

RRDC Research Fund

Awards Available

Semi-Annual Funding Competition: Three (3) awards as follows: 2 - \$10,000 and 1 - \$5,000.00 will be awarded under the competition. Moneys are intended for research expenses, and are not intended to cover travel or capital expenditures.

Submission Deadline: May 7th, 2010 @ 4:30 PM

Submission Requirements (to be made electronically):

1. RRDC application form
2. Summary Page: 1 page overview of proposed study
3. Details of Proposal (5-6 pages suggested, 11 pages maximum): Must include:
 - a. Background and rationale for study
 - b. Study Questions, hypotheses, and objectives
 - c. Study design
 - d. Plan of analysis
 - e. Sample size estimates
4. Itemized budget (1-2 pages)
 - a. Personnel/Salaries (e.g. research nurse, student)
 - b. Materials
 - c. Miscellaneous
5. A clear description if you require the RRDC Research Nurse to participate in your study. (i.e. Do you specifically need the RRDC nurse to collect data for you, or are you requesting funds to pay for a research nurse / assistant that you will identify elsewhere?)
6. If you are applying for either of the \$10,000 awards, please provide the names and contact information (phone number and e-mail address) of two reviewers external to Manitoba that are familiar with your research area.

Please return all completed submissions electronically to:

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Statement of Values

The mandate of the RRDC is to approve, oversee and foster research within the MRP. This role is congruent with the values and objectives of the MRP, which seeks to optimize care of renal disease in Manitoba.

The goal of the RRDC research fund will be to fund innovative, scientifically excellent and ethically sound research involving MRP patients and conducted by MRP personnel. In addition, the Research Fund will recognize and promote the following values in research:

1. Excellence: The Fund will promote innovative, scientifically rigorous and ethical research with the MRP. In particular, rigorous randomized and cohort study designs will be emphasized.
2. New or Pilot Research: Fostering the growth of new research is a key part of the mandate of the RRDC. The fund will give priority to pilot studies, studies by new investigators, and meritorious studies that cannot be funded by existing funding mechanisms.
3. Patient Centered Research: Patients frequently value subjective experiences and quality of life more than biological outcomes such as length of survival. The RRDC Research Fund recognizes this fact and values rigorous and scientifically valid research aimed at assessing patient needs and preferences and maximizing patient quality of life.
4. Multidisciplinary Research: Renal care is multidisciplinary care. Through the Research Fund, the RRDC wishes to promote research by all professionals caring for renal patients including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dietitians, social workers and other health professionals. Research that spans multiple disciplines is especially valued.
5. Research in Aboriginal Populations: The RRDC recognizes the unique health care issues of Manitoba's aboriginal cultures and values culturally sensitive multidisciplinary research addressing the health needs of these groups.
6. Social, ethnic, geographic and heritable determinants of outcomes: The RRDC recognizes the unique and diverse social, ethnic, geographic and genetic mix of the people of Manitoba, and recognizes the importance that these factors may have on health outcomes.
7. Remote Care Delivery: The MRP has been a leader in developing alternate care delivery models designed to improve services to remote populations. The RRDC recognizes that developing and testing alternate care delivery models is a priority for renal care in Manitoba, a province with extensive territory and sparse population.