

DFM New Innovator Award



Aim: To support excellence in family medicine research (health services and education) with an ultimate view to improve health and-or patient care.

ADJUDICATION CRITERIA AND INTERPRETATION GUIDELINES

APPLICANT:

TITLE:

Eligibility: The Primary Investigator (PI) –

1. Holds or is the process of applying for a primary academic appointment with the Department of Family Medicine at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor Yes No
2. Encouraged but not required - Holds an advance degree (Master's or PhD) with research training or is enrolled in an advance degree program. Yes No
3. Is not currently and has not been the recipient of DFM research support/awards in the last three years (e.g. PRIME Grants, Salary Support) Yes No
4. Maintains an active clinical practice as a Family Physician. Yes No

Application Checklist:

1. Signed application form
2. Complete proposal
3. Current C.V.
4. Letter of support from Academic Teaching Unit Director (if you are a member of an ATU)
5. Letter of support from collaborators and/or research mentor(s) and a formal letter of agreement with the primary research mentor.

Recommendation from AoS to SLT:

- Award Award with Modifications Resubmit at Next Cycle No

Criterion 1. Concept (25%)

- Significance and Impact of the Research (25%)

Criterion 2. Feasibility (75%)

- Approaches and Methods (50%)
- Expertise, Experience and Resources (25%)

RANGE	DEFINITION
4.1-4.9	Outstanding
4.0-4.4	Excellent
3.5-3.9	Good
3.0-3.4	Fair
0.0-2.9	Poor

CRITERION 1. CONCEPT	
SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPACT OF THE RESEARCH	Score: _____/25%
Does the research question / topic align with the Faculty of Medicine and the Department of Family Medicine strategic plan? Is the project idea innovative?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project idea is among the best formulated ideas in its field, stemming from new, incremental, innovative, or high-risk lines of inquiry; new or adapted research in health care, or health systems or health outcomes. When applicable, knowledge translation/ commercialization approaches/methodologies should be considered, as well as opportunities to apply research findings. 	
Is the rationale of the project idea sound?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project rationale is based on a logical integration of concepts. 	
Are the overall goals and objectives of the project well-defined?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overall goal and objectives of the project are well-defined and clear. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The goal states the purpose of the project, and what the project is ultimately expected to achieve. • The objectives clearly define the proposed lines of inquiry and/or activities required to meet the goal. • The proposed project outputs (i.e., the anticipated results of the project) are clearly described and aligned to the objectives. 	
Are the anticipated project contributions likely to advance basic health-related knowledge, or health care, or health systems or health outcomes?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The context and needs (issues and/or gaps) of the project are clearly described. • The anticipated contribution(s) (e.g. publishing in peer-reviewed journals) are clearly described and should be substantive and relevant in relation to the context of the issues or gaps. • The anticipated contribution(s) are realistic, i.e., directly stemming from the project outputs, as opposed to marginally related. 	

CRITERION 2. FEASIBILITY	
APPROACHES AND METHODS	Score: _____/50%
Are the approaches and methods appropriate to deliver the proposed output(s) and achieve the proposed contribution(s) to advancing health-related knowledge, health care, health systems, and/or health outcomes?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The research and/or knowledge translation/commercialization approaches, methods and/or strategies are well-defined and justified in terms of being appropriate to accomplish the objectives of the project. • Opportunities to maximize project contributions to advance health-related knowledge, health care, health systems and/or health outcomes should be proactively sought and planned for but may also arise unexpectedly. 	
Are the timelines and related deliverables of the project realistic?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timelines (max. 3 years) for the project should be appropriate in relation to the proposed project activities. Key milestones and deliverables should be aligned with the objectives of the project and be feasible given the duration of the project. 	
Does the proposal identify potential challenges and appropriate mitigation strategies?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical scientific, technical, or organizational challenges should be identified, and a realistic plan to tackle these potential risks should be described. 	
EXPERTISE, EXPERIENCE AND RESOURCES	Score: _____/25%
Does the applicant bring the appropriate expertise, mentorship and experience to deliver the proposed output(s), and to achieve the proposed contribution(s)?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant should demonstrate the combined expertise and mentorship needed to execute the project (i.e., deliver the proposed outputs as well as achieve the proposed contribution(s)). • The roles and responsibilities of each (applicant, mentor, research team/support) should be clearly described and linked to the objectives of the project. 	
Is there an appropriate level of engagement and/or commitment from the applicant?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The level of engagement (e.g., time and other commitments) of the applicant must be appropriate to the role and responsibilities described. 	
Is the environment (own clinical practice, affiliated teaching hospital and/or other organizations) appropriate to enable the conduct and success of the project?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant should have access to the appropriate infrastructure, facilities, support personnel, equipment, and/or supplies to: • Carry out their role as well as manage and deliver the proposed output(s) and achieve the proposed contribution(s). 	
CONCEPT _____/25 % + FEASIBILITY _____/75% = TOTAL _____%	