

## Clinician Researcher Fellowship in Patient-Oriented Research

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) has developed provincial partnerships to support patient-oriented research with expertise, resources and knowledge. In British Columbia (BC), the BC SUPPORT (**S**upport for **P**eople and **P**atient-**O**riented **R**esearch and **T**rials) Unit is a multi-partner organization dedicated to increasing the quantity and quality of patient-oriented research. The [BC SUPPORT Unit](#) includes five Regional Centres distributed across BC. [\*\*\*The Fraser Regional Centre is sponsoring this Fellowship.\*\*\*](#)

### ***What is Patient-Oriented Research?***

Patient-oriented research is defined as research that is done in partnership with patients, answers research questions that matter to patients, and aims to improve health care. This research is conducted by multidisciplinary teams that include researchers, patient partners, clinicians and decision makers. The term patient is overarching and is inclusive of individuals with personal experience of a health issue and informal caregivers, including family and friends (see <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/44000.html>).

### **PURPOSE**

The Fellowship provides opportunities for clinicians in Fraser Health to receive training in and undertake health-related research with a patient-oriented approach.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Fellowship are to:

- Support and train Fraser Health clinicians (i.e., physicians, allied health practitioners, nurses, managers, etc.) in the principles and practice of patient-oriented research
- Provide patient-oriented research activities to develop capacity through a multi-disciplinary approach for all stakeholders, including applicants, academics, clinicians, decision-makers, patient partners, and community team members
- Create opportunities for stakeholder groups to work together from conceptualization of a research question to dissemination and implementation of results
- Demonstrate the impact of the Fellowship for the clinician and the development of their project by providing a tangible research deliverable (e.g., completed study, detailed research program plan, research grant proposal, etc.) at the end of the funding year

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Applicants must be a clinician (physician, allied health practitioner, nurse, manager) working in Fraser Health. Applicants should have a track record of at least one prior funded research study.
- A patient-oriented project, **situated within the Fraser Region**, must form part of the applicant's research plan

## FUNDS & TERM

The Fellowship will provide a \$20,000 stipend for 1 year, combined with training opportunities in patient-oriented research. The award period begins in January 2019 with a total of \$40,000 available for this competition.

## EXPECTATIONS & DELIVERABLES

### Successful applicants must commit to:

- Active participation in a series of 4 to 5 half-day, patient-oriented research sessions during the term of the Fellowship (dates to be determined);
- Presentation of their patient-oriented approach at a final workshop or Fraser Health Research Week; and
- Submission of a tangible research deliverable such as a completed study, detailed research program plan, or research grant proposal, etc., within 2 months of the end of the funding year.

*In addition, successful applicants will be matched with an SFU research mentor for the duration of the Fellowship.*

## KEY DATES

Competition launch	Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Registration deadline	Monday, October 15, 2018 at 4pm PST
Deadline for application submission	Monday, November 12, 2018 at midnight (24:00) PST
Notification of competition results	December 2018

## REGISTRATION

Please email Magdalena Newman by 4pm PST Monday, October 15, 2018 at [magdalena.newman@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:magdalena.newman@fraserhealth.ca) to notify us of your intent to apply.

## REVIEW CRITERIA

### 1. Excellence of Applicant

- Excellence of applicant's research record
- Potential for excellence in patient-oriented research

### 2. Research Approach

- Clarity and appropriateness of the rationale, research question, objectives, design and patient-oriented methodology

### 3. Excellence of Research Environment

- Demonstrated support from Fraser Health department or program
- Availability of dedicated time to participate in training and conduct the research

### 4. Impact

- Excellence of knowledge translation plan

## **REVIEW PROCESS & SCORING**

The competition will be adjudicated by an interdisciplinary and multi-stakeholder review committee, which could include patient representatives, academic researchers, health care providers and decision makers with relevant expertise in patient-oriented research and knowledge translation.

The four categories of review criteria (Excellence of Applicant, Research Approach, Excellence of Research Environment, and Impact) will have equal weight (25%) in scoring.

## **SUPPORT FOR APPLICANTS**

We strongly encourage applicants to contact Magdalena Newman, Research Navigator Leader for the BC SUPPORT Unit Fraser Centre, for questions and support with the application process, including pre-submission review. Email: [magdalena.newman@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:magdalena.newman@fraserhealth.ca)

## **SUBMISSION**

Please submit your registration (by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>) and application package (by Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>) to Magdalena Newman. Email: [magdalena.newman@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:magdalena.newman@fraserhealth.ca)