

2025 PAEDIATRIC CONSULTANTS PARTNERSHIP GRANTS FOR CREATIVE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Overall Objective

The aim of this program is to encourage and promote the creative professional activity of members of the Paediatric Consultants Partnership (PCP).

Goal of the Program

The goals are to:

- Enhance the career development and the potential for academic promotion of paediatricians within the Department of Paediatrics at the Hospital for Sick Children.
- Develop innovative research approaches to the scholarly care of patients, thereby enhancing the health of infants, children and youth.
- Promote and encourage clinically relevant projects that are likely to have a positive impact on the care delivered to our patients.
- Fund projects that will advance the career of the primary applicant.

Note: For 2025, one additional grant will be awarded in each of three areas of focus:

- Health Equity and Inclusion
- Quality Improvement
- Informatics

This year we would also like to focus on investigators who are members of the Department of Paediatrics but not based full-time at SickKids. Proposals may address clinical care in the broadest sense (see examples below and [here](#) for a description of creative professional activities as outlined in the University of Toronto promotion criteria).

Eligibility

The principal applicant must be a full-time or part-time member of PCP. **Priority will be given to junior faculty, those with an academic clinician JAP and those who have not been awarded a CPA grant in the last 3 years. Scientific rigor will continue to form the bar.**

The principal applicant will take responsibility for the idea to be studied, development of the methods, overall supervision and conduct of the project. Co-investigators, including non-members of PCP (for example, technical staff and trainees), may participate in the project as deemed appropriate and should be named on the project application. The mandate of the fund is broad, but projects must be highly clinically relevant. Funds are available to support community-based activities by part-time faculty. A separate competition exists to support projects geared towards educational scholarship. Contact Evelyne Kiiza at 416-813-7654 X414484.

Final adjudication of grants will include a score derived from the first section of the grant proposal titled: *significance relative to creative professional activity*. This section should include i) the relevance of the project to your personal CPA activity and career development ii)

the clinical relevance to the health of children iii) whether other funding is being applied for and the importance of this funding related to the project/line of research. The score based on assessment of these factors will be used in the final ranking of the projects with the highest scientific merit. **Failure to complete this section appropriately will disqualify your application from competition.**

This fund is not meant for supplemental funding of pre-existing grants, for acquisition of equipment, or for travel to scientific meetings. The maximum funding available for any individual project is \$10,000.

Internal scientific review prior to submission is required (if unable to obtain this then please discuss with Dr. Friedman). For projects needing REB approval, this will be required prior to granting of funds for successful grants. For QI projects, SickKids Quality Management QI Project Submission and Approval is required in lieu of the internal scientific review.

Examples of Previous Successful CPA Grant Applications

Example can be found [here](#)

The broad scope of this initiative may also include areas such as health policy, quality improvement, implementation science and patient safety.

Application

The application deadline is Friday **May 16th, 2025**.

[Visit our website for the full application package.](#)

Contact

Erin Crawford
Email: cpagrants@comp@sickkids.ca
Telephone: 416-813-7654 ext. 428525

Period of Funding

One year (Applicants may apply for a different funding duration under special circumstances).

Presentation

Prepare the proposal using the following presentation style:

- use only 8.5" by 11" paper, printed on one side only
- use single space type no smaller than 12 points; no narrow fonts
- a margin of one inch around the page is needed
- maximum 2 pages (reference page excluded)
- maximum 1 page references
- one page budget and budget justification
- no appendices, except samples of standardized questionnaires

Submission

- 1) Complete application form (last page of this document), with original signature of the PCP member, as well as Division Head.
- 2) For projects involving human subjects, Research Ethics Board approval and a copy of a review completed by the Divisional Scientific Peer Review is strongly encouraged. For QI projects, a copy of the QM project application that is approved (or pending approval) is required.
- 3) Submit the proposal using the presentation style as outlined above.

Submit your application in PDF format via E-mail: cpagrant.competition@sickkids.ca

Proposal

A concise description of the proposal should be provided. The investigator should clarify expertise to engage in the research project. The proposal should describe the current state of knowledge with regard to the work proposed – indicating the current lack of evidence or gaps in the area of interest. The objectives and study plan should be clearly delineated with a rationale for choosing the method and approach chosen. A brief section on feasibility in terms of scope, timelines and adequate funding is highly recommended. Please provide details on how the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion in research have been integrated into your proposal.

The proposal should be organized under the following headings: significance relative to creative professional activity (**mandatory: see description on page 1**), background, objective(s), hypothesis, rationale, methods (including study population, study design, sample size considerations) and data analysis.

Note: For Quality Improvement projects, the following headings should be used: significance relative to creative professional activity, background, SMART aim, family of measures, stakeholder engagement plan, intervention(s), and implementation plan anticipated, and data analysis.

Budget

The funds requested must be adequately justified. Maximum funds requested should not exceed \$10,000. If there are any other sources of funding these must be clearly outlined.

Review Process

Projects will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the Department of Pediatrics recommended by the Associate Department Chair (Clinical) and approved by the Chief Executive Officer of PCP. Current composition of the peer review committee can be obtained by contacting Erin Crawford, Assistant to the Associate Paediatrician-in-Chief. The Review Committee will recommend which applications have sufficient merit to be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer of PCP for final approval.

Ethics Approval

For studies involving human subjects, Research Ethics Board (REB) approval should be submitted if this has been previously obtained. The successful applicant must otherwise forward the proposal and a review by Divisional Scientific Peer Review to the REB for ethics approval. Paediatric Consultants Partnership's Grants for Creative Professional Activity Adjudication Committee should receive REB approval. Funds will be released to successful applicants once written ethics board approval has been received.

For QI projects, QM (Quality Management) approval should be obtained. [Click here.](#)

Notification

Applicants will be notified, in writing, of the outcome of their submission within two months of the submission deadline.

Fund Number

A fund will be established in the Hospital for Sick Children Research Institute in the name of the successful applicant. Please contact Jessica.balmer@sickkids.ca at Research Awards. Send along your award confirmation as well as regulatory approvals required for the study and a fund number will be released to you as soon as possible.

Reporting

Successful applicants will provide a status report on the project after one year and submit a copy of all abstracts and publications emanating from this work after completion. Please acknowledge funding in all publications (e.g. *supported by a Creative Professional Activities grant from the Department of Pediatrics, The Hospital for Sick Children.*) This report should be forwarded directly to the Associate Pediatrician-in-Chief (Dr. Jeremy Friedman).

**PAEDIATRIC CONSULTANTS PARTNERSHIP'S GRANTS FOR CREATIVE
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY GRANT APPLICATION**

Applicant/Principal Investigator:

Name:

Division:

Phone Number:

Co-Investigators:

Title of Proposal:

Indicate if proposal involves:

☐ Human experimentation ☐ scientific review attached ☐ REB approval attached.

☐ QM application and approval attached.

Amount Requested:

Additional Funds Applied for Related to this Project:

Title:

Agency:

Date of Submission:

Amount:

Describe relationship/overlap with this submission:

The undersigned agrees that the general conditions governing the award of the grant, as set out in the Paediatric Consultants Partnership's Grants for Creative Professional Activity apply to any grant submitted and are accepted by the applicant.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Division Head

Date