



RRC Team-Building Grant

2019 Research Funding Opportunity

Background and Purpose

The Respiratory Research Center (RRC) aims to reduce risk, discover cures, save lives and improve quality of life for all Canadians. With the goal of a “discovery for healthy breathing” in mind, the Center has established the **Team-Building Grant** to foster innovative research in the area of respiratory health.

This funding opportunity aims to encourage collaborative research by funding inter-disciplinary teams doing human health and translational research projects with the aim of applying that knowledge for the benefit of patients. Applicants must be members of the RRC.

Grant Requirements

Proposed research projects must:

- Address at least one of the following aims of the RRC:
 1. Build knowledge and understanding of respiratory health and well-being across the life span and within at-risk groups, using patient/person, family, and population-health.
 2. Enable and undertake interdisciplinary and intersectoral research in the respiratory field addressing chronic respiratory conditions, including their prevention.
 3. Develop and evaluate innovative approaches to health care design and delivery for persons with respiratory illness and disease that also optimize health and well-being, are attentive to healthcare system expenditure and value, support quality improvement, and acknowledge public and professional educational needs and perspective.
 4. Build better understanding of the mechanisms of disease within the scope of respiratory health
- Be inter-disciplinary, meaning including team members from across multiple academic units or disciplines
- Ensure meaningful application of research findings by using an integrated knowledge translation approach
- Position teams for success in obtaining external funding
- Be a new initiative and not a continuation of an ongoing project
- Be completed in one year – A final report will be required at 12 months post-award
- Include primary data collection
- Be in a field of human health research, defined broadly as encompassing biomedical science, clinical research, health services and systems research, and research on the cultural, social and environmental determinants of population health
- **Note:** *Recipients will be required to report to the RRC on the progress, outcomes and impacts of the funded project and also support RRC engagement and education efforts, such as speaking as a guest at research seminars or contributing to publications.*

Funding Available

Each team may request up to **\$25,000**. The RRC has made **\$100,000** available for this competition, which is enough to fund at least **four grants**. Funding provided is to support direct costs of the proposed research project. Allowable expenses are those necessary to carry out the proposed activities



and not provided through other means. Funding provided is meant to support research activity in Saskatchewan. All policies outlined in the University of Saskatchewan Guidelines and Procedures for Administration of Research funds apply.

In addition:

- Equipment is not an eligible expense
- Patient travel and honoraria must follow University of Saskatchewan guidelines
- Travel to academic conferences is limited to 10% of the proposed budget

Eligibility

- Teams should be constituted to support the goals of the proposed research project. In addition:
 - Expertise from more than one discipline must be present
 - Having patients on your team is strongly encouraged, if appropriate for the proposed project
 - Having knowledge users, including policy makers and health care providers is strongly encouraged, if appropriate for the proposed project
- Teams must consist of at least three members from two disciplines or more. In addition:
 - The principal applicant and at least one other team member must be based in Saskatchewan
 - The principal applicant and at least one other team member must have research duties as part of their job
- Potential applicants should register as members of the RRC. Contact RRC Research Coordinator, Britney Duncan at britney.duncan@usask.ca for details.

Principal applicants must be:

- autonomous regarding their research activities;
- able to hold peer-reviewed funds as a principal investigator and publish or patent research results;
- based in SK for the term of the funding;
- affiliated with the University of Saskatchewan and agrees to administer the funds as the host institution; and
- obliged to conform to institutional regulations concerning the conduct of research, supervision of trainees (as applicable) and the employment conditions of staff paid with University funding.
- a current RRC members in good standing

Other team members (Co-applicants and collaborators) may be:

- from Saskatchewan or elsewhere provided other criteria are met
- researchers, patients, knowledge-users, health care providers or academic researchers provided other criteria are met

* **Collaborator(s)** are defined as an individual(s), participating in the initiative, who provides a specific service (e.g. access to equipment, access to patient population) but does not have an over-arching role in contributing to the initiative and is not an applicant.

***Co-applicant(s)** are defined as individual(s), contributing in a significant way to the initiative.



Multiple applications:

- As a principal applicant, individuals can submit only one application. However, there is no limit on the number of applications an individual can be listed as a co-applicant (in addition to an application in the role of principal or collaborator).

Application Form and Submission

Registration

Potential applicants are first required to register their intent to apply by emailing britney.duncan@usask.ca by **September 1, 2019**. Provide the following draft information to the best of your knowledge at the time:

- 1) Project title
- 2) Principal applicant name and affiliation
- 3) List of other applicants (i.e. team members)
- 4) Lay description of the project (250 words maximum)
- 5) Specify how the proposed project addresses the aims of the RRC (100 words maximum)

Application

Following registration, applications must be completed and submitted online by e-mail at britney.duncan@usask.ca. All team members/applicants will need to register as new members of the RRC, if not a current member, at time of application. All team members are required to submit a current CV at the time of application.

Review

Applications will be evaluated in a competitive, peer-review process by the Steering Committee of the RRC. Evaluation criteria will address both scientific merit and potential impact.

Important Dates

Competition Launch	June 10, 2019
Application available on RRC website	June 10, 2019
Registration Deadline	September 1, 2019
Application Deadline*	September 30, 2019
Funding Decisions	December 1, 2019
Funding Start Date	January 1, 2019

More Information

- ✓ Read about the RRC here: <https://medicine.usask.ca/respiratoryresearch>
- ✓ Attend the information session: Details and registration available at <https://medicine.usask.ca/respiratoryresearch/> on the "**Events/Seminars**" page.

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