

Applying for a CIHR Award: Funding Opportunities & Tips for Success!

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Supporting the “Brightest Minds”

Training Students and Postdoctoral Fellows

- Individual Trainee Awards, e.g., master’s, doctoral, postdoctoral
- Training Grants (STIHR)
- Partial or complete support from CIHR research grants

Salary Support for Independent Investigators

- New Investigators
- Chairs

Support for Collaborative Team Research

- Team Grants
- Emerging Team Grants



CIHR's funds a broad spectrum of health research, categorized into four themes:

- Biomedical Research
- Clinical Research
- Health Systems and Services
- Population and Public Health (including the social, cultural, environmental and ethical dimensions of health)

***CIHR Funding Opportunities
you might be interested in...***

Master's Awards (Canada Graduate Scholarships and Strategic)

Eligibility:

- Candidates must:
 - be in or have completed the last year of a bachelor degree, or
 - have been enrolled for no more than 10 months as a full-time graduate student (Master's or direct-entry PhD) at a Canadian institution.
- Awards must be held at a Canadian institution.



Master's Awards (Canada Graduate Scholarships and Strategic)

Stipend: \$17,500

Term: 1 Year

University Preselection Deadlines: Varies, may be as early as October. Potential applicants must check with their University.

CIHR Application Deadline: February 1



Doctoral Awards (CIHR and Canada Graduate Scholarships)

Candidates apply to the CIHR Doctoral Research Award program, those proposing to conduct research at a Canadian institution are automatically considered for a Canada Graduate Scholarship Doctoral Award.

Open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

Term: up to 3 years

Application Deadline: October 15

No University Preselection

Doctoral Awards (CIHR and Canada Graduate Scholarships)

Common eligibility criteria between the two programs:

At the time of application, candidates must:

- have completed at least 12 months of graduate study at the Master's or PhD level, and
- have been registered as a full-time student in a PhD program for no more than
 - 22 months for those who hold a Master's degree (or who have completed more than 12 months in a Master's program before transferring to a PhD program); or
 - 30 months for those who have completed less than 12 months in a Master's program before transferring to a PhD program; or
 - 34 months for those who transferred directly from a bachelor's degree to a PhD program.

Doctoral Awards (CIHR and Canada Graduate Scholarships)

Differences between the two programs:

<i>CIHR Doctoral Research Awards (DRA)</i>	<i>Canada Graduate Scholarships Doctoral Awards (CGSDA)</i>
Awards may be held in Canada or abroad.	Awards MUST be held in Canada.
Stipend per annum: \$21,000 (+ \$5,000 if held abroad)	Stipend per annum: \$30,000
Research Allowance: \$1,000/year	Research Allowance: \$5,000/year

Fellowship Awards

Eligibility for candidates who hold, or are completing, a PhD degree:

- At the time of application, must have less than three years of post-PhD research training experience.
- Only eligible for funding until the end of their fifth year of post-PhD research training.
- Must undertake post-PhD research training in a different research environment from which they received their PhD.

Eligibility for candidates who hold, or are completing, a Health Professional degree:

- may propose a program leading to a Master's or PhD, but is not required.

Fellowship Awards

Stipend per annum: \$40,000 (PhD)
\$40,000 - \$50,000 (HP)*

Research Allowance per annum: \$5,000

Term: up to 3 years (PhD)
up to 5 years (HP)**

Application Deadlines: February 1 and October 1

*dependant upon degrees held and years of post degree training

**dependant upon intended use of award

Other CIHR Funding Opportunities

Priority Announcements

Priority Announcements offer additional sources of funding for highly rated applications that are relevant to specific CIHR research priority areas or mandates.

Candidates may request that their application to a core program be considered for up to three priority announcement research areas per application, in each competition.

For the 2008-09 competition cycle, there will be Priority Announcements competitions for candidates applying to the Master's Award, Doctoral Research Award, Fellowship and New Investigator programs.



Strategic Training Initiative in Health Research (STIHR)

A CIHR Training Program Grant is awarded to a group of excellent mentors/educators, accomplished in health research, who work collaboratively to offer a research training program of defined format and content to a group of trainees.

Potential trainees apply directly to successful Training Programs for program admission and for stipend support. These competitive training opportunities are advertised nationally and internationally.

