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RFP Details for Fall 2024:

CCRF is pleased to offer the **Fall 2024 Request for Proposals (RFP)** to researchers and clinicians in the chiropractic and adjacent healthcare fields who meet the eligibility requirements. The total grant pool for this call is approximately **\$100,000**. Grants for individual projects start at **\$5,000**.

Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to review the following:

- CCRF's [National Research Priorities](#): Basic Science, Clinical Science, Health Systems and Population Health.
- [CCRF's FAQs](#): **These have been recently updated and contain information which may impact the success of your proposal**

Granting decisions will be approved by CCRF's Board of Directors and will be based on recommendations by its Research Committee.

How To Apply

To ensure equal access for submitters and support timely grant awards, CCRF uses a straightforward three-step application process. Before applying, please make sure to review this **Request for Proposal (RFP)**, its eligibility criteria and FAQs thoroughly.

Step One: Letter of Intent (LOI)

- Grant seekers submit a brief Letter of Intent (LOI) to provide a succinct overview of their proposal, including a summary of the project concept, the anticipated output and the amount of funding requested
- LOIs must follow the submission format and instructions below
- LOIs must be received by 11:59 pm on **Friday, December 13th, 2024**

LOI Submission Format

- English language on your organization's letterhead
- LOI should be no more than two pages in length, single-sided, single-spaced, Calibri 11-point font, and 1-inch margins with page numbers at the bottom
- Page One should include:
 - project title
 - general research design
 - applicant's name, degree, contact information and professional affiliation
 - amount of grant requested

- Page Two should contain the research abstract, which describes the scope, purpose, methodology, hypothesis of your project and content of the proposed work. Please indicate the anticipated impact of this research and why it is important to further knowledge within one or more of the four CCRF Areas of Focus (Basic Science, Clinical Science, Health Systems, Population Health).
- Supporting materials, such as peer reviewed publications and biographic information, are optional and can be provided as attachments (maximum two pages)
- Proposals must be dated and signed by principal applicant
- Signed proposals must contain the following declarations: “We/I confirm, that to the best of our/my knowledge, this LOI submission is accurate. We/I also certify all identified investigators will fully participate in the proposed work. We/I have read and understood the most recent CCRF *Request for Proposal and Letter of Intent Guidelines*.”

Submission Instructions

- A single PDF file containing the LOI and all supporting documents should be emailed to info@chiroresearch.ca no later than 11:59 pm on **Friday, December 13th, 2024**
- PDF files should be saved as “LOI_lead submitter last name_institution_year.” (e.g., LOI_Harris_University of Toronto_2023)
- A confirmation email will be sent within 72 hours of receipt

Step Two: Evaluation

Proposal evaluation is overseen and administered by the [CCRF Research Committee](#).

- Each LOI is evaluated by the Research Committee and assessed for methodological merit and rigour by an independent scientific reviewer
- Grant applications are provided only to selected projects that align with the objectives and areas of focus outlined in the Current Request for Proposals (RFP)
- All submitters will be notified of the status of their project. Those who do not receive an application will be notified that a grant will not be offered this cycle.

Step Three: Grant Application

Based on the LOI, CCRF will provide selected teams with a grant application.

- Grant applications include a cover letter, project overview, phases and timeline, monetary request, submitter background/qualifications, references, other funding sources (projected and confirmed) and multimedia components (if any)
- For grant requests over \$10,000, a 30-minute videoconference presentation may be requested
- Grant applications and LOI budgets are usually identical. If an increase is requested during the grant application stage, it should be justified by the submitter.
- Final funding recommendations are approved by CCRF’s Board of Directors
- Applicants are informed about proposal status with a letter indicating:
 - A grant will not be offered during this cycle
 - A grant is approved contingent on standard CCRF terms and conditions

Who Can Apply

To be considered for funding by CCRF in this RFP cycle, your project must:

- Be executed by researchers in good standing within their professional associations and meet all eligibility requirements:
 - At least one Canadian Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) team member residing in Canada is required
 - A Canadian project lead is preferred but not required
 - A PhD is beneficial but not required if sufficient research, publication experience and institutional support can be demonstrated
- Submissions that identify additional funding sources or financially beneficial partnerships are strongly encouraged
- Be conducted in accordance with Canadian legal, regulatory and ethical guidelines
- Be eligible for publication in an accredited, peer-reviewed journal
- Be received by the CCRF by 11:59 pm on **Friday, December 13th, 2024**

CCRF's Research Committee invites proposals that address a wide range of topics. Areas of interest include – but are not limited to:

- Utilization and other forms or high-impact data analysis or synthesis
- Return to work or play
- Economic benefits of chiropractic care
- Rehabilitation
- Ageing in place
- Patient safety
- Maintenance care
- Indigenous community health and wellness
- Interdisciplinary initiatives

For funding consideration in this RFP cycle, we invite applicants to consider these guiding points when developing submissions:

- Explore gaps in current knowledge or expand on existing studies in meaningful ways
- Demonstrate fresh thinking and/or innovative use of technology, including Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence
- Explore diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) or other important areas of health and/or social intersection
- Be conducted in accordance with Canadian legal, regulatory and ethical guidelines
- Be eligible for publication in an accredited peer-reviewed journal
- Well developed methodologies, appropriate supervision and effective institutional support are strongly encouraged

Important Dates

- LOIs must be received by 11:59 pm on **Friday, December 6th, 2024**

- CCRF will inform applicants if a Grant Application (based on the LOI) will be requested during the week of **February 23rd, 2025**
- Final grant decisions are scheduled to be determined in **May 2025**

Have a question? Check [Grant FAQs](#)

For all other inquiries, please contact us at info@chiroresearch.ca

FAQ page

What is the composition of the proposal review committee?

Proposals are reviewed by our volunteer Research Committee (RC) and an independent scientific reviewer

They are supported by CCRF Executive Director, Robert Harris and Marketing Specialist, Keishiya Balendran.

Are there restrictions regarding the purchase of equipment, travel, salary, etc.?

The Research Committee understands each submission is unique and important outcomes can be delivered through a variety of investments. However, most successful grant applications are focused on expenses directly related to project execution.

Capital expenses, like technology or equipment, require strong justification.
Travel and conference expenses are limited to a maximum of \$1,500.

What doesn't CCRF fund?

- Academic institution administrative and/or overhead costs
- Scholarships & Academic positions
- General fundraising campaigns
- Endowments
- Partisan political activities
- Emergency needs
- Religious activities

Supplemental Project Support

CCRF's Research Committee strongly encourages projects with other confirmed sources of funding and participation from academic institutions. This is particularly relevant for projects with larger budgets and/or extended timelines.

Please note academic institution administrative and/or overhead costs will not be funded.