

Annual Report

2024-2025

A Brief Overview



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2024/2025 AT A GLANCE

The HRI provides a venue for collaboration, support, and the creation of partnerships among researchers from many disciplines concerned with health and its determinants.



PROJECT GRANT PROGRAM

The goal of the PHSA-NH-UNBC Project Grant Program is to enable collaborators from UNBC, NH, and PHSA to work in partnership and initiate new research projects that focus on improving the quality of health services and the health of the population in northern BC.

Two teams were funded in the 2024/25 year.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING DAY 2024

The purpose of this event was to increase the culture of research and research relationships in Northern BC by holding a highly collaborative skill development day. This event was a NH-UNBC MOU initiative.

Please visit the website for further details of the day including recordings from the keynote, and plenary presentations.



130+ Registered



4 Workshops



1 Keynote and 1 Plenary



2 Working Lunch Sessions



PARTNERSHIPS AT A GLANCE

Internal Partnerships

- Faculty of Human and Health Sciences (FHHS)
- Office of Research and Innovation
- UNBC Library
- Northern Hub for Health Research (UNBC, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, NH and UBC)

External Partnerships

- Northern Health
- Rural Coordination Centre of BC
- Michael Smith Health Research, BC SUPPORT Unit
- Provincial Health Services Authority



Knowledge
Creation



Knowledge
Synthesis
and
Exchange



Fostering
Linkages



Capacity
Development

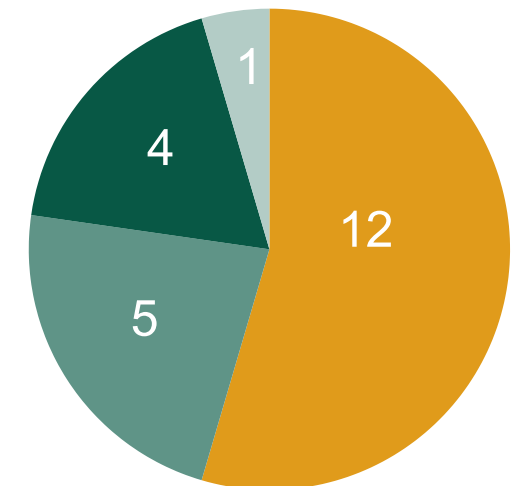
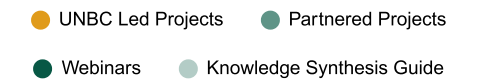
HRI EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

The HRI welcomes the opportunity to partner or co-host events and guest presentations that align with its mission.

EVENTS



KNOWLEDGE SYNTHESIS CENTRE



FHHS/HRI PROFESSORIAL LECTURE SERIES

The Faculty of Human and Health Sciences (FHHS) established its inaugural **Professorial Lecture Series in February 2025 in partnership with the HRI**. On February 3, 2025 Dr. Davina Banner-Lukaris provided the first Professorial Lecture Series, which can be viewed here: [.....>](#)



EVENT RECORDINGS

The HRI records most of its presentations, including the **Seminar Series** and hosts them on the website. [.....>](#)



HRI CONNECT & MEMBERSHIP

This membership database serves as a way to facilitate networking amongst our members and allow the HRI to better communicate important information.





LOOKING FORWARD

2025-2026

OVERVIEW

Through the work of the HRI Co-leads, Leadership Council and staff, the HRI will continue to pursue its four strategic directions/goals: knowledge creation, knowledge exchange and translation, fostering linkages, and capacity development. It will implement objectives and activities in a collaborative and networked way, which allows the Institute to be strategic yet flexible and opportunistic in its actions.



HRI Operations

- The HRI Leadership Council will welcome the first elected member.
- There will be a continued focus on partnering with UNBC & external partners to co-host or supported events. This includes the NH & UNBC 2025 Northern BC Research and Quality Conference October 22-23, 2025.
- Northern Hub for Health Research-Co-Leads will continue to focus on initiatives for the advancement of Health Research at UNBC.

2024-2025 REPORT

Read the full report here.



Office of Research and Innovation (ORI)

The HRI will welcome Nasrin Golzadeh in the new role as Project Manager of the NH-UNBC MOU partnered work. Nasrin will work within the ORI in partnership with the HRI and NH.



UNBC Library

The HRI will continue to partner with the UNBC Library to support the Knowledge Synthesis Centre Research Librarian position for 2025-2026. We will look to expand UNBC's capacity for knowledge synthesis by jointly purchasing an institutional license to Covidence systematic review software for use by all UNBC Faculty, staff and students.



Faculty of Human and Health Sciences

The partnered Professorial Lecture Series will continue, additionally the FHHS and HRI are committed to supporting students and early career researchers with activities, such as Graduate Student Events, other flagship events, and financial support for KS work.



Collaboration for Health Research In Northern BC Funding Program (PHSA-NH-UNBC)

- Funding competitions for two \$45,000 project grants in April 2025 and April 2026.
- A seed grant competition in autumn 2025, and autumn 2026.

