

## True Patriot Love CIMVHR Research Initiative - 2025 Invictus Games Research Legacy Project

### – Call for Proposals –

#### Additional guidelines and considerations

##### The research activities must:

- meet relevant legal requirements for protecting researchers, human subjects, the health and safety of the public, and the welfare of lab animals;
- comply with relevant university and granting agency policies, regulatory, or legal requirements that relate to the conduct or reporting of research and scholarly activity; and
- be conducted under appropriate approvals, permits, or certifications.

##### Application formatting

Following the instructions below in preparing your application:

- Use clear language and avoid technical jargon, ensuring that a lay audience understands the technical terms.
- The application must be a maximum of 12 pages, including graphs and images (as appropriate), and written in English.

##### Expenditures

- CIMVHR intends to distribute funds of no more than (\$350,000 CAD) a two-year, multi-nation, mixed method original research study to improve the experience, health benefits and well-being of competitors to inform and improve future Invictus Games.
- Please consider the currency exchange rate in your budgeting when including payments to international research partners.
- Consideration will be given to proposals that include a qualified academic, affiliated with an accredited academic institution in British Columbia in your project team.
- Consideration will be given to proposals that identify additional collaborators from an [Invictus Games Participating Nations](#), including other academic institutions / research hospitals, and/or government representation.
- As a general guideline, expenses that qualify for tri-council funding would be appropriate and eligible for this initiative. Consideration will be given to projects that seek funding to support highly qualified personnel (HQP) involved in the proposed research.
- Please note: Generally, indirect, or overhead research costs are considered ineligible expenditures.

## Reporting requirements

Funding will only be released upon successful completion and submission of deliverables and satisfactory progress and reporting, which will include:

1. Submission of a lay summary with first quarterly report
  - Guidelines for preparing a lay summary are available at:  
<https://cimvhr.ca/forum/resources/WritingTheLaySummaryBasics.pdf>
  - The summary should not be longer than 250 words, should be written in clear, plain language, and should be written in non-technical terms that can be clearly understood by reviewers/readers with various areas of expertise.
  - This summary will be used by True Patriot Love and CIMVHR for promotion and dissemination.
2. Milestone reporting,
  - Submission of **quarterly research progress reports** (template to be provided), which should be written in lay language, and will outline progress toward the project deliverables and the recipients' contribution to the enhancement of the health and well-being of Canadian military, Veterans, and their families.; and
  - The research project should culminate in the production of a **final report and presentation** via e- conference to CIMVHR and the True Patriot Love Foundation.
3. Acknowledgement of the work as part of the Invictus Games 2025 Research Legacy project, and of CIMVHR and True Patriot Love as sources of funding through the True Patriot Love CIMVHR Research Initiative in all presentations and publications related to the research project.
4. Successful team is encouraged to submit an abstract to CIMVHR's annual Forum. Please note that registration, travel, and accommodation expenses are to be included within all research proposals as additional funds are not provided for Forum participation.
5. Requests may be made to present via e-conference presentation to the Board of Directors of True Patriot Love and the Trustees of the Invictus Games, as well as a presentation at a future Invictus Games either in person or virtually (TBD).
6. Successful team is encouraged to submit a manuscript(s) to a peer-reviewed academic journal, such as the Journal for Military, Veteran and Family Health (JMVFH).  
Researchers will also be encouraged to seek opportunities to collaborate with other CIMVHR researchers on at least one publication related to their area of research.