

Neuroscience and Mental Health Institute - Strategic Plan

The Neuroscience and Mental Health Institute (NMHI) is a research and training institute that accelerates the discovery and application of knowledge to improve the health of individuals with neurological and mental health diseases and disorders.

The NMHI Strategic Plan is a living document that sets out the goals and objectives of the institute.

Goal 1: Develop an environment to support high impact research. Foster excellence in all aspects of neuroscience and mental health research, including fundamental, clinical and translational research.

Objectives:

1. Assist with recruiting and retaining exceptional neuroscience and mental health researchers and trainees
2. Act as a catalyst between individuals and groups in the NMHI to improve success in acquiring operating grants, team grants, and infrastructure funding
3. Facilitate resource and data sharing between NMHI members and beyond
4. Develop shared research platforms, equipment, and facilities across the spectrum of neuroscience and mental health research
5. Aim to become an Open Science Institute to accelerate discovery and application of knowledge

Goal 2: Train the next generation of basic and clinical researchers, as well as clinician scientists

Objectives:

1. Continually evaluate and update the neuroscience and mental health curriculum to ensure that training is current and multidisciplinary
2. Increase opportunities for interdisciplinary research and collaboration for trainees
3. Increase number of graduate student stipends and postdoctoral fellowships
4. Provide training relevant to a range of career opportunities related to neuroscience and mental health research

Goal 3: Build capacity in the NMHI by advocating for and obtaining significant financial support for neuroscience and mental health research

Objectives:

1. Work with Advancement to raise funds for neuroscience and mental health research
2. Collaborate with engaged community members that will help the NMHI increase philanthropic support to advance neuroscience and mental health research
3. Explore partnerships with foundations, industry, and relevant government departments and funding agencies to increase funding for neuroscience and mental health research

Goal 4: Raise the local, provincial, national, and international profile of the NMHI

Objectives:

1. Publicize the impact and importance of NMHI members' research, and highlight awards and accomplishments
2. Increase public outreach
3. Build on communications and media relations partnerships to become a major resource for neuroscience and mental health information locally, nationally and internationally

Goal 5: Translate research to improve the health of Albertans and Canadians

Objectives:

1. Integrate with Foundations, Research Networks and Community Organizations serving those affected by neurological and mental health diseases and disorders
2. Foster linkages with the Addiction and Mental Health (AMH) Strategic Clinical Network (SCN); the Neuroscience, Rehabilitation and Vision (NRV) SCN; and the Alberta Addiction and Mental Health Research Hub
3. Foster linkages with industry