

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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Program statement

The RHSRNbc Symposia grant program provides support for rural researchers or physicians to develop a symposium to explore issues focused on rural health services for amounts up to \$5000. This grant is intended to bring together academics, rural practitioners, policy makers, citizens, and other stakeholders or allies whose knowledge and practice can be shared to build upon and advance the specific area of rural health research, practice or policy. We invite proposals that aim to develop new knowledge or research questions through multidisciplinary team engagements, or use the opportunity as a way to support knowledge dissemination or knowledge translation activities related to their research evidence.

The symposia grant may be applied to Online or in-person formats based on public health restrictions applied at the time of application. All applicants should indicate how their proposed symposia format brings together diverse stakeholders to approach their topic from multiple perspectives and how it will influence knowledge development, translation in practice or policy.

Eligibility criteria

1. All principal applicants must be based in BC and must be a rural practitioner or an academic. Co-applicants can be specified in the application and may be located outside of BC. Graduate students may be included in the application. However, these applications will not be accepted without a principal applicant who is either a rural practitioner (physicians, clinicians etc.,) or rural health researcher.
2. Preference will be given to applicants that include rural community partnerships or work alongside rural Indigenous communities.
3. Community partnerships should be involved in the planning process of the symposium.
4. Research teams applying for this grant must have a rural/remote health services focus.
5. This grant will not support attendance to larger conferences or ongoing series of meetings or workshops. Proposals must be for small research conferences or symposia focused on critical issues addressing rural health in BC.

6. The grant will not be awarded to individuals directly. Applicants should not be associated with for-profit organization.
7. PIs and co-PIs may not submit more than one application for a given deadline.
8. Funding may only be used for symposia taking place in the 2023-24 fiscal year. Symposia starting or taking place before the funding decision date are not eligible for this funding opportunity. Matching or partnership funding is encouraged.

Application Instructions

Application Details:

Submit 'a- c' in one PDF document.

- a. All Principal Applicants and co-applicants must provide a CV. CVs should include name, primary affiliations, previous research experience, education, peer reviewed publications, etc.
- b. All Principal applicant and co-applicants must submit a short summary of their role in the proposed symposium.
- c. Symposium proposal:
 1. *Short summary (200-word limit) including:*
Should include project title, start and end dates, central research questions/ objectives, and details on the format of the proposed symposium.
 2. *Detailed narrative (2000- word limit):*
 - State purpose and significance, research interests and expertise of invited conference participants/ speakers
 - Detailed structure and how you plan to meet the stated goals of the symposium
 - Deliverables and expected outcomes
 - Accommodations for including participants with disabilities
 3. *Project timeline*
 4. *Draft agenda*
 5. *Symposium organizers*
 6. *Potential participant demographic*
 - Plans for bringing together a group of individuals from diverse backgrounds
 - If there is a specific sex and gender equity component/focus in your research, then please describe.

7. *Detailed Budget Breakdown (key activities, cost)*

Eligible expenses (but not limited to):

- Honoraria for guest speakers, facilitators or key discussants. PI's and co-applicant researcher's full or partial salary time buy-out for working on the symposia is not eligible.
- Expenses related to hosting the symposia on a virtual platform. For ex: Pheedloop registration fee, slido etc.
- Expenses related to KT, communication, community engagement participant incentives.
- Expenses related to alcohol purchases will not be permitted. All unused funds must be returned at the end of the one-year period.

Applications Open

April 28, 2023

Application deadline

May 15, 2023, 12:00pm noon (PST)

Funding decision

June 15, 2023

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