STRATEGIC GRANT RESEARCH SUPPORT

Strategic grant research support aims to provide operational support to Faculty of Health Sciences full time professors who do not meet the criteria for the Research Development Program or are participating in tri-council team and partnership grants (e.g. NSERC Strategic grant, SSHRC Partnership and Partnership Development grants, CIHR Team grants).

There are 2 streams for support:

1. **Development Stream**: provides small short-term grants to allow Faculty of Health Sciences full time professors to conduct research supporting the development of new or revised grant applications, but do not meet the eligibility criteria to apply to the Research Development Program (RDP Seed or Bridge).

2. **Team Stream**: provides contributions to team or partnership grant proposals (e.g. NSERC Strategic grant, SSHRC Partnership and Partnership Development grants, CIHR Team grants), where Faculty of Health Sciences full time professors have a confirmed role as Nominated Principal Applicant/Principal Applicant (or equivalent).
DEVELOPMENT STREAM

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Hold a full-time tenure or a tenure track position in the Faculty of Health Sciences
- Do not meet eligibility criteria to apply for the RDP Seed or Bridge opportunity
- Intend to submit a proposal to one of the tri-council agencies (CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC) within the next 12-18 months
- Have not held funding from the Strategic Grant Research Support – Development Stream program in the previous three years

DEADLINES

There is a minimum of 2 competitions per year. Maximum contribution from the Faculty is $10,000. Research proposals must be completed within one year.

Internal application deadlines:

Please refer to the website https://health.uottawa.ca/research/funding for information on deadlines to apply for this opportunity. Announcements will also be made in the research office newsletter, as well as through email communications.

Proposals must be submitted electronically (in a single PDF file) to: fssrecherche@uottawa.ca.

Proposals must be formatted in accordance with generally accepted standards at the granting councils, as follows:
- Text must be single-spaced, with no more than six lines per inch and in black color
- The accepted font is Times New Roman regular 12 pts, or any comparable font – nothing smaller
- Condensed font and applications completed strictly in italics are not acceptable
- All text, including references, must conform to these standards. Incomplete applications and/or applications that do not meet the presentation standards may be rejected or be at a disadvantage.

REQUIREMENTS

Requests for Strategic grant research support – Development stream must include the following information:

A completed Application form for Operational support request, supported by:

- Summary of the research proposal (max 1/2 page)
- Justification of the request detailing the importance of the research project and plan for application at a tri-council agency (max 1 page)
- Research proposal (max 5 pages), including
  - Introduction
  - Research question and objectives
  - Approach
  - Expected outcomes
  - Involvement of HQP
  - Dissemination strategies
- Detailed budget and justification for the entire request. For the Faculty contributions, only eligible costs, as per granting agency guidelines, will be considered
- Common CV or equivalent of principal applicant

**ADJUDICATION OF APPLICATIONS**

All requests will be evaluated by the Faculty Research Committee, which is chaired by the Vice-Dean Research, and includes 5 faculty members, one member from each School, according to the evaluation criteria described below.

The evaluation is based on documentation available in the original proposal.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

- Relevance of the action plan to obtaining external funding at the granting agency for the research project:
  - Action plan, including timelines and associated activities, must be feasible and adequate
- Quality of the presentation:
  - Proposal should be clear, concise, legible and complete
- Record of research achievement, including, without limitation, the following factors:
  - Quality and significance of past contributions
  - Level of research activity relative to the stage of the applicant's career
- Need for funds, including, without limitation, the following factors:
  - Justification of the budget relative to the action plan
  - Need for funds and justification of the request relative to other currently-held and/or available funding. Other currently-held funds must be clearly indicated in the applicant’s CV

All requests will be acknowledged and notification of Committee recommendation, as well as comments, will be sent to each applicant after the review process.

**Should the application be approved after review by the Faculty Research Committee, the Faculty Research Office will:**

- Request applicant to complete an RE form for the amount approved by the Faculty.
- Request an end of grant report from the applicant, describing research outcomes and plan to submit to tri-council agency.
TEAM STREAM

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Hold a full-time tenure or a tenure track position in the Faculty of Health Sciences
- Be confirmed as a nominated principal applicant/principal applicant or equivalent and actively involved in the preparation of a team or partnership grant proposal (NSERC Strategic grant, SSHRC Partnership and Partnership Development grants, CIHR Team grants)
- Have not held funding from the Strategic Grant Research Support – Team Stream program in the previous three years

DEADLINES

To ensure inclusion of the Faculty’s contributions in grant proposals, requests must be submitted 5 weeks prior to the granting agency deadlines to which the proposal will be submitted. Maximum contribution from the Faculty is $10,000.

Proposals must be submitted electronically (in a single PDF file) to: fssrecherche@uottawa.ca, and formatted in accordance with accepted standards at the targeted granting council.

REQUIREMENTS

Requests for Strategic grant research support – Team stream must include the following information:

A completed Application form for Operational support request, accompanied by:

- Justification of the request detailing the importance of the research project and alignment with School, Faculty or University Research Priorities (max 1 page)
- Reasonable draft of the proposal, profile and role of team members (including HQP) and a complete budget for the full proposal (including details on the need for the funds requested from the Faculty)
- Common CV or equivalent of principal applicant

ADJUDICATION OF APPLICATIONS

All requests will be evaluated by the Faculty Research Committee, which is chaired by the Vice-Dean Research, and includes 5 faculty members, one member from each School.

The evaluation is based on documentation available in the original proposal. Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

Evaluation Criteria

- Strategic importance of the project
- Justification of the request for funds and alignment with research proposal
- Benefits of the initiative for trainees
- Record of research achievement, including, without limitation, the following factors:
  - Quality and significance of past contributions
  - Level of research activity relative to the stage of the applicant's career
All requests will be acknowledged and notification of Committee recommendation, as well as comments, will be sent to each applicant after the review process.

**Should the application be approved after review by the Faculty Research Committee, the Faculty Research Office will:**
- Provide a letter and other documents as required by the granting agency guidelines confirming financial support by the Faculty, to be included in the proposal. Funds will be provided, contingent on the success of the application in the targeted tri-council competition.

**Should the proposal be approved after review by the tri-council agency, the Faculty Research Office will:**
- Request applicant to create an RE form for the amount approved by the Faculty.