To date, 87 Training Program Grants have been funded by CIHR and partners at up to \$310,500 per year for six years, for a total of \$160 million.

www.stihr.ca

CIHR Funding Opportunities database

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/780.html>

This database:

- ✓ provides a complete listing of current and archived opportunities
- ✓ is searchable
- ✓ can be viewed by Institute, program type, or target applicant

June and December

The next announcement of funding opportunities is scheduled for June 17, 2008.

The Application Process

CIHR Application Modules

- Award programs are in the process of transitioning to an automated application process through the use of ResearchNet
- Until complete, some funding opportunities will continue to require the use of CIHR Webforms with a paper copy submission

CIHR CV Module (Common CV)

- The CV Module is used for almost all of CIHR grants and awards programs
- Access the Common CV Website (www.ccv-cvc.ca) via the Webforms login or via the ResearchNet website (<https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca>)
- The data entered into the Common CV Website will be automatically formatted to fit into the CIHR version of the CV Module when you choose CIHR as the agency to which you are applying.

ResearchNet Offers a one stop shop for the research community and consolidates processes for submission of applications and peer review

Where are we now?

- The Doctoral and New Investigator Award programs use ResearchNet for:
 - ✓ esubmission of applications
 - ✓ at least part of the review process
 - ✓ the posting of award decision
 - ✓ the Response to an Offer of Award process
- On-line Confirmation of Commencement response for Master's, Doctoral and Fellowship Awards

What's Upcoming?

- ✓ E-Submission for Fellowship applications for the October 2008 competition – will be available by the end of June
- ✓ For Master's Awards, CIHR worked with Institutions to define requirements for data exchange and develop a process for University approval and access to applications.

**If you have questions or comments about
ResearchNet, please contact...**

ResearchNet Support
support@researchnet-recherchenet.ca
(613) 941-9080

Things to consider when applying...

Tips for CIHR Award Applicants

- ✓ follow instructions exactly
- ✓ adhere to format guidelines (e.g., font, page limits)
- ✓ applications must be completed using the CIHR Web forms or through ResearchNet, handwritten applications will not be accepted
- ✓ use the full page allowances
- ✓ start at least two months before the deadline

Tips for CIHR Award Applicants

Applicants are encouraged to...

- ✓ work on the research proposal in collaboration with their supervisor/mentor
- ✓ proofread their application
- ✓ show the complete application to their supervisor/mentor, peers and other researchers for feedback
- ✓ make sure their application is complete...incomplete or late applications will not be accepted
- ✓ If you are submitting through ResearchNet, all tasks must be listed as complete in order to have the application submitted successfully.

Tips for CIHR Award Applicants

Common issues with Award Applications:

- Missing CV modules: remember that most training award applications require the CIHR CV Module for the candidate **and** the proposed supervisor(s)
- Official transcripts are required...certified copies will not be accepted
- Completed Sponsor's Assessments should be enclosed/submitted with the application
- Ensure text to be attached is included with the application, e.g. pages 5 and 7 of the Training Module

Peer Review for Award Programs

Peer Review for Award Programs

Each CIHR award program has a set of peer review committees that are created specifically to review applications for that program:

- 2 Master's Awards committees
- 2 Doctoral Research Award (DRA) committees
- 4 Fellowships committees
- 6 New Investigator Awards Committees

Each set of peer review committees is grouped into committees that review specific themes; generally themes 1 and 2 or 3 and 4, however, there are a few committees that review applications from all themes, i.e., 1 through 4.

Committees for the Master's Awards, Doctoral Research Awards and Fellowships do not meet face-to-face, instead, individual reviews are done off-site and submitted to CIHR.

Peer Review Committees for Awards programs

Name of Committee	Research Themes	Type of Application Reviewed	Type of Peer Review
Master's Awards (CGA)	1 & 2	Master's Students	At Home
Master's Awards (CGB)	3 & 4	Master's Students	At Home
Doctoral Research Awards (DRA)	1 & 2	PhD Students	At Home
Doctoral Research Awards (DRB)	3 & 4	PhD Students	At Home
Fellowships (FPP)	1 & 2	PhD graduates proposing post-PhD research training	At Home
Fellowships - Health Professionals (FHP)	1 & 2	MD, DDS or DVM graduates proposing post-health professional degree or post-PhD research training	At Home
Fellowships (HTA)	3 & 4	MD, DDS, DVM or PhD graduates proposing post-health professional degree or post-PhD research training	At Home
Fellowships - Allied Health Professionals (FAH)	1 to 4	Allied Health Professional graduates proposing post-health professional degree or post-PhD research training	At Home
New Investigators (NIA, NIB & NIC)	1 & 2	PhD graduates with a full-time independent research appointment	Meeting
New Investigators - Health Professionals (HPA)	1 & 2	MD, DDS or DVM graduates with a full-time independent research appointment	Meeting
New Investigators (HSA)	3 & 4	MD, DDS, DVM or PhD graduates with a full-time independent research appointment	Meeting
New Investigators - Allied Health Professionals (AHP)	1 to 4	Allied Health Professional graduates with a full-time independent research appointment	Meeting

