

## ***Request for Applications***

### **Dr. Michael R Freeman Innovation Award Competition**

<b>Award Description:</b>	<p>In collaboration with the Heart and Stroke/Richard Lewar Centre of Excellence in Cardiovascular Research (HSRLCE), the academic/teaching hospitals from the Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network (i.e. Hospital for Sick Children, St. Michael's Hospital, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, University Health Network, and Women's College Hospital) are hosting a Cardiac and Vascular Collaborative Innovation Competition.</p> <p>The goal is to spur innovation and collaboration between institutes with the aim of improving quality of care within cardiac and vascular programs.</p>
<b>Award Purpose:</b>	To provide seed funding for novel ideas aimed at cardiovascular disease management, emphasizing collaborative research and development at multiple sites within the TCLHIN and initiated by at least one investigator from within the LHIN. Priority will be given to ideas with a pathway toward commercialization within 5 years.
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Each of the five participating sites (SickKids, SMH, SHSC, UHN & WCH) will commit funds of \$35,000 per site toward associated activities at their site. This will be matched by a \$75,000 support by HSRLCE, to provide a total award pool of \$250K per year.
<b>Funding Details:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The total funding available per year is \$250,000.</li> <li>The maximum award per successful proposal is \$150,000.</li> <li>Award term will be one year (awardees have up to 2 years to spend the money). A second term of funding is possible with re-application and associated competitive review.</li> </ul>
<b>Timelines:</b>	<p><b>May 15, 2018:</b>      <b>Deadline for Applications</b></p> <p>August 15, 2018:      Notification of Award</p> <p>September 1, 2018:      Award Start Date</p>
<b>Eligibility:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principal applicants must be full-time employees of SickKids, SMH, SHSC, UHN or WCH and members of the respective Heart Programs.</li> <li>Projects must be collaborative and must include co-applicants from at least two of the participating institutions (SickKids, SMH, SHSC, UHN &amp; WCH). Preference may be given to multidisciplinary projects that span more institutions and should demonstrate added value leveraging local strengths.</li> <li>Principal applicant can only submit one application per year for proposal review.</li> <li>Preference will be given to applications that represent a new unfunded initiative for the applicants.</li> </ul>

<b>Eligible Expenses:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All supplies and services relating to the innovation project are considered eligible</li> <li>• Funds for trainee support (i.e. postdoctoral and graduate) are considered eligible</li> <li>• Purchases of equipment up to \$10,000 are eligible if clearly justified in the budget</li> <li>• Funds for conferences, travel or investigator salaries are NOT considered eligible</li> </ul>
<b>Review Criteria:</b>	<p>Applications will be reviewed on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Novelty of innovation</li> <li>• Commercialization potential</li> <li>• Cardiovascular disease target</li> <li>• Multi-site collaboration (SickKids, SMH, SHSC, UHN &amp; WCH)</li> </ul>
<b>Award Terms:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants are required to inform the Heart &amp; Stroke/ Richard Lewar Centre of Excellence (HSRLCE) of any related support currently held or applied for from other funding sources and to what extent such support overlaps with the submitted application.</li> <li>• Funds will not be released to successful applicants until all appropriate ethics approvals have been obtained by the applicant's Research Ethics Board and forwarded to the HSRLCE.</li> <li>• Support from "<i>Heart &amp; Stroke/ Richard Lewar Centre of Excellence in Cardiovascular Research (HSRLCE) and the Toronto Academic Cardiac &amp; Vascular Collaborative (TACVC)</i>" must be acknowledged in all publications, presentations and communications that arise from this funding.</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful applicants are required to provide a financial statement from the institution's finance department itemizing all expenses and showing the balance at the end of each funding year.</li> <li>• Successful applicants are required to provide a detailed written report within three (3) months of the end of the funding period. The report must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A description of the project and results to date (2 pages);</li> <li>○ A list of publications resulting from research related to the project (1-2 pages);</li> <li>○ A copy of all manuscripts published and submitted attached to the written report (1-2 pages); and</li> <li>○ Details on new grants/funding for this project, either received or applied for (1-2 pages)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Application Details:</b>	<p><b>Application Deadline: May 15, 2018</b> Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a> for a link to the application form.</p> <p>Completed applications should be submitted electronically to the Heart &amp; Stroke/Richard Lewar Centre of Excellence (<a href="mailto:hsrl.centre@utoronto.ca">hsrl.centre@utoronto.ca</a>).</p>
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