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Innovation Award Information Session

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- Application process
- Review process
- Tips for success
- Budget considerations
- Resources
- Deadlines



■ Intent to Apply

- Submitted electronically 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)

DEADLINE: December 17, 5PM

■ Application

- Use the application [template](#)
- Obtain signatures (PI and co-applicants) on page 1
- Submit application online:
<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/pediatrics/research/funding/pediatrics-internal-funding/innovation-award>

DEADLINE: January 28, 2021, 5PM

- First 60 months of your first academic appointment
- Part-time appointments/leaves considered
- Tell us on the application
- Eligibility confirmed
- Considered for special funding AND general funding

- Equity, diversity & inclusion
 - Teams are asked to provide details on how sex, gender and diversity are considered in the proposal.
 - For resources and guidance visit: <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/51709.html>
- Incentive (extra money!)
 - 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.

- Administrative review ensures all components of the application are included.
 - *If anything is missing the application will not be reviewed.*
- Review assignments – 2 reviewers per application
- Review assignments are random – conflicts of interest are taken into account
- Scoring:
 - How innovative is it?
 - Quality of the writing
 - Detailed comments
 - Overall score
- Review panel meeting
- Funding decisions are made by consensus of the review group, conditional on the amount of funding available

- **Be clear, concise and consider who the reviewer is**
 - Avoid jargon. The reviewer probably isn't a specialist in your field. Have someone outside of your field read your application. If they can't explain it back to you, then the reviewers will have difficulties too.
- **Provide operational definitions for variables**
 - Essential for the reviewers to form a working understanding of precisely what entity is being studied and how it will subsequently be measured.
- **Clearly outline WHO is doing WHAT**
 - Be as detailed as possible in outlining who will approach study participants, who will review diagnostic images, who will conduct statistical analysis, etc.

- **Provide a plan for evaluating the proposed initiative**
 - Go beyond what you plan to do, describe how you will measure/assess the success of the initiative.
- **Seek out help developing an analytic plan**
 - Provide a rationale (calculation) for effect sizes, provide justification for sample sizes, indicate what a clinically relevant difference/effect is.
- **Be realistic about the scope of the project**
 - Is it better suited as a pilot project? If so, develop it as such. Don't try to do everything under the umbrella of a single application.

- **Get the right team on board**
 - Consider the subject matter experts you may need help from. Include collaborators that strengthen the team in niche areas. There is no limit to the number of team members.
- **Don't be shy about what you've already done**
 - Address the incremental gain of what is being proposed over and above what has already been accomplished.
- **Share your enthusiasm!**
 - If you are passionate about the idea, try to transmit that to the reviewers in the proposal.

- **Consider internal expertise/support**
 - There is support available internally; seek it out before requesting funds to cover contracting these activities.
- **Be realistic about HR costs/needs**
 - Reviewers know standard salary rates and how much benefits amount to.
- **Check REB guidelines for participant incentives**
- **Trainee/conference travel, publication fees**
- **Make sure the math adds up!**

- Sr. Consultant, Child Health Research – Nicole Romanow
- Methods support – Dr. Brent Hagel (Child and Family Health Research Unit), Dr. Maria Santana (AB SPOR Pt Engagement)
- IPR
- ACHRI Grants Coordinator – Kathy Gratton can review applications for structure, grammar, etc. (for ACHRI members)
- Sample successful applications available upon request
- Grant writing workshop materials/presentations available on the website

December 17, 2020 @ 5PM: Intent to apply

January 28, 2021 @ 5PM: Full application

January 28, 2021 @ 5PM: Progress reports

March 2021: Results announced

[Innovation Award website](#)