Review Criteria for Award Programs

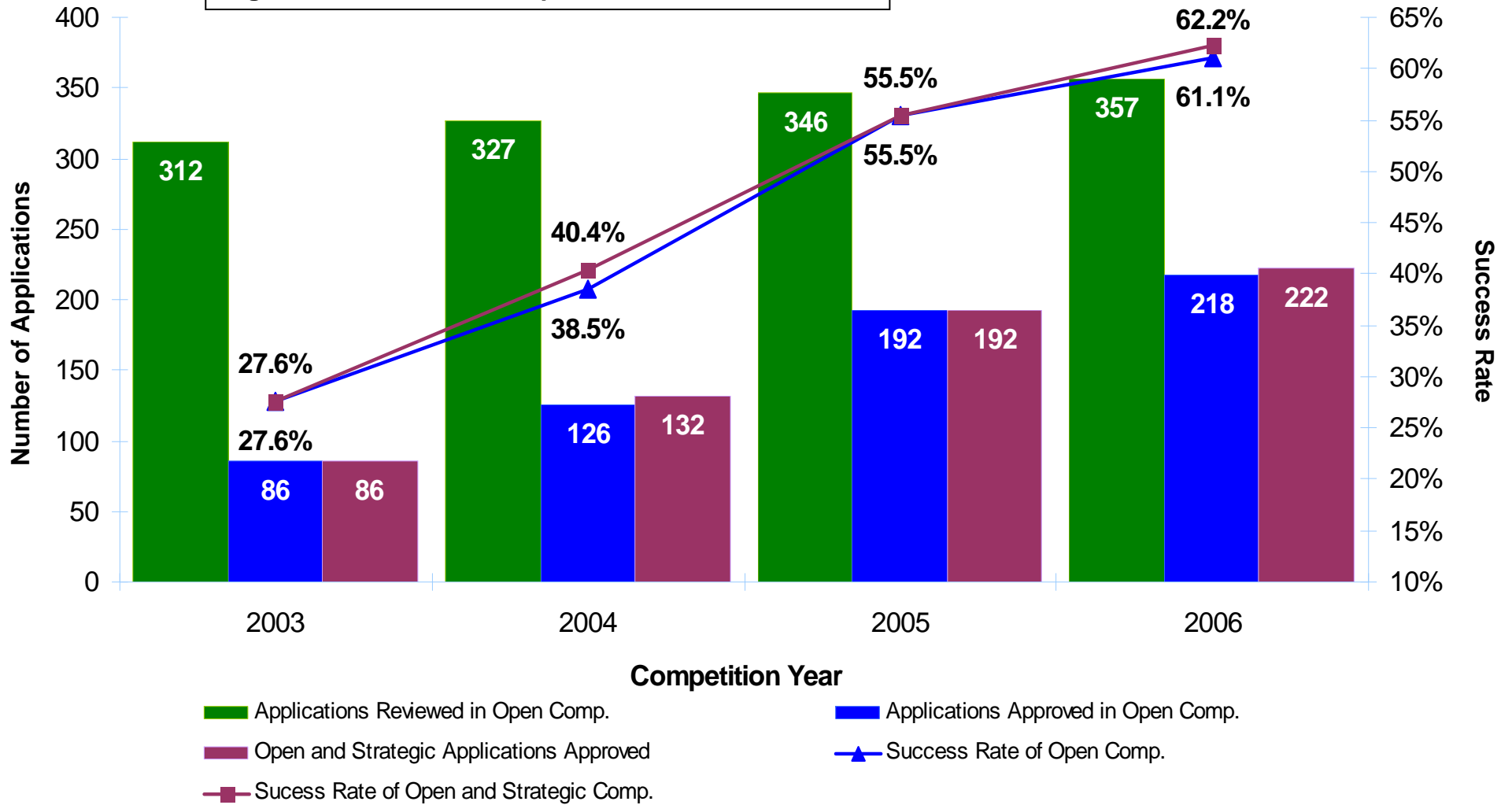
The following criteria are used for evaluating applications for Master's Awards, Doctoral Research Awards and Fellowships:

- Achievements and Activities of the Candidate
- Characteristics and Abilities of the Candidate
- Research Training Environment

Statistics, anyone?

