Funding Overview
The Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation, Child Health Research Development Fund provides salary support for Allied Health and Nursing professionals who are novice to research to develop research that has the potential to improve the health and well-being of infants, children, and youth under 18 years of age and their families.

Research Themes
Priority this year will be given to one application that explores Virtual Health.

The 2020-2021 Child Health Research Development Fund will provide salary support for four projects at $5,000 per project to develop a(n)*:

- literature review
- research proposal
- research grant application (virtual data collection)
- early stage efficacy study (virtual data collection)
- presentation/publication (based on previously funded work)
- practice support tool (precursor to clinical practice guidelines)

Eligibility
To be eligible to apply to The Child Health Research Development Fund:
1. The novice Primary Investigator must be employed by Alberta Health Services, working in a pediatric role, aligned or partnered with the Alberta Children’s Hospital,
2. The novice Primary Investigator must hold an Undergraduate, Master’s or Doctoral degree without any dedicated research responsibilities within current position,
3. The novice Primary Investigator must identify a Research Mentor
4. The project must be relevant to the values and mission of the Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation and directly relevant to the health and well-being of infants, children, and youth of Alberta
5. The application must include an explanation of next step or next level research opportunities (e.g., how this project will lead to the next stage in the research process, the next project, additional funding, and/or dissemination of findings).

Application Process
1. Complete The Child Health Research Development Fund application form
2. Submit the signed application form, including a 5 page proposal and optional attachments to Beverly.Collisson@ahs.ca and Brian.Brooks@ahs.ca; cc to Conny.Betuzzi@ahs.ca; Subject Line: The Child Health Research Development Fund 2020-2021
3. Submit the application by email by midnight, Friday October 2, 2020.

Peer Review Process and Funding Decisions
All funding applications will undergo an internal and/or external review by at least two reviewers who are content and/or methodological experts.

Reporting Guidelines
Successful recipients of this Fund and their Managers will be provided with a Report of Time and Report of Outcomes form, to summarize the time utilized with the Fund and the outcomes of the project. Projects must be completed by March 31, 2021, including the Report of Time and Report of Outcomes. Knowledge Translation activities, including presentations at internal and/or external research meetings or conferences must be completed by September 30, 2021.

Recipients of the Fund must acknowledge the Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation in any presentation or publication of their work.