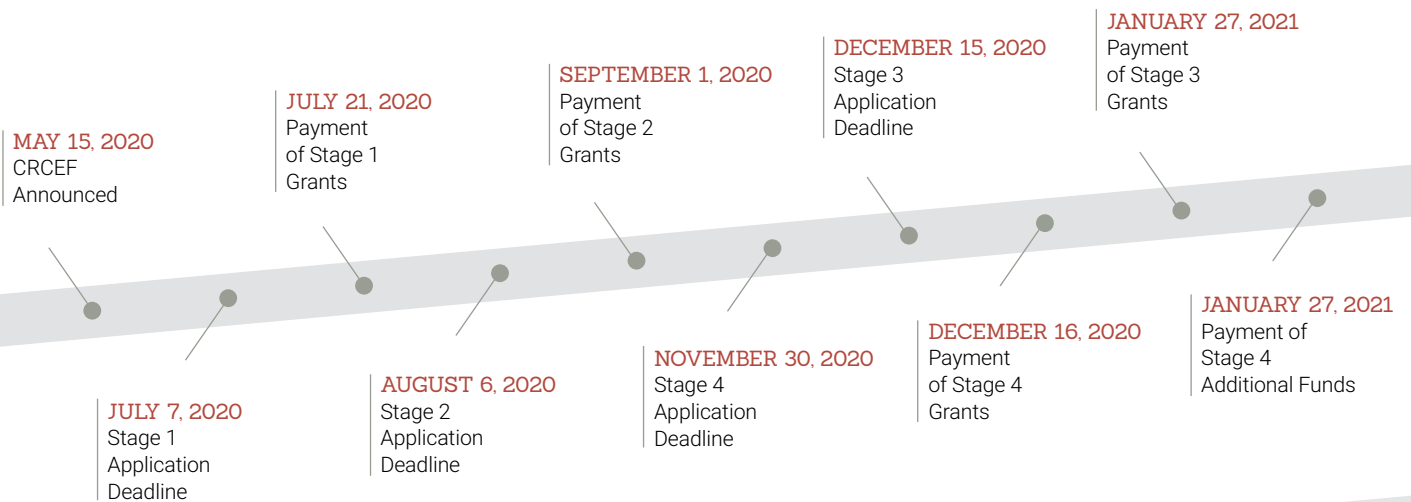


# CANADA RESEARCH CONTINUITY EMERGENCY FUND

The Canada Research Continuity Emergency Fund (CRCEF) was announced May 15, 2020, as part of the Government of Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan. The temporary program was established to help sustain the research enterprise at Canadian universities and affiliated health research institutions affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

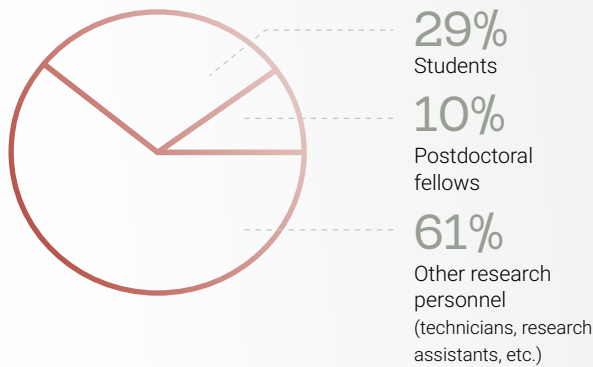
The CRCEF was administered by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) on behalf of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council and SSHRC. The Canada Research Coordinating Committee provided strategic oversight for the program and approved awards.



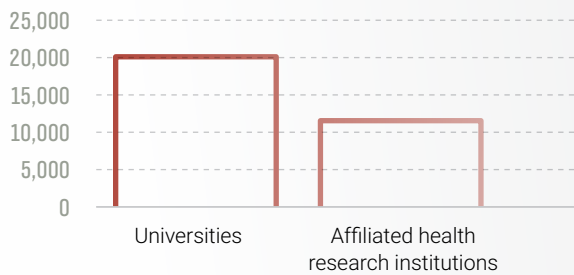
INSTITUTIONS RECEIVED  
**\$416M**

Funding for wage support: **\$323M**  
Funding for research maintenance and ramp-up: **\$93M**  
Number of universities: **65**  
Number of affiliated health research institutions: **61**

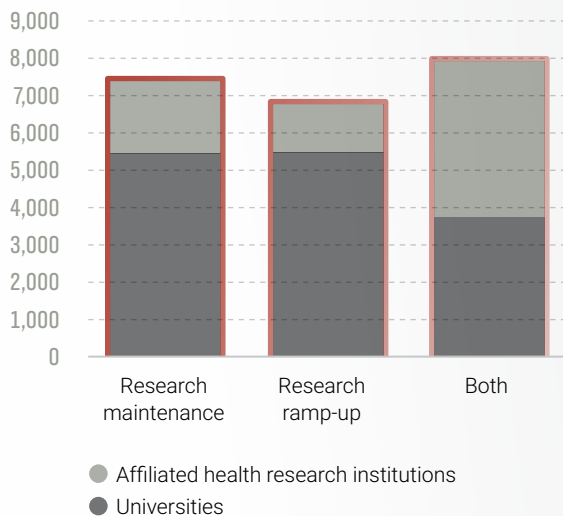
**Students, postdocs, and other research personnel were supported**



**± 32,000 research-related personnel received wage support**



**± 22,000 research projects received funding**



# EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

**To receive funding from the CRCEF, universities and health research institutions had to meet the program's equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) requirements.**

Universities and health research institutions appointed committees to allocate funding. Committee membership was expected to be representative of the diversity of the research community. Each committee worked to develop an EDI strategy to:

- reduce the influence of unconscious bias and systemic barriers in the awarding of research funds
- take into account how the pandemic has affected individual researchers with respect to increased childcare responsibilities, vulnerability to COVID-19, or other life circumstances
- ensure fair access to funding for research that is nontraditional or unconventional, based in Indigenous ways of knowing, outside the mainstream of the discipline, or focused on issues of gender, race or minority status