

# KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION CHALLENGE

## What is knowledge translation?

Knowledge translation is the art and science of moving evidence into health care policy and practice.

Want to learn how to use evidence to improve health care in real life?

**The KT Challenge is for you!**

### Benefits of participation

**Support** for staff who do not have knowledge translation experience

**Help** in designing your own KT project

**Easy access** to KT resources, mentorship, and funding



Have you identified a need for a practice improvement?  
Your KT project will help you integrate evidence into best practices.

**Brief Letters of Intent are due** October 31, 2016 at 4pm

## For more information

### Providence Health Care

Contact Aggie Black [ablack@providencehealth.bc.ca](mailto:ablack@providencehealth.bc.ca)  
Web <http://professionalpractice.providencehealthcare.org/research/knowledge-translation-challenge>  
Q&A session on October 18 12:00pm to 1:00pm  
Dining Rooms 1 and 2, St Paul's Hospital

### Vancouver Coastal Health

Contact Kerri Abramson [kerri.abramson@vch.ca](mailto:kerri.abramson@vch.ca)  
Web [vchri.ca/ktchallenge](http://vchri.ca/ktchallenge)  
Q&A session on October 17 11:30am to 12:30pm  
Room 2256 Diamond Health Care Centre, VGH  
Video conferencing available



# GUIDELINES

## KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION CHALLENGE 2017

### Who can apply to participate in the Knowledge Translation Challenge?

The Knowledge Translation (KT) Challenge is designed to support teams of PHC and VCH clinicians who may not have much KT expertise, but are responsible for moving evidence into practice. There must be a minimum of two people per team. Teams can be inter-professional. All team leaders must be 0.5 FTE or greater at PHC or VCH for at least 1 year (full-time, part-time, or casual).

### How much award money is available for teams who are selected to participate in the KT Challenge?

Successful teams will receive up to \$5,000 each in funding to conduct their KT project.

### I want to be involved, but don't know much about Knowledge Translation – can I still participate?

The KT Challenge is perfect for you! We've designed the KT Challenge to teach beginners the basics of knowledge translation.

### What will the KT Challenge funding cover and what will it not cover?

Funds are available for use after the ethics application has been approved (if required). Eligible expenses include: staff time to work on the project; salaries for research assistants, transcription costs; consultant fees for data analysis; purchase of small equipment (less than \$100 usually); office supplies; software licenses, and survey licenses. Teams must include a detailed budget when they write their full proposal for funding. Details about budget development will be made available to teams.

### How do I find a mentor for my team?

Feel free to approach a potential mentor for your team, or contact Aggie or Kerri for help in finding a mentor.

### How many KT Challenge teams can I be on?

You can be on as many teams as you like but team leaders can only lead one team.

### When are the KT workshops?

To help you develop your KT plan, two workshops will be held on January 12 and March 8, 2017.

### What will be expected of participants?

Applicants will find team members and complete a Letter of Intent (LOI). If your LOI is accepted, you are expected to demonstrate the evidence base for your practice change, attend two in-person KT skills workshops, participate in an online community of learners, and write a five-page proposal for funding, with support from a KT mentor. Proposals are due **May 15, 2017**. Teams whose projects are selected will be supported with funds and a mentor to conduct their projects over a 2-year period. Team leaders and members will be required to complete the online KT Challenge evaluation surveys.

### What is the expectation of funded teams with regard to sharing their findings?

Each funded team will be asked to write a brief report to the KT Challenge Advisory Committee on their learnings and achievements.