CTN+ Researcher Applications & Submission Process Update

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CIHR Pan-Canadian Network for HIV and STBBI Clinical Trials Research

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Become a CTN+ Researcher

Step 1

Please Submit Your CTN+ Researcher Application

- To date, 75 applications have been submitted and CTN+ affiliation agreements for former CTN investigators and those on the 2024 grant will go out before the end of September
- New Researchers will be approved by Regions this month and CTN+ affiliation agreements will go out in October
- To invite new Researchers who align with the CTN+ scientific principles, either email me, echerban@hivnet.ubc.ca for link or link in chat
- Researchers must be able to hold/use Canadian tri-agency funds at their institution/organization
- Only CTN+ Researchers are able to submit to CTN+ competitions

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Step 2

Portfolio Competition

- One time only — last CTN competition was Oct 2023
  — LoS from studies funded in the last two years will be uploaded by Researchers and, if aligned with CTN+ scientific principles can be approved for full application

AND

- New grants submitted in Fall 2025 (or other upcoming CIHR competitions) were provided with LoS by Sept 5th

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Step 2

Portfolio Competition

- Submission calendar was circulated to all CTN+ Researchers, PMs, and Associates
- Portfolio competition opened first – this competition aligns with CIHR Project Grant deadlines BUT is the mechanism to engage the CTN+ for grant Letters of Support for any CTN + competition

Fall 2025 Competition:

7 LoS: 5 for Fall Project Grant, 2 for Team Grants

6 Submissions for review in October

Portfolio study resources

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Network Resources

- CTN+ Calendar
- CTN+ Publication Guidelines
- CTN+ Scientific Priorities
- CTN+ Services List
- Respectful Workplace & COI policies
- Submission Guidance Document

Knowledge Mobilization Resources

- CTN+ KM Planning Tool
- KM Indicators

Community Resources

- Community Compensation Guidelines
- Community Review Guidelines

Letters of Support. Why 8 weeks in advance?



For early and meaningful involvement

CLT review and support

IGC connections and support as needed

Methodological support

Health Canada Clinical Trials Support

Identification of other support needs

Methodological Support

Feedback on key issues to ensure consistency:

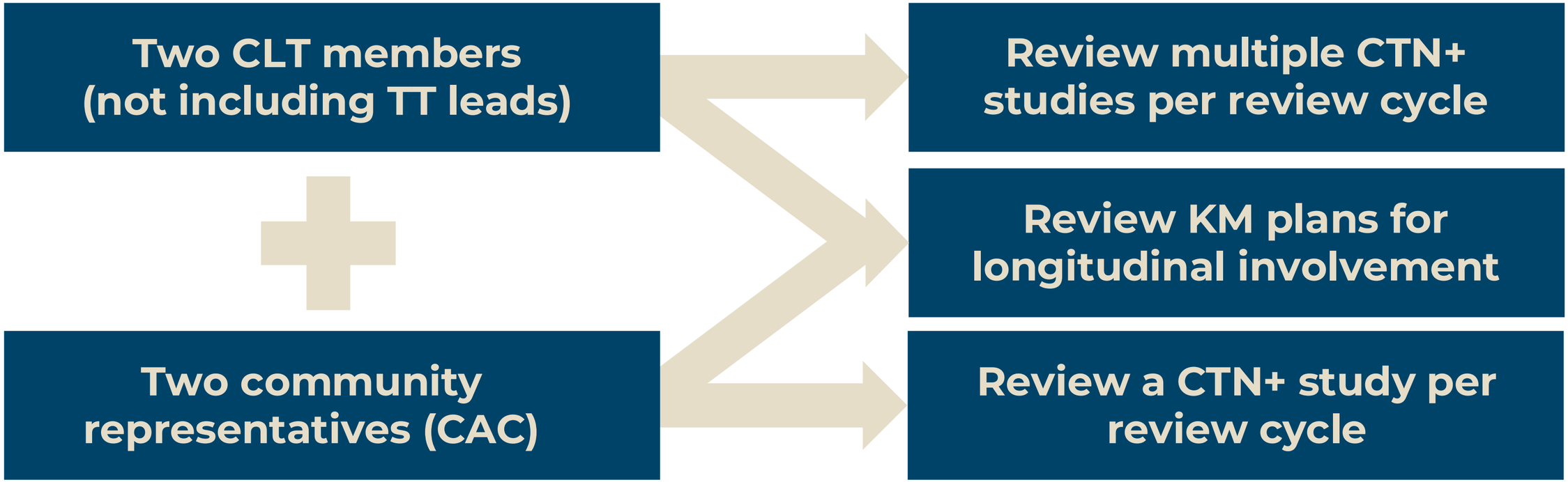
- **Study design**
- **Research question**
- **Sample size**
- **Plan analyses**

You have a CTN+ LOS, and your study has been funded.