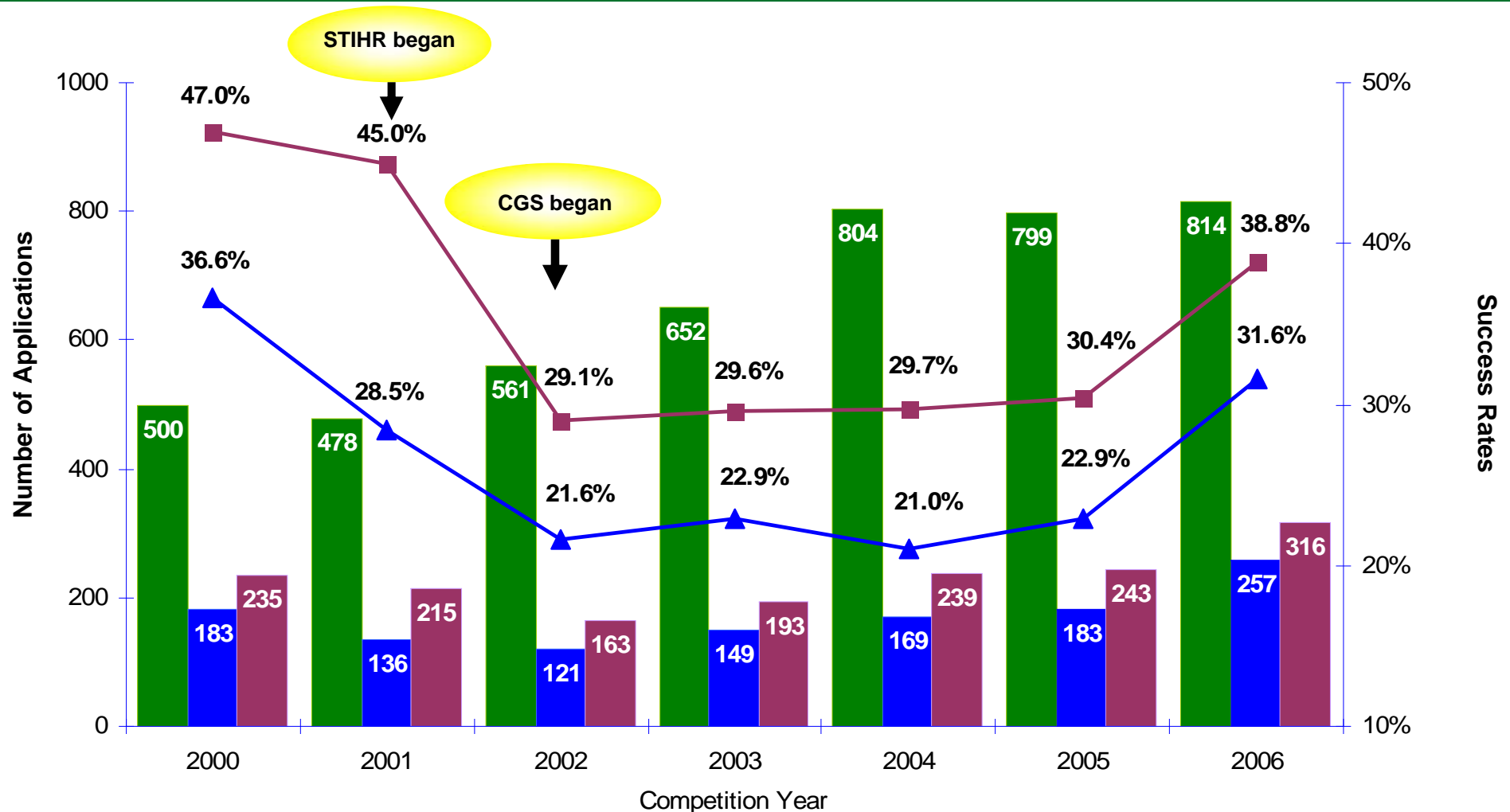
Master's Awards With Additional CGS Funding

High success rates due to pre-selection at universities



Note: Number of awards offered and success rate for 2006 competition includes the budget increase for the CGS program announced by the federal government in March 2007.

