



Department of Pediatrics Innovation Award Competition

Award Information

A. Overview and Eligibility

The Principal Applicant (PA) must be a primary member of the academic (U of C) and/or clinical (AHS) Department of Pediatrics. Co-applicants and collaborators may be from the Department of Pediatrics or other academic or clinical units in Calgary or elsewhere. The Department strongly encourages collaboration between sections/units and with other child health and wellness leaders outside Pediatrics.

Successful PAs from the two most recent competitions (2018 & 2019) are not eligible to be PAs in the 2020 competition. Successful PAs from earlier (2017 or earlier) competitions are eligible to be PAs in this competition, provided that the annual progress report from their previous award(s) is submitted by the deadline. Trainees (e.g., residents, fellows, undergraduate students, graduate students) may be Co-Applicants or Collaborators but not PAs (nor Co-PA). Individuals can only be the PAs (or Co-PAs) on a single submission, although they may be a Co-Applicant or Collaborator on more than one application.

Applications for the continuation of previously funded projects are strongly discouraged. If the application is a re-submission of an un-successful application from a previous competition, applicants are required to complete the response to reviewers section in the application explaining how the comments from previous reviews will be addressed. For applications related to pilot or bridge research studies, the applicants must state what their next steps will be to seek external funding for further studies. Applications for “one-off” projects unrelated to the applicants’ emerging or established expertise and ongoing activities are discouraged.

The intent of the award is to provide operating funds to support groups engaged in innovative projects related to the provision of clinical care, education or research within the Department of Pediatrics. There are no specific program or topic priorities. The only requirement is that projects propose an innovation that may improve health in children. We would like to emphasize the openness of this award program and encourage project teams from all disciplines, focus areas and project types to consider applying.

B. Instructions

B. 1. Application Format and Additional Notes

Application Template

You **must** use the application template. Please note that although the application procedures are adapted from research formats, this format is readily adaptable to projects that are primarily clinical or educational.

Applicant Types and Roles

Applicant types that can be included on the project team:

1. Principal Applicant (PA): Must be a primary member of the academic (U of C) and/or clinical (AHS) Department of Pediatrics. Must hold an active academic appointment and be eligible to hold project funding at the University of Calgary.

2. Co-PA: Same as the PA, sharing the project leadership responsibility.
3. Co-Applicant: An individual who contributes to the proposed activities. In some cases the individual may be a faculty member, clinician, other allied health specialist, trainee, or knowledge user.
4. Collaborator: An individual whose role in the proposed activities is to provide a specific service (e.g., access to equipment, provision of specific reagents, training in a specialized technique, statistical analysis, access to a patient population, etc.)
5. Staff: An individual who will have an employment function/role on the project. Examples include: Research Coordinator, Project Manager, Nurse, etc.

In order to confirm eligibility as a project team member, please review the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) “Defining the Role of Authors and Contributors”

(<http://www.icmje.org/recommendations/browse/>). Applicants should meet all of the following ICMJE criteria:

- a. *Substantial contributions to conception and design, acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data, AND*
- b. *Drafting the application or report or revising it critically for important intellectual content, AND*
- c. *Final approval of the version of the application to be submitted, AND*
- d. *Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work.*

Collaborators or project staff, if known at the time of application, should be acknowledged and identified in the application. Examples of their contributions may include: “*acquisition of funding; general supervision of a research group or general administrative support; and writing assistance, technical editing, language editing, and proofreading.*”

Early Career Investigators

This competition has one award designated for Early Career Investigators (ECI). An ECI is defined as an individual who is in the first 60 months of their first academic appointment. Calculation of eligibility can be adjusted for part-time appointments and leaves of absence. Applicants who wish to be considered as an ECI need to indicate this in the corresponding section of the application. ECIs will also be considered for the general pool of funding.

Trainees

Trainees are encouraged to be included as project team members and may be listed as co-applicants, collaborators or staff as appropriate. However, the Innovation Award is not a training award, and the project itself should not be a trainee-led initiative (e.g., MSc or PhD thesis project) that would be eligible for trainee specific funding opportunities. Funding from the Innovation Award may not be used to replace alternative sources for trainee stipend support (i.e., scholarships). As such, trainees can be involved as team members who work on the project or as staff who are paid from the project, but cannot receive a stipend or scholarship from the award.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Teams are asked to provide details on how sex, gender and diversity are considered in the proposal. For resources and guidance about how to show the measures you have taken to integrate sex, gender and diversity considerations into your team or project, visit: <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/51709.html>

Budget

The maximum budget per application is \$25,000. Smaller budgets (e.g., \$5,000-\$10,000) are strongly encouraged to support pilot projects or small, impactful initiatives. In addition, to encourage teams to put forward strong, high quality applications, the highest ranked submission will be eligible to receive a top-up equivalent to up to 20% of the total budget for the project.

All budget items must be justified. Travel will not be considered unless it is related to data gathering for the project. Computers, software and other equipment readily available elsewhere will not be considered. There must be no budget overlap with existing projects. Payments to physician members of the Department will not be considered.

B. 2. Timelines and Submission Procedures

Intent to Apply

All applicants must submit their intent to apply via the electronic form on the Department of Pediatrics website: <https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/pediatrics/research/funding/pediatrics-internal-funding/innovation-award/innovation-award>

The following information must be included:

- Project working title
- Project team members including PA, co-PA, co-A, Collaborators, Staff if they are known at the time
- Project primary category (clinical care, education, research)

Details submitted at this stage can change prior to the application deadline. Please notify Ashton Chugh (chugha@ucalgary.ca) of any changes.

The deadline to submit the intent to apply is 5PM (MST) on Thursday, December 17, 2020.

Full Application

The complete application must be submitted electronically in a single file, including the first page with signatures. The application must be submitted via the Department of Pediatrics website:

<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/pediatrics/research/funding/pediatrics-internal-funding/innovation-award>

The deadline to submit the full application is 5PM (MST) on Thursday, January 28, 2021.

The awardees will be announced in March 2021. The funding for successful applications will be available immediately (upon project set-up).

Looking for help or have questions?

Please contact Nicole Romanow (ntr.romanow@ucalgary.ca) with any questions about the application process.