



The Allied Health Research Award

Competition Guidelines

Background

The Award is open to members of the Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute (ACHRI) collaborating with staff/practitioners of Alberta Health Services providing service to Alberta Children's Hospital.

Purpose

The Award will recognize, promote and support Allied Health Practitioners to participate in clinical and/or translational research initiatives related to child health. The Award will support research activities that are of clinical significance, have scientific merit, the potential for meaningful impact and are of relevance to advancing shared priorities of ACHRI and AHS/Alberta Children's Hospital.

The Award will be used to support child health research that will significantly:

- Advance quality improvement strategies to evaluate practice and make recommendations for change to improve outcomes.
- Determine methods, techniques or interventions to promote health or prevent disease.
- Advance diagnostic or therapeutic interventions for the effective treatment of childhood illnesses.
- Advance new and/or improved methods of service delivery.

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Criteria for Selection

- Eligible applicants (Principal Investigators) must be Nursing or Allied Health Professionals and members of ACHRI.
- Co-Investigators may be staff/practitioners of Alberta Health Services (AHS) who are not members of ACHRI, but provide services to children/youth at the Alberta Children's Hospital or other AHS site in Calgary. Early career investigators are encouraged to apply.
- Trainees may be named as Co-Investigators.
- The proposed research must align with ACHRI's Strategic and Business Plan, and address a priority area within one or more of ACHRI's Research Programs.
- Co-funding from philanthropic, national or international organizations is encouraged and should be declared in the application.
- Allowable expenses must align with Tri-Council guidelines
- Preference will be given to interdisciplinary initiatives.
- Applications will be reviewed by an ACHRI Research Grants Committee
Members of the committee will include:
 - ACHRI Scientific Director – Basic or Clinical;
 - Executive Director Ambulatory Care ACH, or designate;
 - An academic representative nominated by ACHRI Program Leads (ACHRI member);
 - An academic representative from the Faculty of Nursing (ACHRI member);

- An academic representative from one of the Allied Health Faculties – Nursing, Kinesiology, Arts, Social Work (ACHRI member).

Amount of funding

The award will be up to a maximum of \$73,000 over three years with \$29,000 confirmed for year one.

Application

Application to be submitted on The Allied Health Research Grant Application Form with the following attachments:

- Research Proposal – maximum five pages including figures and tables. Provide a clear, concise description of your research proposal including:
 - Background – Significance and Impact
 - Aims
 - Methods
 - Knowledge Translation
 - Expertise, Experience and Resources
- Principal Investigator – CCV
- Co-Investigators – Biosketch CV
- Quotations for equipment if necessary

Reporting Obligations

Each year the award recipient must provide an annual update of project activities, progress and expenditures to ACHRI. The annual update will be reviewed by ACHRI and provided to the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation (ACHF). Continued funding of the award is contingent upon satisfactory annual reporting review and approval. At the end of the three-year funding term, the award recipient will provide a final report to ACHRI on project activities, outcomes and impact covering the entire granting period. The final report will be reviewed and submitted to ACHF.

Funding Recognition

The Award Recipient must recognize and acknowledge the ***Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation***, the ***Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute*** and ***The Allied Health Research Award***; in all resulting publications, research reports, policy briefs, promotional material, public events, news releases etc.

Submit the completed application, proposal and supporting documents as one single PDF file to achri.awards@ucalgary.ca by **March 6, 2020**

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