What does the CTN+ portfolio study review look like?



Community review process



CTN+ is creating a directory of Community experts and subject areas of interest

Who is in CAC?

- An expanding group of community experts, including Regional Community members and members of the Indigenous Guidance Council who support studies by conducting protocol reviews, KM reviews and more.

- Provide learning opportunities and mentorship to CAC members as a pathway to CLT succession planning.

Indigenous Guidance Council Review required if the study:

- Involves the recruitment of Indigenous participants
  Use Indigenous identity or membership in an Indigenous community or group as a variable for the purposes of analysis.

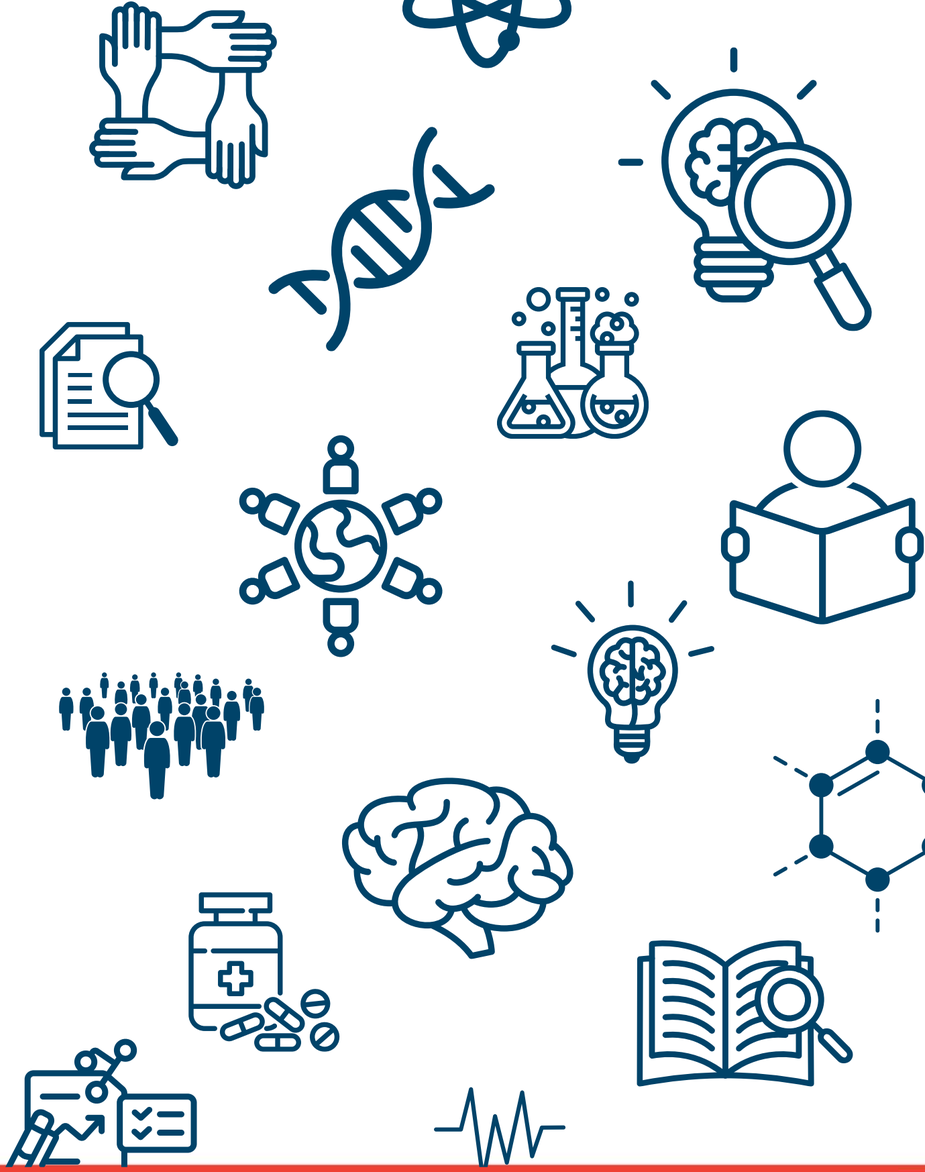
- Incorporates Indigenous methods or knowledge systems
  Aim to address issues directly impacting Indigenous communities

