Knowledge Translation and the Academic Librarian

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Definitions

At CIHR, knowledge translation (KT) is defined as a dynamic and iterative process that includes synthesis, dissemination, exchange and ethically-sound application of knowledge to improve the health of Canadians, provide more effective health services and products and strengthen the health care system.

Knowledge mobilization in the social sciences and humanities facilitates the multidirectional flow of research knowledge across academia and society as a whole, in order to inform Canadian and international research, debate, decisions and actions. Those who stand to benefit from publicly funded research results in the humanities and social sciences—diverse groups of researchers, policy-makers, business leaders, community groups, educators and the media—should, ideally, have the knowledge they need, when they need it, in useful forms. (SSHRC)
Knowledge Translation Simplified

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Source: http://oise.utoronto.ca/rspe/KM_Products/Terminology/index.htm
SSHRC can be intimidating
1. Research Contributions Over the Last Six Years

A. Refereed Contributions


D. Forthcoming Contributions

Meetings, meetings, meetings
Where are the Researchers?
SSHRC Insight Development Grant

Dr. Kinga Olszewska, Research Facilitator, Faculty of Education
Dr. Robin Smith, Senior Research Grants Officer, Research Services Office

Finding a Place within CIHR: A guide for social sciences and humanities health researchers

May 25, 2011

Danika Goosney, PhD, Director, Program Planning and Process, Research Portfolio, CIHR

Attend Workshops
How to find researchers...

Individual Faculty Web Pages

Offices of Institutional Research

Internal/External Training

SKTT Training
Scientist Knowledge Translation Training, a two day training that will prepare you for developing knowledge translation techniques and strategies.
Librarian Activities

Grant Application Process
• Collaborator
• Literature/Systematic Reviews – Jim Henderson @ McGill

Knowledge Translation/Mobilization steps
• World Café structure for workshops

Resource Creation
• Libguides
Benefits of involvement in KT

As an advocate of life long learning I have had to stretch myself, to learn the researcher’s language and to see their perspective. It has broadened my understanding of the research process from the framing of the research question through data collection and the selection of KT strategies. It has made me a more effective colleague to my faculty and my institution.