TRI-AGENCY GRANTS MANAGEMENT SOLUTION (TGMS) INITIATIVE

The three federal granting agencies, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), have embarked on an initiative to modernize their grants management system to better support applicants, administrators and reviewers during the grants management lifecycle. Upon completion, a more harmonized and integrated approach will provide the research community and agency staff with a more efficient and user-friendly experience.

WHY IS A NEW SOLUTION NEEDED?

The agencies' existing grants management operate on dated technology and are limited in their ability to adapt to the changing needs of both the research community and the agencies themselves.

- The current systems are complex and not well integrated, administratively burdensome and time-consuming to use.
- The technology that they are built on is out-of-date and is increasingly challenging to maintain and evolve.
- The data architecture is not well structured, making it difficult to share, extract and analyze data.

WHAT WILL A NEW GRANTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ACCOMPLISH?

The TGMS Initiative will procure a user-centric solution to support the grants management lifecycle (i.e., from program design to end-of-grant reporting, which includes the function currently provided by the Canadian Common CV) to achieve the following business outcomes:

- Increased internal and external user/stakeholder satisfaction;
- Increased flexibility and responsiveness to meet Government of Canada priorities and agencies' demands;
- Optimized resources and workforce for an increased organizational effectiveness; and
- Strengthened credibility of the three granting agencies and reinforced reputation as leaders in research.

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

As the initiative unfolds, we will consult early and often, through co-creation and co-design activities. You will be asked to participate in various engagement activities to define business needs, help guide change management activities, participate in client experience activities and prototyping.

If you would like to participate in our upcoming activities, please complete a short survey.

To find out more about this initiative, visit the TGMS website or email us at: TGMS-SGSTO@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

By taking a **user-centric approach** to this initiative there is an opportunity to modernize grants management and meet the standards of **excellence** that the Canadian research community and agency staff expect in terms of **efficiency, interoperability, accessibility,** and **usability**.