

GUIDELINES

RESEARCH INSTITUTE AWARD PROGRAM

Dr. Ian and Shirley Rowe Research Fund

Timelines

January 1	Launch of Research Award Program Competition
March 31	Application Submission Deadline
June	Announcement of Award Recipient(s)
September	Grant funding awarded
October	Celebrate Research Event & Awards Ceremony

Award Description

The Dr. Ian and Shirley Rowe Research Fund is intended to provide seed funding for pilot projects that explore novel approaches to addressing the transition and support needs of individuals who have schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder, with related psychosis, often complicated with lack of awareness and insight into their illness.

The aim of this award is to support research that will bolster the continuum of services delivered to such individuals and their families with the goal of contributing to change.

Proposed projects must support one or a combination of the following strategies:

- Promote successful adherence to treatment for individuals with deficits in illness awareness and insight, and assist in prevention in future relapses;
- Support successful transition into the community, to independent living, a productive lifestyle; and
- Assist family members in understanding and supporting patients who have deficits in awareness and insight.

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 ([www. http://research.stjoes.ca/research-administration/awards-grants](http://research.stjoes.ca/research-administration/awards-grants)) Frequently asked questions (FAQ) are available within the website for your reference. A fully completed submission is to be saved in pdf format, 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 Research Institute of St. Joe's Hamilton Dr. Ian and Shirley Rowe Research Fund Guidelines and the 015-RSJ-H Research Institute Award Program Policy.

Process

The Dr. Ian and Shirley Rowe Research Fund competition consists of a single application process for eligible independent researchers. The Award Review Committee (hereby referred to as the Committee) will review the Dr. Ian and Shirley Rowe Research Fund Grant applications and then forward their recommendation to the Scientific Director who has final approval of the awarding of the funding. All applicants will be notified of the results of their applications in June.

Funding

The value of the grant is from \$10,000 up to a maximum of \$25,000 in funding. Funding would generally start in September. There will be no option for renewal of the Dr. Ian and Shirley Rowe Research Fund Award. The intent of the funding is to provide an opportunity for the design of studies and collection of pilot data that will support the application for larger grants from agencies such as the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Ontario Mental Health Foundation, and the National Institute of Mental Health. The number of awards on offer for any given year's competition is dependent upon funding availability and will be communicated on the research website. Approval from the Hamilton Integrated Research Ethics Board (HiREB) may be required before funding is released.

Research Proposal

The research project must conform to the following requirements:

- 1.) Projects must be evidence-based, novel and act as a catalyst to advance research examining how to best support individuals with schizoaffective disorder or schizophrenia with lack of awareness and insight into their illness.
- 2.) Projects including pilot studies must be feasible to complete within a one-to two-year period.
- 3.) Projects must engage participants or partners responsible for the delivery of new services in the Hamilton region.
- 4.) Projects must support one or a combination of the following strategies:
 - a. Promote successful adherence to treatment for individuals with deficits in illness, awareness and insight and assist in prevention of future relapses,
 - b. Support successful transition into the community, to independent living and a productive lifestyle,
 - c. Assist family members in understanding and supporting patients who have deficits in awareness and insight.
- 5.) The timeline for the project's completion cannot exceed 2 years from the start of the grant funding, and must start in the fiscal year of the grant competition.
- 6.) Must include a budget of how the funds will be allocated.

Eligibility

1. Available to independent researchers (as defined below) who are affiliated with or principally located at one of the St. Joseph's Healthcare campuses and are affiliated members of the Research Institute and/or of McMaster University. Applicants may be a physician, psychologist, a resident, fellow or postgraduate student, regulated health care professional or other clinician with graduate level training in research who demonstrates a commitment to the provision of services to individuals with schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder in the Greater Hamilton region.
2. Applicants who are students or trainees; oversight must be provided by a principal investigator qualified to hold research funds and who meets the qualification of independent researcher (as defined below) and is an affiliated member of the Research Institute at St. Joe's and/or of McMaster University.

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.

Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by the 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:

- applicants' 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

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 recipients before funding commences
- All applicants will be notified of the results of their application in June.

Reporting

- An interim report on the research project will be provided to the St. Joseph's Healthcare Foundation and the Research Institute 15 months from the receipt of the funds. An Annual Progress Report will be required, based and dependent upon, the length of the study provided in the application, and a Final Report will be due to Research Administration upon completion of the research project. An in-person presentation of the research findings will be made to Dr. Ian and Shirley Rowe as well as providing a copy of the Final Completion Report. Please go to the research website to access the progress reports for completions (research.stjoes.ca)

Preparation of Application

Please go to the research website to access the application documents (research.stjoes.ca). 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 during this monetary award period. (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.

Budget

Describes in detail how the funds will be allocated and must be included with your submission package.

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.

Submitted Papers

Copies of any submitted papers and/or proof of acceptance for papers listed as in-press – **ONLY THOSE THAT RELATE TO THIS PROJECT.**

Signature

The applicant's 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 each co-applicants' CV pdfs at the end of the Budget pdf
4. Scan to pdf any submitted papers and/or proof of acceptance for in press papers and insert after the CV pdf
5. Save your final combined pdf as: "*Last Names of Applicant*" Rowe Research Fund APP
6. E-mail the combined and final pdf Application to research@stjoes.ca

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