



Family Medicine Scholarship Fund (FMSF)

Terms of Reference (TOR)

DFM Ad-Hoc Research and Innovation Support

Purpose: Over the course of a year there are a number of requests that come to the DFM to support research and innovation that do not fit our existing funding structure. These requests often come in the form of matching funds for awards or grant opportunities, for example, the Ontario Early Career Researcher Awards. Each award is a maximum of \$100,000 and must be matched by an additional \$50,000 from the researcher's institution. The government will, however, provide up to \$40,000 back for operating costs.

Other requests that come to the DFM are for open access publication costs. Although many investigators incorporate these costs into their budgets not all grants allow for this or if they do, will not cover the entire expense. The uOttawa library does help, as they have subscriptions with a number of publishers resulting in a discount on these costs for faculty. For example, for publications in the Bio Med series, the library has a 65% discount. However, even with this discount, the cost of publication is over \$,900 USD.

Recommendation: In keeping with the DFM strategic plan of recognizing individual contributions to support excellence, the recommendation is to continue ad hoc research and innovation support as part of the Scholarship Fund until 2028.

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- Requests for Ad Hoc support will be made to the Faculty Affairs on a quarterly basis.
- Requests must include a strong research activity rationale for the funding request on the application form (500 word maximum).
- Eligible activities can include matching funds for grant applications, open-access publication fees, etc.
- Eligible applicants must be at the rank of Assistant Professor or higher.
- Applications will be reviewed by the Research Executive Committee for recommendation and then sent to Senior Leadership for approval.
- Deliverables will include published papers, presenting at Family Medicine Grand Rounds, etc. Deliverables will be approved by the Research Director.