

Guidelines to complete STIRRHS applications

The Strategic Training Initiative in Research in the Reproductive Health Sciences (STIRRHS) is a Transdisciplinary Program.

Consult STIRRHS' Web Site for more information regarding the [transdisciplinarity](#) paradigm as perceived and adapted by the STIRRHS mentors to make sure your application meets these criteria.

Research project

The student's transdisciplinary research project must be based on a reproductive health issue related to one of STIRRHS' priority themes: preterm birth, preeclampsia, assisted reproductive technologies, at risk-sexual behaviour, and appropriate use of obstetrical technologies.

The research project should cover at least 2 or more of the CIHR pillars (biomedical research, clinical research, health care organisations, population health research, social and cultural aspects of health and environmental influence on health).

The research question should be grounded in the concerns of an identified health community, with an explicit plan to interact with that community in the course of research training.

Multidisciplinary co-supervision

To facilitate transdisciplinarity we encourage the candidate to have a Co-supervisor. The Research Supervisor's and the Co-Supervisor's profile must manifest the complementarity (different disciplines) required to cover the transdisciplinary aspects of the training and/or the research project of the candidate. Thus, a different discipline or field of expertise is expected for each supervisor. At least one of them must be a STIRRHS Mentor.

Role of the Research Supervisor or Co-supervisor

The Research Supervisor and Co-Supervisor have to complete the Research Supervisor and Co-Supervisor Form explaining their implication and their role in the project. Their complementary role must be described as well as the collaboration they envisage in order to ensure the requested environment of training and supervision. The transdisciplinary environment offered to the candidate has to be described.