Scientific Review

- Final process in development. Guidance document for reviewers will be provided.
- Review process will be simpler than previous CTN Regular Study Submissions as CTN+ in-kind support has changed.
- Approved studies will then require Steering Committee approval and resource allocation from the Research Allocation Committee (replaces former Funding Committee).

Portfolio in-kind support

- Pre-grant consultation to obtain a Letter of Support
- Consultation and guidance on Knowledge Mobilization
- CTN+ resource hosting on website
- Basic recruitment materials and support
- Webinar development
- Bilingual plain language summary of study
- Access to Community Advisory Committee
- Access to Data Safety Monitoring Committee
- Site monitoring
- Risk management plan support

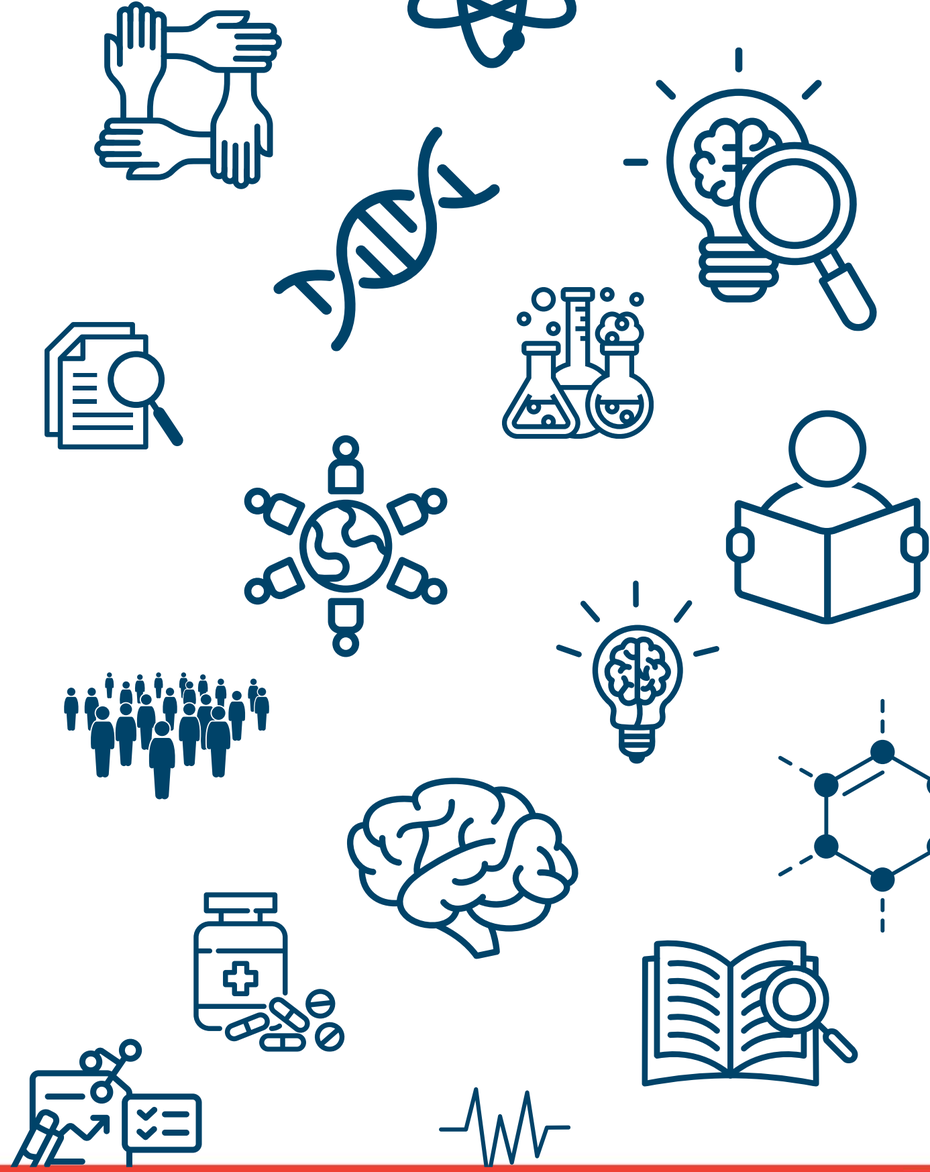


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Portfolio cost-recovered support

