Trainees from the University of Waterloo, Carleton University, McGill University and University of Ottawa present their research using CLSA data at the national conference of the Canadian Society for Epidemiology and Biostatistics (CSEB) in May 2019.

**Government of Canada invests $1.2M to support CLSA research**

The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health, and the Honourable Filomena Tassi, Minister of Seniors, announced funding of $1.2 million for 17 projects to be led by researchers across the country that will analyze baseline data from the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging.

Funding for the projects comes from the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research](https://www.cihr-icrhc.ca), the [Canadian Space Agency](https://www.asc-csa.gc.ca), and the [Quebec Network for Research on Aging](https://www.reseauquebecoispourlerechercheenage.de).
Researchers can now apply to access Baseline and Follow-up 1 data through Magnolia, the CLSA's online data access application system.

Newly available data include Baseline Epigenetics (on approximately 1,500 participants) and new modules collected in Follow-up 1, including:

- Childhood Maltreatment and Health across the Lifespan
- Elder Abuse
- Loneliness Scale
- Unmet Health Care Needs
- Preventative Health Behaviours
- Work Limitations Questionnaire
- Hearing Handicap Inventory for the Elderly
- Gender Identity
- Subjective Cognitive Decline
- Meta Memory
- Epilepsy Screening

To review the current list of available data, visit: [www.clsa-elcv.ca/data-availability](http://www.clsa-elcv.ca/data-availability). Please note, applications proposing the use of data that are not yet available will not be accepted.

The next application deadline is September 25, 2019. For more information and to apply, visit the [CLSA website](http://www.clsa-elcv.ca/).

Getting ready to publish your research using CLSA data? Be sure to review the CLSA [Publication and Promotion Policy](http://www.clsa-elcv.ca/) before submitting to a journal. As per the CLSA Data Access Agreement, final drafts of all manuscripts describing research using CLSA data must be reviewed by the CLSA prior to journal submission.

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Thank you to the more than 1,000 people who registered for the 2018-19 CLSA Webinar Series. Our programming will be on hiatus over the summer and return in September.

**Upcoming CLSA Webinars**

Dr. Paul Mick and Dr. Natalie Phillips

**Relationships between sensory, social and cognitive factors in the CLSA**

 Noon (ET). September 12, 2019

Register [here](http://www.clsa-elcv.ca/)
Recent webinars available on the CLSA website

- Dr. Nancy Presse and Anne-Julie Tessier, *Données nutritionnelles de l’ÉLCV : Description et exemple d’utilisation dans le cadre d’une étude portant sur la consommation de produits laitiers et les performances cognitives*
- Dr. Walter Wittich, *Combined vision and hearing loss in the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging – Prevalence, severity and relationships to cognitive and social variables*
- Dr. Parminder Raina and Dr. Yves Joanette, *2019 Update on the CLSA: What’s new and what’s next for Canada’s leading research platform on health and aging*
- Dr. Kathryn Fisher, *Disability-associated multimorbidity including mental health conditions: A cross-sectional analysis of Canadian population-based data*
- Dr. Debra Sheets, *Characteristics of caregivers and care receivers in the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA)*
- Dr. Vince Forgetta, *Availability and quality assessment of genome-wide genetic data on 9,900 participants in the CLSA*
- Chun Yao, *Clinical features of REM Sleep Behavior Disorder in the population-based CLSA cohort: Can we improve the screening tools?*

IALSA, CLSA host workshop on four major longitudinal studies

The Integrative Analysis of Longitudinal Studies (IALSA) partnered with the CLSA in February 2019 to convene a research analysis workshop focusing on four of the world’s largest longitudinal studies on aging. The primary focus was a cross-national comparison of disease and disability in population studies from Canada, the UK, USA and Ireland. [Read more.](#)
Ayesha Javed, an M.Sc. candidate at McMaster University, stands in front of her CLSA poster at the 16th Annual Department of Health Evidence and Impact (HEI) Research Day in March 2019. She received the Murray L. Enkin Prize for best poster presentation.

**Rising Stars: Q&A with Chloé Pierret**

Chloé Pierret works as a junior assistant at the CLSA Statistical Analysis Centre, having recently completed her undergraduate degree in statistics and computer science at McGill University.

“I think and hope that this first work experience in the field of epidemiological research will open doors for me and that the research conducted with our database will lead to the implementation of policies and actions that will better the lives of older Canadians.”

[Read more](#) about the opportunities the CLSA is creating for trainees like Chloé.
In February, Minister Filomena Tassi toured the CLSA's Computer-Assisted Telephone Interview site at Simon Fraser University, where she met with Dr. Andrew Wister (right), SFU professor of gerontology, CLSA local site investigator and former chair of the National Seniors Council, and Dr. Laurie Anderson (left), executive director of Simon Fraser University, Vancouver.

Selected presentations related to the CLSA include:


The CLSA regularly hosts seminars, symposiums and research update presentations for study participants at its data collection sites across Canada. Recent presentations to participants include:

Presentation slides:


Selected publications of research using CLSA data include:


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**CLSA in the Media**

• Researchers who received CIHR Catalyst Grants to analyze CLSA data were profiled by the University of Manitoba, McMaster University, Dalhousie University, McGill University, Centre for Health Evaluation and Outcome Sciences (CHEOS) and the Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM).
• The Globe and Mail interviewed Dr. Michael Veall about the findings on retirement in the CLSA Report on Health and Aging.
• Good Times Magazine spoke to Dr. Verena Menec about how older adults can Fight Loneliness.
• Good Times Magazine explored the Power of Pets with Dr. Ann Toohey, who uses CLSA data to further understand the impacts of pet ownership on older adults.
• Neurology Today highlighted a CLSA approved project, led by Dr. Ron Postuma and trainee Chun Yao, about the relationship between alcohol use, psychological distress and REM sleep behavior disorder.
To date, more than 200 projects using the CLSA research platform have been approved. Recently approved projects include:

- Dr. Brodie Sakakibara, *Biopsychosocial correlates and prevalence of cardiometabolic multimorbidity in Canada*
- Dr. David Hogan, *How do natural disasters impact the aging population? Using CLSA data to explore the effects of the 2013 Calgary Flood*
- Dr. Joanie Sims-Gould, *Active aging in a foreign-land: The physical activity and mobility of immigrants in the CLSA*
- Dr. Raphael F. de Souza, *Better oral health for a healthy cognition: investigation of a new pathway*
- Dr. Jennifer Walker, *Understanding aging and cognition in Indigenous populations in Canada*
- Dr. Robert Dales, *Long-term Exposure to Ambient Air Pollution and Effects on Cognitive Decline in an Older Population: The Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA)*
- Dr. Megan O’Connell, *Psychometric analysis of the Social Support Scale, Satisfaction with Life Scale, and Kessler Psychological Distress Scale*
- Dr. Geoffrey Anderson, *Linking Genomics and Health Trajectories (LIGHT) for Dementia Research*
- Dr. Marie K. Christakis, *The effect of menopause on metabolic syndrome: Results from the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging*
- Dr. Shelley L. Craig, *Social Factors and Cognition in the Canadian Aging Sexual Minority Populations*

To view the complete list of approved projects, visit the [CLSA website](http://www.clsa-elcv.ca/approved-projects).