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UHKF Health Care Innovation Fund Application

This is a new, hospital-based program and is not related to the Queen's AHSC AFP Innovation Fund. Please feel welcome to email us feedback on this new application process: foundation@uhkf.ca.

MANDATE:

The UHKF Health Care Innovation Fund provides timely seed funding for innovations which develop, improve or expand treatment options and/or care outcomes for patients, clients and residents of the Kingston hospitals. We are looking to fund pilot projects that have the potential to positively impact patient care. Innovation may include:

- A new process or procedure;
- A new process for enhancing patient education and/or awareness;
- A technical advancement;
- A new business model;
- Improvement of an existing program or process; and/or
- The introduction of a clinical program, diagnostic test or procedure to the Kingston hospitals to ensure our level of innovation is on par with other Ontario academic health sciences centres.

The following demonstrate the types of projects that would be appropriate for application:

- Funding for a trial to demonstrate the viability of offering a new procedure in Kingston.
- Funding for medical equipment which enables offering a new care option to patients.
- Funding to improve the supports and resources available to patients (e.g. online programming to guide cancer patient through treatment decisions).
- Funding to support equipment and program materials to enable the transition of a surgical procedure from an inpatient to an outpatient environment or from a surgical to a clinic setting.
- Projects which will leverage other research funds through match (e.g. CFI).

The Fund is intended for initiatives which will be carried out in hospital-run facilities and by hospital programs or departments. It is expected that recipients of funds will endeavor to publish the results of their work, through lay media or in the scientific literature. Preference is given to projects that constitute seed funding to generate data or create nascent programs that will attract external research or health care dollars.

How the grant will be awarded:

Applications for clinical projects may be initiated by any clinician or employee, but must be co-signed by medical and operational directors from the program area in which the project will be run.

If the application being submitted is for a research project at KHSC, the VP Research is required to sign off on the application and no signature is required from the operational director of the program. The medical director is required to sign all applications.

Applications for non-clinical projects must be signed by the director of the program in which the project will be run.

All completed applications will be vetted by the executive/senior leadership team of the host hospital for the project, to ensure operational feasibility, compliance with donor intent and alignment with institutional strategy. The executive/senior leadership teams will not score or rank applications.

A Peer Review Panel, consisting of a minimum of five representatives of clinical services, a minimum of one non-physician credentialed professional will review and evaluate applications. Evaluation will be based on the project's ability to develop, improve or expand the scope of care available to patients and residents. Reviewers will not evaluate applications from their own department or program.

Instructions:

The application form is attached and is due no later than 12 noon, Wednesday, May 31, 2017 to UHKF. All KHSC research applications (signed by medical leadership) are to be submitted to Smita Sengupta sengups1@KGH.KARI.NET no later than May 30, 2017 at 2:00 pm. The KHSC Research Office will coordinate the VP Research review and signature process.

Completed applications are to be submitted by email (foundation@uhkf.ca) or delivered to one of the UHKF offices at Kingston General Hospital (Nickel 2, Empire 2), Hotel Dieu Hospital (Sydenham 2) or Providence Care Hospital (main lobby).

The timeline for evaluation and awarding of grants is as follows:

May 31, 2017 (noon) - Application form due

June 30, 2017 – Notification of successful applicant(s)

It is the policy of UHKF to make grants to reimburse expenses incurred against approved grant requests. All successful applications will be assigned a grant number and funds will be released to the host hospital(s) upon receipt of invoice(s) from the appropriate hospital finance office. Grants are not made for hospitality expenses. Travel reimbursement must comply with hospital travel policies.