

VCHRI Innovation and Translational Research Awards

2014 Competition Guidelines

Description

VCHRI is launching a new translational research funding opportunity to support research projects led by VCH care professionals and researchers. The intent of this competition is to fund research that will (1) bring new knowledge into practice and/or policy; or (2) take research outcomes to the implementation stage; or (3) create commercial opportunities from pre-existing research outcomes. The applicants should demonstrate how the outcome of their research projects can be applied to improvements in patient care and/or the health care system; lead to potential collaborations; enable successful local, provincial, national grant funding; and/or create commercial opportunities.

Funding Partners

This competition is supported by VCH Research Institute, VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation's Best of Health Fund, LGH Foundation, and the Medical Device Development Centre. VCH Research Institute and its funding partners address emerging needs and opportunities identified by researchers across VCH by supporting research projects.

Deadlines

Registration is mandatory for this competition. Complete the one-page registration form and submit as an email attachment to Kerri Abramson, Coordinator, Research Education & Internal Awards kerri.abramson@vch.ca.

Registration deadline (by email): Thursday, January 9, 2014 by Midnight (PST)

Application submission deadline: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 by Midnight (PST).

Complete applications must be received **via email** in the VCH Research Institute administration office by the times specified or they will not be accepted.

Eligibility

Awards are open to clinicians and researchers throughout VCH's health care and research facilities. Researchers include **any individual or team** involved with patient care and/or research.

Principal Investigator (PI) eligibility (must meet all 3 criteria):

- hold a PhD or a MD and/or be a VCH health care professional
Note: Medical residents, research associates, post-doctoral fellows, and clinical/research fellows are **NOT eligible for this competition
- conduct most of your work at one or more VCH site: VGH, VCH – Community, UBC, LGH, Richmond Hospital, or GF Strong.
**Note: If you are working at Lions Gate Hospital or Richmond Hospital, your project is eligible, subject to funding restrictions.

****Note:** if you are not currently practicing at one of these sites, you must include a letter from the relevant Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) Clinical Head and/or UBC Department Head, confirming you will be working at a VCH site by July 1, 2014.

- does **NOT** hold a currently funded VCHRI internal award

Co-Investigators: Co-investigators could include other individuals as appropriate for the particular project being proposed. There is no set number of co-investigators for a project. However, it is expected that individuals listed as co-investigators will also contribute to the intellectual content of the research project.

Funding and Eligible Expenses

- Proposals will be considered for a maximum of \$50,000.
- The maximum budget amount does not include in-kind contributions e.g. staff support, use of space and other resources etc.
- Projects must be able to be completed within two years of receiving the funds. Unused funds are to be returned to VCH Research Institute.
- Awards are non-renewable.
- An applicant can only hold one award at a time.
- This award competition is expected to occur annually.

Eligible expenses:

Compensation Related Expenses

- VCH 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 supervisor/ manager before submission.
- Research Staff salaries

Equipment and Services

- Research services and supplies

*Travel costs are not eligible

*Research equipment costs are not eligible

Review and Evaluation Process

Review Committee

The proposal will be reviewed by a panel with broad expertise – these reviewers may not be experts in your field. You must describe your research proposal in clear language; DO NOT use jargon.

Two reviewers will be assigned to each application. The selection committee's review and discussion will focus on the following:

1. The applicant/team's research experience and productivity including the appropriateness of each team member and their role(s),
2. The applicant/team's research environment, collaborations, commitment to research including their amount of protected time for research, research potential, and departmental support (both clinical and academic),
3. The rigour of the research proposal, including the importance and applicability of the project to the provision of healthcare/service at VCH; feasibility of the project within the timeframe/budget.
4. The implementation/business plan, including letters of support from stakeholders/partners

Application Details

Applications must include the following sections:

1. Grant Cover Sheet (required)
2. Research Module (required)
3. Research Proposal (required – 4 page maximum)
4. VCH Program/Dept Manager Statement of Support (required for all VCH health care professional PI)
5. VCHRI version of the Canadian Common CV Module (required for PI, Co-PI and ALL Co-investigators)

6. Appendices (optional)

Applications

Guidelines, registration forms and application forms are available for download from the Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute website at: <http://www.vchri.ca/funding>

Approvals

Notification of awards will occur in May 2014. Funds will be released to the successful applicants as soon as the required ethics and VCH approvals have been obtained.

Outcomes and Reporting

Annual and project end financial reporting is required. As well, a final project report is required at the end of the grant. VCH Research Institute and its funding partners use these project reports to publicize research activities and to evaluate the impact of the program.

Contact Information and Application Submission Address

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