

FHS SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY - RESEARCH SUPPORT IN RELIEF OF FUNDING SHORTFALLS FROM THE COVID-19 SITUATION

Description

Although many programs have been implemented at various levels of governments to continue to support research activities during the COVID-19 pandemic, there may be some particular circumstances that prevent compensation from these sources. To alleviate some of the burden associated with these challenging times, the Faculty of Health Sciences is launching a special call for proposals. An envelope of \$25,000 has been set aside for this opportunity, enough to support at least 5 special supplements, on a competitive basis. Examples of expenses eligible for this funding include, but are not restricted to, the following:

- Salary for research staff and trainees to help complete work that they were unable to pursue and for which they had been paid through external grants and contracts
- Costs of replacing supplies or consumables that expired or lapsed

Eligibility criteria

- The applicant must hold a full-time tenured or a tenure track position, with primary affiliation in the Faculty of Health Sciences;
- Funding request is not eligible for support under existing programs (federal, provincial, tri-council, or others).

Faculty members can each submit only one request to this call for proposals.

Deadline

This is a special opportunity; requests must be received by November 1st to be considered. **Maximum contribution** from the Faculty will be up to 80% of the full expense, to a maximum contribution of \$5,000 per request; funds from alternative sources should be secured to cover remaining cost. Funds must be spent within one year of receipt of funding.

Application process

Requests for this Special Opportunity Support must include the following information:

- Summary of the research activities that have been affected by the COVID-19 situation, and associated consequences for the research program should funds not be received (maximum 500 words);
- Explanation of why the funding cannot be obtained from other sources (maximum 250 words);
- Detailed budget and justification for the entire request, and other sources of funding available to cover the full expense; and
- Common CV or equivalent of principal applicant

Adjudication process

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 solely on information available in documents submitted to this special opportunity.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Need for funds, including, without limitation, the following factors:
 - Justification of the budget relative to the action plan
 - Justification of the request relative to other funding opportunities, and currently held and/or available funding. Other currently held funds must be clearly indicated in the applicant's CV
- Expected outcomes and impact of the support

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

Post-award procedures

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.