

## **College of Medicine Research Award (CoMRAD) Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **1) Who can apply as Principal Investigator (PI)?**

Any faculty member with *primary academic appointment* at the College of Medicine.

If you are a faculty member in another College, with *associate* membership in the College of Medicine, you are not eligible to apply for CoMRAD.

If you are unsure of your appointment status and would like to confirm, please contact [com.rad@usask.ca](mailto:com.rad@usask.ca).

### **2) I am on an ACFP, or other form of contract. Am I eligible to apply for CoMRAD as PI?**

Yes, as long as you do not hold *primary academic appointment* elsewhere. However, if your primary position is with the Saskatchewan Health Authority and you also have a College of Medicine faculty appointment, you are eligible to apply for CoMRAD. This includes faculty with ACFPs and other contracts.

### **3) How many Co-Investigators(Co-I) may I have on my CoMRAD application?**

The 2019 CoMRAD competition allows a maximum of **four** investigators (Principal-Investigator, Co-Principal Investigators or Co-Investigators) per application. You may have as many collaborators as you wish.

### **4) What is considered 'Early Career' faculty?**

The definition of Early Career Faculty is as follows: a College of Medicine faculty member who, at the time of the application deadline, has assumed their *first independent academic appointment within the last six years (72 months)* including term or tenure track. This also includes those who have held independent academic appointments outside of Saskatchewan.

The six-year window for being considered Early Career Faculty can be adjusted to account for instances where a researcher has had an institutionally approved delay in research or period of inactivity (e.g., parental, bereavement, medical, or administrative leave). Please contact our office to confirm status.

Any independent academic appointments for greater than 72 months prior to applying (exception to leaves of absence), means you are not considered Early Career Faculty. You may still apply for the general pool.

### **5) Are student stipends an eligible expense?**

No. If you wish to pay your graduate student an hourly wage for work above and beyond their graduate research project, you are welcome to do so.

If you are seeking a stipend of a graduate student, please apply for the annual CoMGRAD competition.

**6) What is the maximum award?**

\$30,000 CAD.

**7) What is the 'Clinician Career Development Category'**

The OVDR has earmarked funding for clinical faculty members who are new or returning to research and have less than 0.10 FTE (four hours/week) Research Time. Seed funding and funds for planning and pilot work will be available to support studies that improve health or influence practice and health-care delivery.

The key goals for this funding are: to increase the number of clinical research studies; to increase the College of Medicine success in attracting Tri-Council funding for clinical studies; and to improve the health of Saskatchewan people

**8) Where can I find more information?**

For more detailed information, please visit the [CoMRAD SharePoint Site](#).