- Statistical support
- Data management
- Advanced methological support
- Event support
- Design and development of print materials
- Multimedia projects
- Stakeholder analysis
- Clinical Trial Management System use for regulated clinical trials
- Additional specialized needs



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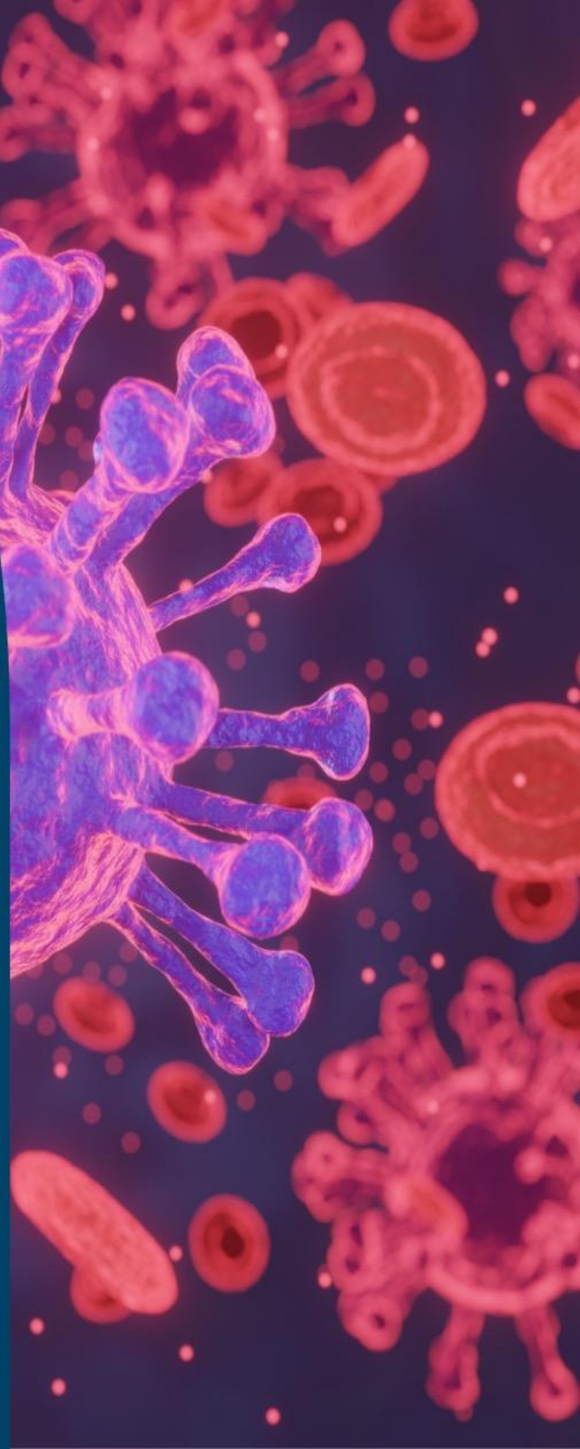
Questions, feedback?

Process to date



Upcoming Competitions

Seed Funding & Flagship Studies



Seed & Flagship Studies

Seed Funding Competition

- **Replaces former Pilot Study Competition and now is a competition to build capacity within the CTN+ Regions**
- **Each region will have $50,000 to fund 1 or 2 studies**
- **Regions will forward select prospective studies that align with their regional priorities and arms- length adjudication will be completed by CAC/SRC**
- **Documents/online application will be ready in late autumn (likely November) and applications will be due January 9, 2026**

Seed & Flagship Studies

Flagship Competition

- **New competition to support multi-centre, network-wide clinical trials**
- **Discussion to develop the process will occur during the next few days.**
- **Ideally launch will occur in early 2026**

CTN+ Postdoctoral Fellowship Competition

- Process and guidance documents will be updated this autumn
- Applications are due February 3, 2026
- Details about the competition will be circulated to CTN+ Researchers in the next few months

Winter meeting



TBD.



