

ACHRI-WCHRI Team-Based Research Development Fund

Purpose

The Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute (ACHRI) and Women and Children's Health Research Institute (WCHRI) are partnering to support the development of Alberta-led research teams focused on maternal-child health.

Funding is available to nominated principal applicants who are members of WCHRI or ACHRI to support development of complex, collaborative, high value research grant applications.

Examples of these types of applications include (but are not limited to): CIHR team grants, CIHR SPOR network and/or Innovative Clinical Trials initiatives, Tri-Council (and/or other agency) training grant programs, New Frontiers in Research - Transformation Fund, Genome Canada Large-Scale Applied Research Projects, AB Innovates PRIHS¹.

Criteria

Appropriateness of team:

- Funds are intended to support the development of teams that are well positioned to apply for large-scale competitive funding. Team composition should be reflective of the competitive funding opportunity requirements (or anticipated requirements if not yet launched).
- Teams must be co-led by investigators from ACHRI and WCHRI:
 - The nominated principal applicant must be an ACHRI or WCHRI academic member in good standing, eligible to hold research funding at either University of Alberta or University of Calgary.
 - The nominated principal applicant must have a demonstrated track record of operational funding, as principal investigator, over the last five years.
 - Teams must also include a co-principal applicant from the alternate institute.
- A mentorship model must be built into the research team that demonstrates training of future leaders in Alberta. This model can be defined by the research team, but must include a leadership pathway for early career investigator(s) and/or postdoctoral fellow(s).

Appropriateness and relevance of project:

- The proposal directly relates to improving maternal and/or children's health outcomes.
- There is sufficient time (between submission of the ACHRI-WCHRI team-based development grant application and the external application deadline) in order to develop a high-quality proposal.

Equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) principles must be considered in both the research team composition and project proposal.

¹ For PRIHS applications:

- *Maternal Newborn Child and Youth Strategic Clinical Network™ (MNCY SCN™) staff member must be a member of the team (either as co-investigator or knowledge user)*
- *Projects that are applied and focus on appropriateness and efficiency will be given high priority*
- *Projects that address MNCY priorities from the 2020-2024 Transformational Roadmap will be given priority*
- *MNCY SCN would be involved in the review process*

Funding guide and support available

- Generally, up to \$20,000 can be requested, depending on the scope and scale of the funding opportunity; funds may be staged, according to the details of the announcement (e.g., a maximum of \$5000 will be available initially until the call is launched or until the proposal has been selected to submit a full application, as relevant)
- Funding must be used by the targeted grant proposal deadline or within one year, as determined by the review team.
- Awardees are also eligible for research consultation support from WCHRI research platforms (biostatistics, data management, KT, stakeholder engagement planning) and ACHRI research support personnel. This consultation is provided in-kind and is intended to support the development of a high-quality application/proposal. These resources may be accessed regardless of home institute (e.g. awardees from ACHRI may access WCHRI research platforms and *vice versa*). Applicants are also strongly encouraged to access AbSPORU resources (e.g., data services, patient engagement) where appropriate
- Eligible expenses:
 - Personnel for activities such as grant facilitation, grant writing and editing, and other research proposal development support services.
 - Reasonable meeting expenses.
- Applicants are encouraged to contact WCHRI or ACHRI if they need assistance in identifying potential team members.

Deadlines and Review

- Applications that are tied to a call that has launched will be reviewed within 3 weeks of submission.
- Applications for a call that has not yet launched (e.g. future CFI Innovation Fund, Genome Canada, etc.) will be reviewed quarterly (February, May, August, November); check with your home institute about upcoming review dates and ensure your application is submitted at least one week prior to the next review date to have it reviewed for that cycle.
 - If the funding call is announced prior to review, please notify your home institute via the contact provided in the application form
- Applications will be reviewed jointly by WCHRI and ACHRI senior management/ leadership teams.
- Review criteria, jointly developed by WCHRI and ACHRI, are based on:
 - research team composition,
 - mentorship model,
 - proposed project,
 - clarity of objectives and pathway towards large grant application.

ACHRI-WCHRI Team-Based Research Development Fund APPLICATION FORM

NOMINATED PRINCIPAL APPLICANT	CO-PRINCIPAL APPLICANT
NAME & TITLE:	NAME & TITLE:
CONTACT INFORMATION (Email and/or Telephone):	CONTACT INFORMATION (Email and/or Telephone):
PRIMARY INSTITUTION & RESEARCH INSTITUTE MEMBERSHIP:	PRIMARY INSTITUTION & RESEARCH INSTITUTE MEMBERSHIP:
COMPETITION TO WHICH THESE RESOURCES WILL BE APPLIED (NAME OF SPONSOR, COMPETITION TITLE, KNOWN DEADLINES, LINK TO CALL)	
PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS (TO BE USED BY THE TARGETED GRANT PROPOSAL DEADLINE OR WITHIN ONE YEAR)	
LIST OF CO-INVESTIGATOR NAMES, PRIMARY INSTITUTIONS AND ANTICIPATED ROLES IN THE PROPOSED STUDY	
PROPOSAL SUMMARY (2-3 PAGES)	
<p>In a 2-3 page attachment, please describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed project or program of research • Mentorship model • Approach to EDI 	

For questions and to submit a completed application, contact ACHRI achri.awards@ucalgary.ca AND/OR Tanya Voth tanya.voth@ualberta.ca (WCHRI contact).

REVIEW CHECKLIST

Funds will only be provided to teams that demonstrate:

- ❖ collaboration among UAlberta/WCHRI and UCalgary/ACHRI researchers
- ❖ clear relevance to child and/or maternal health and wellness
- ❖ intentional team mentorship
- ❖ attention to equity, diversity and inclusion
- ❖ clarity of objectives and pathway towards large grant application