

HEALTH RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF INNOVATIVE MEDICINES CANADA

RESEARCH TEAM GRANT IN VIRTUAL CARE

Deadline: September 23, 2022

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Health Research Foundation (HRF) of Innovative Medicines Canada (IMC) invites applications for the *Health Research Foundation of Innovative Medicines Canada Research Grant in Virtual Care*.

Virtual care is an emerging delivery platform of healthcare that has rapidly escalated as a priority issue for governments, health authorities, and patients in Canada. The pandemic has caused a backlog in the diagnosis and treatment of disease in Canada, and virtual care is one tool to alleviate this increasing pressure on our health systems.

The objective of this research team grant is to better understand the value of virtual care as an alternative to the current delivery system of primary care. Currently, the Government of Canada is capturing data on the infrastructure and effectiveness of virtual care for the general population through initiatives at CIHI, Canada Health Infoway, and ISI's Data Strategy. The shortcoming of this approach is that general population data does not accurately tell the whole story.

The HRF Research Team Grant in Virtual Care will invite applications from cross-functional research teams to examine the disparities, barriers, and impact of virtual care experienced by Canadians, including under-represented groups, and provide solutions to enhance virtual care for these groups. Under-represented groups may include: visible minorities, women, members of the LGBTQ2+ community, people living with disabilities, as well as First Nations, Inuit and Métis. Advancing policy solutions to better address health and healthcare disparities that have been further highlighted by pandemic is the ultimate goal of this research team grant.

Eligibility and Criteria

The Selection Committee will use the following criteria in assessing applications:

1. Research teams shall be comprised of outstanding and innovative researchers who are Canadian citizens or have landed immigrant status in Canada, with the intention to work professionally in Canada.
2. Research teams shall be affiliated with a recognized Canadian academic institution.
3. Research teams shall be comprised of researchers or clinician-researchers within eight (8) years of PhD and/or MD award.
4. Research teams must provide a clear research vision.
5. Research teams must demonstrate relevance and importance of the disparities, barriers, and impact to virtual care experienced by under-represented groups in Canada and propose solutions.



Value of Award

The HRF Research Team Grant in Virtual Care award is \$500,000 over three years beginning November 1, 2022, disbursed to the recipients through their primary academic institutions. The funds may be used to support teaching release or salary (with recipients' institutional approval), stipends for students, postdoctoral fellows and research associates, and direct research project expenses. A budget must be submitted, as outlined in the application. Annual reporting of budget utilization and research progress will be submitted semi-annually to the HRF.

Review Process

Applications must be received by the deadline date of September 23, 2022. Receipt of applications will be acknowledged by email.

Applications will be reviewed and a final decision made by a Selection Committee comprised of experts.

The successful applicant will be confidentially notified the week of October 17, 2022.

The *Health Research Foundation of Innovative Medicines Research Team Grant in Virtual Care* will be announced the week of October 17, 2022.

Application Documents

Please create an application file with the following documents in the order listed:

1. A completed and signed Application Form.
2. A cover letter written by the research team lead.
3. Nomination letter by a Department Head affiliated with the research team.
4. Two letters of reference addressing the selection criteria from individuals who are at arm's length from the research team and do not have a conflict of interest.
5. Current academic curriculum vitae (CVs), including an up-to-date list of publications, and details of any funds/grants received to date for all research team members.
6. A copy of each research team members' Web of science h-index and citation reports.
7. Confirmation that research team members are Canadian citizens or have landed immigrant status in Canada (e.g. a photocopy of the main page of each of the team members' passport)

Please scan the final application package to PDF format and submit by September 23, 2022 to:

Hugh Scott, Executive Director, Health Research Foundation at hscott@imc-mnc.ca

Please title and submit the package as indicated: Last Name_First Name HRF Research Team Grant in Virtual Care.pdf

Questions should be directed to hscott@imc-mnc.ca.