

2019 Early Career Clinician Investigator Award Guidelines

The intent of this competition is to support early career clinician investigators by providing funds that will help them explore questions identified in the early stages of their medical profession.

Thanks to the St. Paul's Foundation (SPF) support and the Carraresi Foundation's contribution, Providence Health Care Research Institute (PHCRI) is pleased to fund two research projects of up to \$35,000 each. SPF and PHCRI are grateful to the Carraresi Foundation in Memory of Augusto Carraresi for its interest in supporting an early career research program at St. Paul's Hospital.

Project Guidelines

- Project must fit within the vision of Providence Health Care (PHC) and PHCRI's research priorities;
- Have a full budget of a maximum of \$35,000;
- Have an anticipated timeline of no more than 18 months, with potential for one six-month extension (utilizing existing and not additional project funds), *and*;
- Take place primarily at or through St. Paul's Hospital and have the potential of benefiting patients and/or families of St. Paul's Hospital.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants have completed their professional training, whether as a medical doctor or in another health field (e.g. pharmacy, physiotherapy, nursing);
- Applicants conduct their work at PHC sites;
- Applicants have not received the Early Career Clinician Investigator Award in the past;
- Applicants have completed their most recent formal training within the previous five years, *and*;
- Applicants intend to distribute their findings (whether positive or negative) through publication or otherwise.

Duration of Funding and Conditions

- Research proposals will be considered for a maximum of \$35,000 for the duration of the project.
- The project must be completed within 18 months of receiving the funds, with potential for one six-month extension utilizing existing and not additional project funds.
- The maximum budget amount is inclusive of in-kind contributions (i.e. support for staff, use of space, and other resources, etc.).

- Awards are non-renewable.
- Unused funds are to be returned to St. Paul's Foundation.

Eligible Expenses

- Compensation related expenses: For PHC health care professionals, release time is an eligible expense within the budget, to a maximum of 50% of the total budget. *Note: All potential release time arrangements must be approved by your manager before submission.*
Exception: if you currently hold a salary award, you cannot request additional release time
- Research staff salaries
- Research services and supplies
- Travel costs are NOT eligible
- Research equipment costs are NOT eligible

Application Process

The application package must include the following:

1. [UBC Research Project Information Form](#) (required) or [PHCRI Grant Cover Sheet](#) (if applicant is not UBC affiliated)

2. **Research proposal**

The research proposal should provide a clear and concise description of the project, including a statement(s) of how the project may impact the health of individuals and/or health care delivery.

The proposal must include the following components:

- (a) A five-page maximum research proposal (single spacing)
- (b) A statement of how your project may impact the health of individuals and/or health care delivery (within your proposal)
- (c) A project budget and rationale
- (d) A project timeline

3. **Abbreviated CV with previous training and five (5) most pertinent publications**

Important Dates

- **Submission deadline:** February 15, 2019
- **Notice of decision:** March 2019
- **Interim reports on activity:** Due 6 and 12 months after project start date
- **Final report on findings:** Due at 18 months after project start date

Selection Committee

The members of the selection committee will be determined by PHCRI. The committee will review research project proposals with a focus on the following:

- How your project may impact the health of individuals and/or health care delivery
- The relevance and applicability of the project on PHC's health care and services
- Feasibility of the project within the time frame/budget
- The applicant's research experience and productivity, research environment, collaborations and commitment to research

Outcomes and Reporting

Upon completion of the research project, successful applicants may be invited to attend one of the monthly PHCRI Research Leaders meetings to present their findings to the group for feedback and interdisciplinary discussion.

Additionally, they will be asked to provide PHCRI and SPF brief written interim reports (6 and 12 months after the project start date) on their findings, and a final written report and brief comments on their experience at the project's completion (18 months).

SPF and PHCRI will communicate these reports to the donor and to publicize research activities. PHCRI may also request periodic financial statements with approved signatory from department head/director for auditing purposes.

Submission

Please submit your full applications to research@providencehealth.bc.ca with subject line: *2019 Early Career Clinician Investigator Award* by **February 15, 2019**.

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