

The mission of the **Rural Health Services Research Network of BC (RHSRNbc)** is to achieve and support excellence in rural health services research by, for, and with rural communities, clinicians, and researchers.

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Award Description

Purpose

To provide an opportunity for researchers to apply for up to \$5,000 in funding to support the development of a research team.

Goal

To promote and support the development of new multidisciplinary research teams focused on an issue of current importance to rural and remote health services and whose main goal is to apply for research funding.

Use of Funds

Funds can be used for activities, resources and expenses related to building research teams and identifying research themes and questions. Eligible expenses include (but are not limited to): activities involved with recruiting team members; travel to, and facilitation of group meetings (face-to-face, videoconference, teleconference, WebEx); conducting a preliminary literature review; resources required to apply for a grant; team building exercises; etc.¹

Conditions

The team building funding is allocated for a one-year period (July 1, 2019 - July 1, 2020) after which a final report must be submitted to RHSRNbc within 2 weeks. Final report templates will be distributed to award recipients; deliverables include a complete financial statement of team building activities, progress report during the award period and proof that a funding application was submitted.²

¹ Expenses related to alcohol will not be permitted.

² All unused funds must be returned at the end of the one-year period.

Eligibility

Previous recipients or applicants of the award are welcome to re-apply. However, preference will be given to new applicants of this award.

British Columbia Based

- a. Principal applicants must be based in BC.
- b. Co-applicants may be located outside of BC.

Rural/Remote Health Services Focus

- c. Research teams must have a rural/remote health services focus.
- d. Priority will be given to those teams who focus on “a hot topic” identified by a community or practitioners.

Research Experience and Team Structure

- e. Principal Investigator(s) must have a recent publication/presentation record in the area of rural/remote health that is relevant to the proposed team.
- f. The team structure must be outlined and each member’s contribution to the proposed research outline.

Multi/Interdisciplinary

- g. Preference will be given to multi/interdisciplinary teams.

Community Involvement

- h. Preference will be given to applicants that include community or clinician investigator partnerships.

Application Instructions

Application Deadline: May 31, 2019

Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by June 14, 2019

Please submit the following:

1. Applicant Details:

- a. All Principal Applicants must provide an academic CV. CVs should include name, primary affiliations, previous research experience, education, peer reviewed publications, etc.
- b. Co-Investigators must submit abbreviated CV's including their contact information, affiliation, background and training. The abbreviated CV profile should clearly outline a rural/remote health research link, in addition to a clear articulation of their role on the team.

2. Letter of Intent:

Applicants must provide a description of:

- a. The intended team composition (e.g., how many members, areas of expertise represented, etc.);
- b. A description of proposed team recruitment and team building activities;
- c. The proposed rural/remote health research issue; and
- d. The research team goals, including target grant programs and/or agencies.

3. Budget:

- a. Applicants must provide a justified budget up to a maximum of \$5,000.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

*Applications should be sent no later than
May 31, 2019
via email or post to:*

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