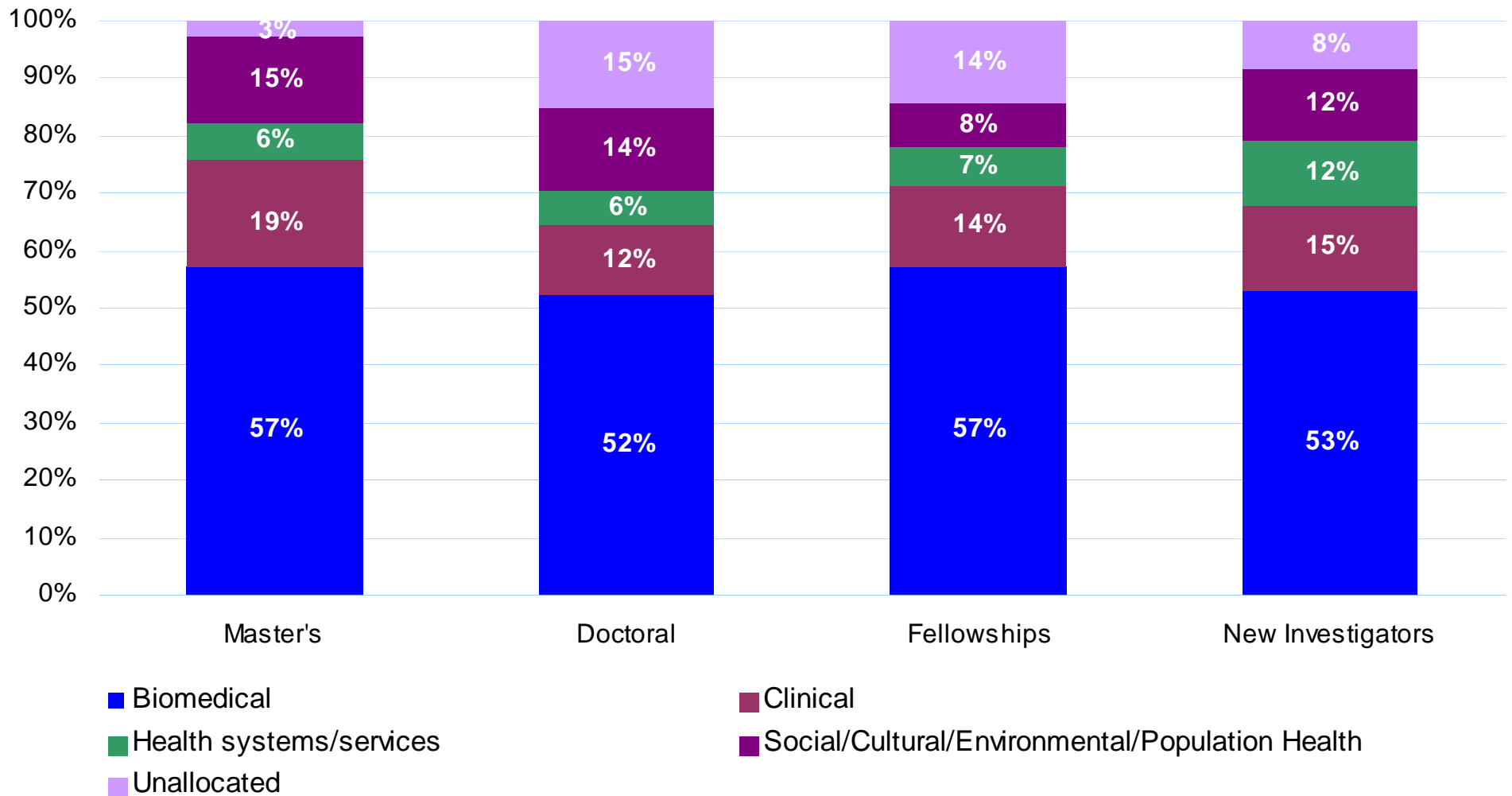
Doctoral Research Awards With Additional CGS Funding



■ Applications Reviewed in Open Comp.
 ■ Applications Approved in Open Comp.
 ■ Open and Strategic Applications Approved
▲ Success Rate of Open Comp.
 ■ Success Rate of Open and Strategic Comp.

