

## Department of Surgery Research Fund Guidelines

### General Guidelines

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Department of Surgery Research Fund (DSRF) is to support a culture of research within the department and to encourage more residents to participate in research. As the primary focus of this funding is for residents, the DSRF is not intended to provide continuing support for faculty for ongoing research projects/programs or to purchase equipment. Faculty are therefore encouraged to find alternate sources of funding (e.g., CoMRAD, RUH Foundation, SHRF, CIHR, NSERC, etc.) for research purposes.

#### Eligibility and Program Priorities

All currently enrolled surgery residents at the College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan are eligible to apply to the DSRF for support.

#### Type, Nature, and Extent of Support

The DSRF is a flexible program designed to provide support for a wide range of activities, provided these activities support the stated purpose of the DSRF, that is, to promote a culture of research within the department and encourage more residents to participate in research.

Such support includes *but is not limited to* the following:

- support for resident research projects
- support for residents to travel to present research at conferences (e.g., registration, airfare, accommodations, poster printing) up to a maximum amount of \$1750
- support through the Resident Research Incentives Program (i.e., submit ethics application \$400, collect data for project \$600, submit article for publication \$1000)
- support for the annual Resident Research Day and Resident Research Banquet
- support for the annual Faculty Research Day and Faculty Research Day Banquet

The DSRF, however, does **not** provide funding for:

- publication or page charges for residents or faculty;
- support for faculty for ongoing research projects/programs
- support for faculty to purchase equipment
- support for faculty to travel to present research at conferences
- support for faculty for overexpenditures or unexpected costs of research
- salaries for department personnel i.e., statistician

### **Conditions of the Award**

All requests for funding must be carefully justified. Expenses will not be eligible for support if they do not meet the specific requirements of each program. NOTE: For resident requests for research support, only modest research needs can typically be met by this program. Also, the resident must be directly involved in the research. A resident application for research funding will be denied if someone else (e.g., technician, medical student, graduate student, etc.) will be doing the research instead of the resident.

The award recipient is responsible for the use of the funds and for any over-expenditure above the approved amount of the award.

Subsequent requests from residents for DSRF support will not be considered if all information pertaining to previous awards has not been submitted to the Surgery finance office at [surgery.finance@usask.ca](mailto:surgery.finance@usask.ca). If it is determined that a resident receives support (or already has support) from an alternate source for the same funding request, the Department of Surgery research committee, that oversees the DSRF, has the right to refuse or withdraw approval for funding support.

The resident is responsible to provide complete and accurate information when requesting DSRF support. Future requests for DSRF support may be denied if it has been determined that the resident has previously submitted a request with falsified or misleading information.