89, 95% CI 0.84-0.94, p

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