Invites TBD



Ideas for the Winter meeting, let us know!

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Spring meeting

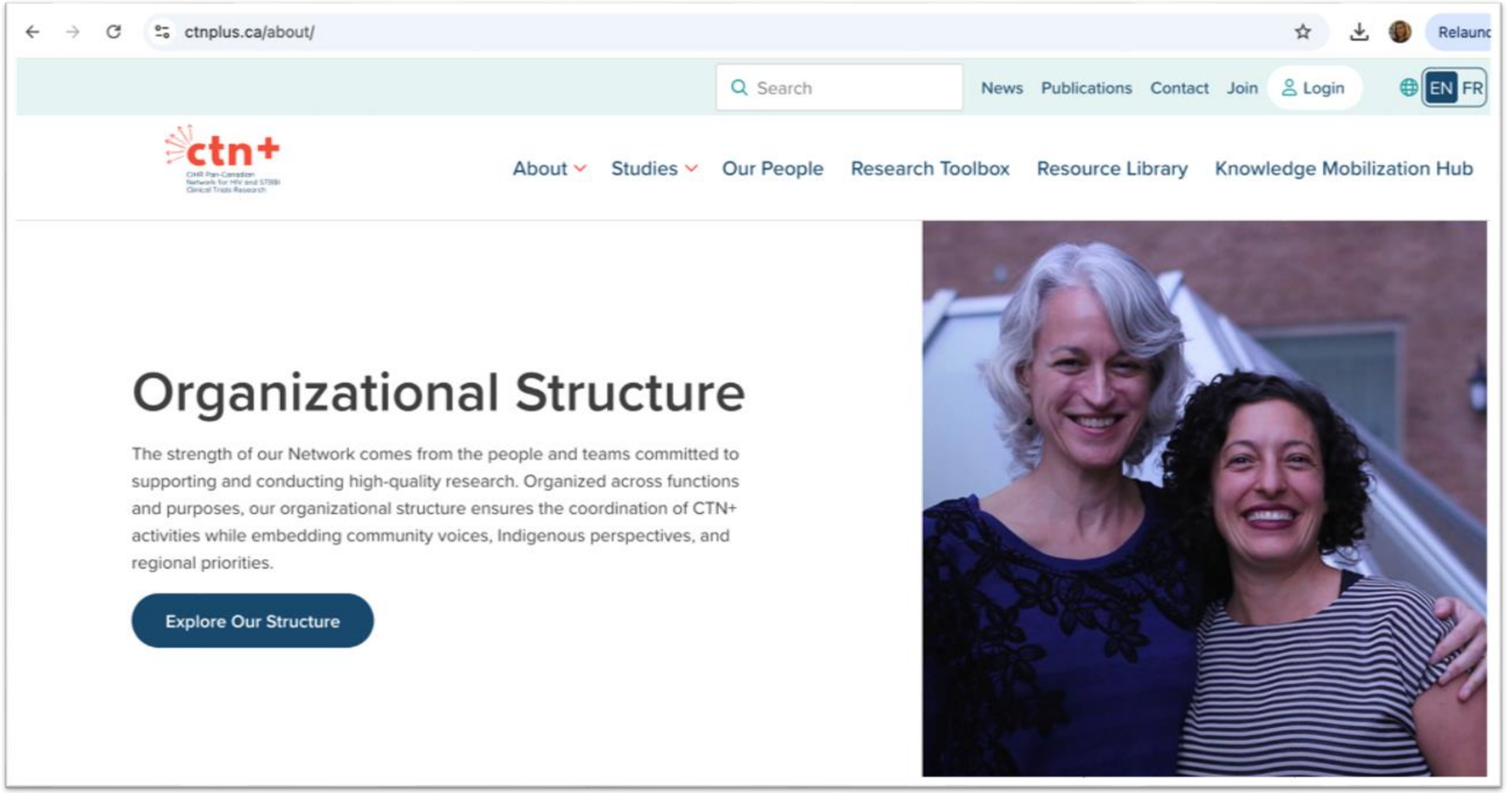
The Spring meeting will take place April 21–23 in Winnipeg. CAHR is April 23–26

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