

## **Brain Canada: Statement on the expert panel's report on Canada's Fundamental Science Review**

Montreal - April 10, 2017 – Brain Canada President and CEO Inez Jabalpurwala responded to the release of the final report of the Advisory Panel on Federal Support for Fundamental Science, with the following statement:

Brain Canada welcomes the publication of *“Investing in Canada’s Future: Strengthening the Foundations of Canadian Research,”* released today by the expert advisory panel on Canada's Fundamental Science Review, appointed by Canada's Minister of Science Hon. Kristy Duncan and chaired by Dr. David Naylor.

The panel’s report offers important recommendations in a number of areas of relevance to Canadian brain researchers. We are particularly encouraged that the report noted the valuable work that Brain Canada has undertaken to bridge the funding gap that exists for brain research in Canada, and our success in attracting funds from non-governmental partners.

Brain Canada supports all efforts to improve coordination and collaboration among government funding agencies, as well as with nongovernmental partners like Brain Canada to ensure federal government research investments deliver maximum benefits for Canadians. We congratulate the expert panel on its proposal to create a new National Advisory Council on Research and Innovation that would provide broad oversight of the federal research and innovation ecosystems. Brain Canada is eager to contribute to the success of this proposal or any of the other panel recommendations that the Government of Canada wishes to take forward.

Canada is a global leader across a wide variety of fields, including brain research. The financial support from government – through federal granting councils and partners like Brain Canada – enables researchers in universities and institutes across Canada to advance insights, treatments and cures that improve the lives of Canadians.

Brain Canada looks forward to continuing to work with the Government of Canada and our partners in Canada's research ecosystem to support innovative excellent research that creates opportunity for this country's brain research community, and better health outcomes for patients and their families.