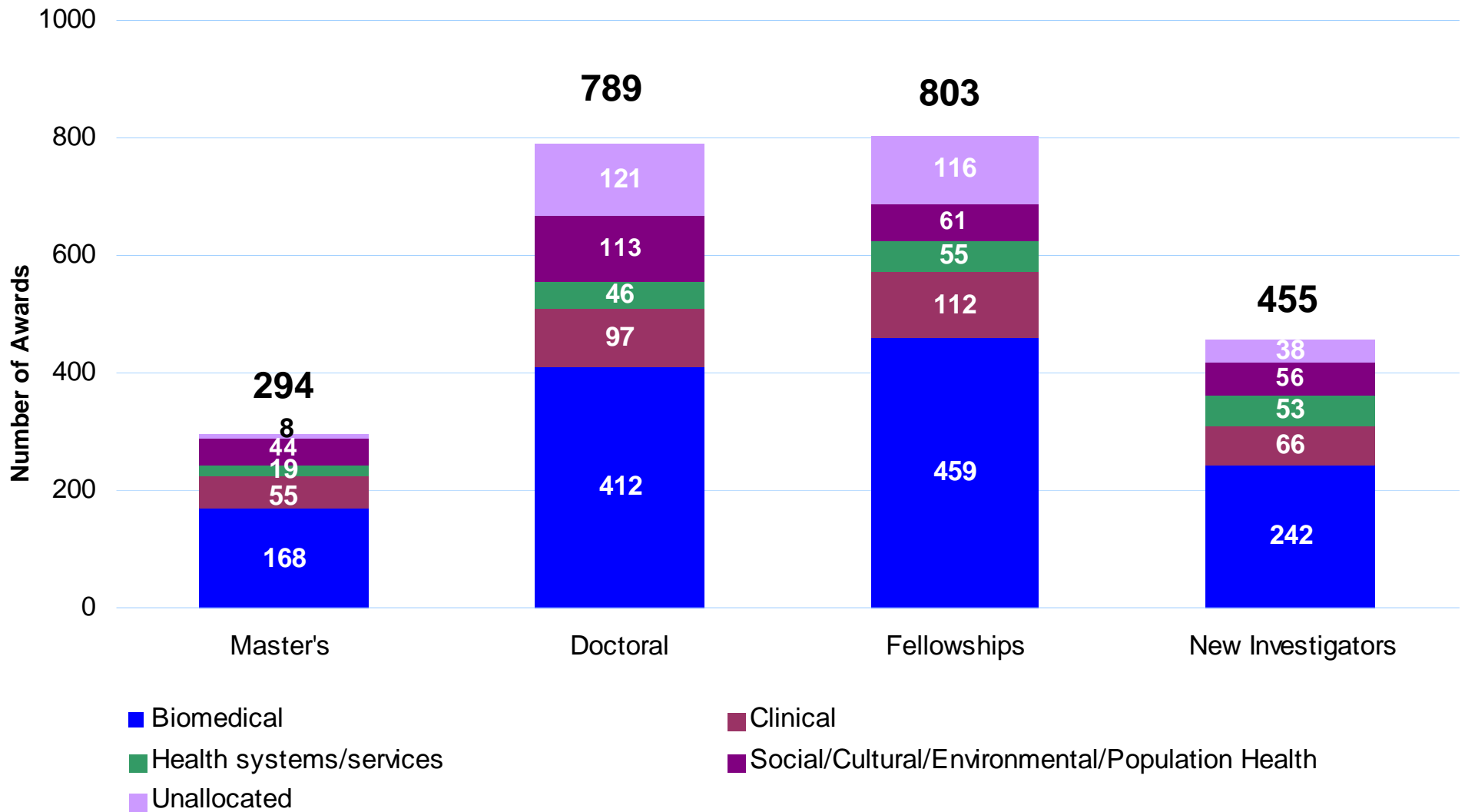
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Theme Analysis of Awards for 2006-2007



Totals may not be equal to sum of parts due to rounding.

