

GUIDELINES

THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE AWARD PROGRAM

Constantine Douketis New Researcher Award

Timelines

January 1	Launch of Research Award Program Competition
March 31	Application Submission Deadline
June	Announcement of Award Recipient(s)
September	Funding awarded

Award Description

The Constantine Douketis New Researcher Award is intended to provide researchers at the beginning of their career (within 10 years of graduation) with seed funding. These funds are important in allowing young researchers support to pursue independent research questions.

General

This document governs the components of the online application process and provides a description of what is required in order to submit an online application. Please go to the St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton research website to access the application documents. Frequently asked questions (FAQ) are available within the website for your reference. A fully completed submission is to be saved in pdf format, except where noted, and emailed to research@stjoes.ca. Adobe Acrobat version 8 or higher is required. Additionally, please review the 015-RSJ-H Research Institute Award Program policy.

Governance

This funding opportunity will comply with the Constantine Douketis New Researcher Award Guidelines and the 015-RSJ-H Research Institute Award Program policy.

Process

The Constantine Douketis New Researcher Award competition consists of a single application process for eligible independent researchers. The Award Review Committee (hereby referred to as the Committee) will review the applications for the Constantine Douketis New Researcher Award and then forward their recommendation to the Scientific Director who has final approval. All applicants will be notified of the results of their applications in June.

Funding

The value of the award is \$10,000 and funding would generally start in September. There will be no option for automatic renewal of a Constantine Douketis New Researcher Award, however previously successful researchers are able to apply to future competitions. There will be 2 awards available per competition year.

Progress Report (Final Completion)

A Final Report will be due to The Research Institute of St. Joe's Hamilton usually within 1 year, or upon completion of the research project.

Research Proposal

The research project must conform to the following requirements:

1. The timeline for the project's completion must be clearly stipulated, and must start in the fiscal year of the award competition.
2. Must include a budget of how the funds will be allocated.
3. The research project must fall into one of the following categories:
 - Systematic investigation - is an approach that includes defining a problem, advancing a hypothesis towards resolving that problem, planning and testing the hypothesis by experiment or analysis, and developing logical conclusions based on the results.
 - Basic research – work undertaken for the advancement of scientific knowledge without a specific practical application in view.

- Applied research – work undertaken for the advancement of scientific knowledge with a specific practical application in view
- Experimental development – work undertaken for the purpose of achieving technological advancement for the purpose of creating new, or improving existing, materials, devices, products or processes, including incremental improvements.

Eligibility

1. Applicants have not held a significant peer reviewed grant previously as an independent researcher.
2. Applicants must be associated with The Research Institute of St. Joe's Hamilton in an appropriate category (refer to the research institute *002-RSJ-H Research Affiliation with Research St. Joseph's – Hamilton* policy); in good standing.
3. Available to new researchers (as defined below) who are principally located at one of the St. Joseph's Healthcare campuses.
4. Must be an Independent Researcher (derived from CIHR definitions <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/34190.html>)
An individual who:
 - a. is autonomous regarding their research activities; and
 - b. has an academic or research appointment which:
 - allows the individual to pursue research projects, to engage in independent research activities for the entire duration of the project(s), to supervise trainees, and to publish the research results; and
 - obliges the individual to conform to institutional regulations concerning the conduct of research, the supervision of trainees, and the employment conditions of staff paid with CIHR funding.

Note: An individual, who meets the above requirements but is also a "trainee" as defined in this glossary, is considered an "independent researcher" provided that:

- c. the research proposal covers only areas of investigation for which they are an independent researcher and not areas of research in which they are a trainee; and
 - d. they have sufficient time to devote to the proposed research.
5. At the time of application, applicants must meet all the following eligibility criteria:
 - Have obtained a full-time professional degree (MD, DVM, etc.) or PhD degree within the last 10 years.
 - Individuals that fall outside of the 10-year eligibility period due to career interruptions or delays for the purpose of childrearing, illness, or health-related family responsibilities; or, for health professional only, who have engaged in post-degree non-research related clinical training (residency, etc.), must submit a justification to explain why they feel they should be considered eligible.

Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by the Award Committee struck by the Scientific Director under the governance structure of The Research Institute of St. Joe's Hamilton. The composition of the committee will be at the discretion of the Scientific Director. The peer review process of the application will be conducted by the Committee.

The **review criteria for the Application** include:

- Applicant's Curriculum Vitae
- Publication activity
- Other research activity i.e. abstracts, patents
- Originality
- Background preparation
- Research Project – Design, Feasibility, Impact
- Research resources
- Impact to patient care or health care
- Knowledge Translation Plan

Notification of Awards

The following conditions will be observed when notifying candidates on the status of their application:

- The recommendations of the Committee will be forwarded to the Scientific Director who is the final authority for approval
- The deliberations of the Committee are confidential: results will be communicated only by the Scientific Director
- The start date and conditions of the award will be clearly stated in a terms and conditions agreement, which will be signed by the recipient before funding commences
- All applicants will be notified of the results of their application in June

Preparation of Application

Please go to the research website to access the application document. All applicants are required to submit a final combined application in pdf format. Research Administration will **NOT** accept paper-based applications.

There is one stage to the application process:

Application

Applicants must submit their application no later than 11:59pm EST on March 31. Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted under any circumstance.

The online application consists of:

Background Preparation

Briefly describes the background preparation on why and how this project was initiated.

Research Executive Summary

State the research objective(s), the methodology, the expected scholarly significance, and the relationship of the project to your previous work and to current knowledge in the field. Please explain what you hope to accomplish with this project. (Exclude references and appendices).

Outcome

Describe how the research proposal relates to patient care or health care and its potential impact as a result of this project.

Knowledge Translation Plan

Describes in detail how the researcher plans to disseminate learned information i.e. publications, presentations, in-house rounds at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton etc.

Budget

Describes in detail how the funds will be allocated.

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Provide applicant's fully completed and validated Canadian Common CV (CCV) prepared to the CIHR Academic template, which can be found at <https://ccv-cvc.ca/indexresearcher-eng.frm>. **Draft CV's are not acceptable.**

When logged in to the *CCV system, choose **CV: Funding, Funding Source: CIHR, CV Type: CIHR Academic.**

*Note: for new user's you require a Personal Identification Number (PIN), which can take up to 48 hours to acquire.

Signature

Signature is required to confirm that all copy and documentation submitted with the full application package are true.

Submission

The Application is a pdf form. You must have Adobe Acrobat 8 or higher to save and manipulate the document as follows:

1. Print off the Application, sign it where noted, scan it to a pdf, then save the Application pdf
2. Scan your budget to a pdf, then insert the budget after the Application pdf
3. Insert your CV pdf at the end of the Budget pdf
4. Save your final combined pdf as: "*Last Name New Researcher Award APP*"
5. E-mail the combined and final pdf Application to research@stjoes.ca

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