



CONSTANTINE DOUKETIS NEW RESEARCHER AWARD GUIDELINES

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.

GOVERNANCE

This funding opportunity will comply with The Research Institute of St. Joe's Hamilton 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 deadline to apply is by 11:59 pm on April 30th. All applicants will be notified of the application results in July.

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. The number of awards on offer for any given year's competition is dependent upon funding availability and will be communicated on The Research Institute [website](#). Approval from the Hamilton Integrated Research Ethics Board (HiREB) is required before funding is released.

PROJECT 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.

APPLICANT 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>)

PREPARATION OF APPLICATION

Please go to the Research Institute of St. Joe's Hamilton [website](#) to access the application. The Research Institute of St. Joe's will **NOT** accept paper-based applications.

Applicants must submit their application no later than 11:59pm EST on April 30.

Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted under any circumstance.

REVIEW PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed by the Committee struck by the Scientific Director ("Committee"). The composition of the Committee will be at the discretion of the Scientific Director. A 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 or healthcare
- 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.
- All awardee(s) will be required to sign a terms and conditions agreement prior to receipt of funding.
- All applicants will be notified of the results of their application in July

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The award recipient must complete and submit an annual progress report on the anniversary of their award funding. This report will be reviewed by the Scientific Director and the recipient will be notified accordingly. A final completion report will be due to The Research Institute of St. Joe's Hamilton upon completion of the award term.