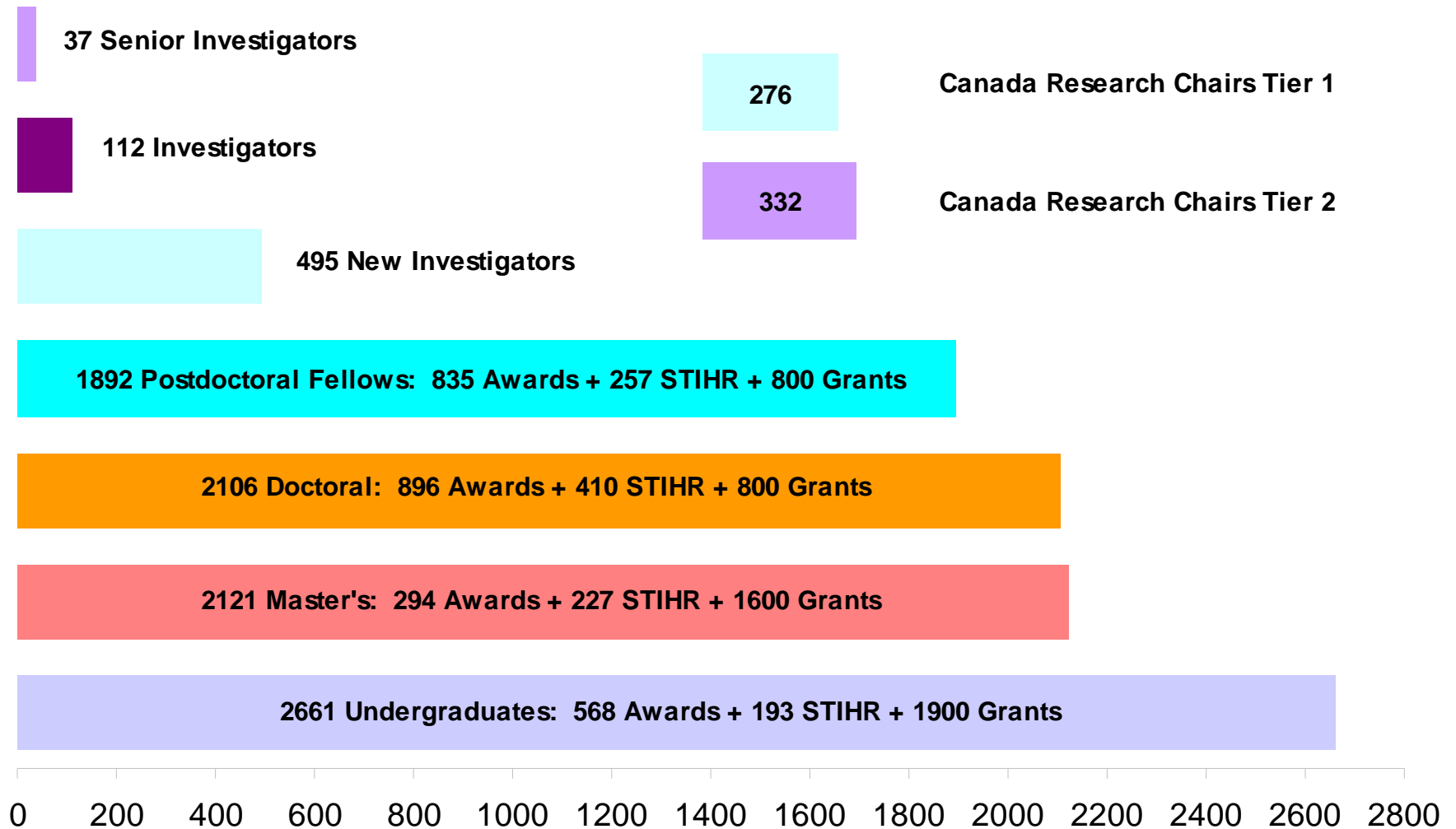
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CIHR – Building Research Capacity

Number of Individuals Supported in 2006-2007



- Includes awards that received a CIHR payment or external partner contribution.
- Grants: The Numbers of trainees from research grants are estimates.
- STIHR: The trainees on Training Grants are estimated as “Full Time Equivalentents” being paid from these grants.
- There are an additional 70 “Others” paid from Training Grants.

QUESTIONS?

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Master's Awards	(613) 946-0093	CGSMA@cihr-irsc.gc.ca
STIHR	(613) 954-7835	STIHR@cihr-irsc.gc.ca
Doctoral Research Awards and CGS Doctoral Awards	(613) 954-1963	DRA@cihr-irsc.gc.ca
Fellowships	February (613) 948-8199	Fellowships@cihr-irsc.gc.ca
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