

## Vancouver Coastal Health Research Challenge

For Point-of-Care Nursing & Allied Health Staff

# Guidelines

**How much award money is available for teams who “win” the Challenge?**

Winning teams will receive up to \$5,000 each in research award funding.

**Who can apply to participate in the Challenge? The Research Challenge is designed to support point-of-care staff who do not have research experience; therefore each team must include at least one point-of-care staff member.**

All teams can be inter-professional. All team leaders must be 0.5 or greater FTE at VCH for at least 1 year (full-time, part-time or casual).

**How do I find a mentor for my team? We will help you find a mentor!**

**I want to be involved, but don't know much about research – can I still participate?** The Research Challenge is perfect for you! We've designed the Challenge to teach beginners the basics of research.

**What is the first step?** Letters of Intent (short applications) are due Nov 15.

**When are full proposals due?** The full 5-page proposals will be due Feb 22, 2013.

**When are the workshops?** The week of January 7-11 from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Exact dates TBD.

**What will be expected of participants?**

Applicants will find team members; complete the letter of intent (short application form); attend one of the half-day workshops in January; develop their research proposal (with support from their mentor), and present the proposal at the Feb 25 presentation day. Teams whose projects are funded will be supported with funds and a mentor to conduct their research project over a ten-month time period, and will be expected to draft a brief report of their research findings for the Research Challenge Advisory Committee. Team leaders and members will be required to complete the on-line Research Challenge surveys.

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