

Island Centre Planning and Development Awards 2019-2020 Registration Guidelines

These awards aim to support researchers and clinicians to partner with patients¹ and other stakeholders in **planning research studies or developing POR projects** in the Island Health region. Research and operating expenses or quality improvement projects are not eligible.

Award Objectives

- Enable early career researchers, emerging POR teams, or applicants who do not have an existing program of funded research to plan or develop patient-oriented research activities;
- Support POR activities that contribute to advancing evidence uptake and improving health outcomes for populations in the Island Health region, while demonstrating the SPOR Patient Engagement principles of Inclusiveness, Support, Mutual Respect, and Co-Building;
- Provide training and support in the principles and practice of POR;
- Develop POR capacity through an interdisciplinary approach that fosters collaboration between research partners (e.g. patient partners, researchers, clinicians and allied health professionals, community members, and health system decision-makers);
- Create opportunities for research partners to work together, from conceptualization of the research question through to planning for implementation and dissemination of results;
- Demonstrate the impact of the funding for research teams and patients; and
- Encourage recipients to use patient-oriented approaches to research in the future.

Funds Available

A total of \$50,000 is available through this competition, with one-time funding being provided up to a maximum of \$15,000 per team. Funding terms are one year in duration, with awards beginning April 1st, 2020. Applicants must not have already received confirmed funding for the proposed activities.

Eligibility

- The Lead Applicant must be an academic researcher, clinician, health professional or healthcare decision-maker whose host institution is eligible to hold funding. Co-Leads are encouraged.
- Teams must include at least one representative from each of the following stakeholder groups: patient partners; researchers; healthcare professionals or clinicians; healthcare decision-makers.
- The Lead Applicant must be based in the [Island Health region](#) and the proposed activities must be relevant to local contexts.

¹ The word 'patient' is an overarching term that includes people with lived experience of a healthcare issue, their informal caregivers, family, and friends. We encourage applicants to use an alternate word that resonates with their work, for example: client, peer, person, community member, resident, member of the public.

Examples of eligible costs

- Meeting costs, including room and equipment rentals, catering
- Travel expenses related to team meetings
- Reimbursement for patient partners, including out-of-pocket expenses, travel, childcare etc.
- Patient partner honoraria
- Clinician release time (Doctors of BC sessional rates)
- Meeting facilitation and graphic recording services
- Consultant fees
- Office supplies directly related to the above activities

Areas of Focus

Planning and development activities in areas that are aligned with the strategic priorities of healthcare partners in the Island Health region will be considered for funding. These include:

- personalized medicine;
- cultural safety and humility;
- Indigenous wellness;
- seniors' health and care transitions;
- mental health;
- substance use, including responses to the opioid crisis;
- health promotion and prevention; and
- social and ecological determinants of health

Registration Deadline

Registrations must be submitted on or before December 16th, 2019 at 4pm PST. After the registration form has been reviewed and approved by the BC SUPPORT Unit Vancouver Island Centre, the full application form will be made available to the applicant. Registration submissions will be reviewed to ensure that applicants are planning to focus on patient-oriented activities and are not already funded through other sources of revenue.

Application Submission and Support

General inquiries about the award process can be addressed to: islandcentre@bcsupportunit.ca.

For support with developing an application, connecting with stakeholders or patient partners, or planning a budget, please connect with:

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