



2019 CONVENING & COLLABORATING (C²) COMPETITION

EVALUATION CRITERIA

DEADLINE: **MAY 30, 2019, 4:30 P.M. PT**

Team Quality and Engagement	Weighting – 40%
<p>Assessment Criteria</p> <p>Please consider the following when assessing the quality and degree of team engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The appropriateness of the composition and relevant experience of the team as a whole, and details are provided on degree of participation for each team member. • The application explains how researchers and research users will engage in the collaborative development and implementation of the proposed work. • The application includes how engagement between researchers and research users will be monitored and/or continue past the award term. • The research/health professional trainee has been included in a meaningful way. 	
Assessment Descriptor	Score
<p>Outstanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team composition aligns perfectly with the needs of the proposed work, explicitly describing how team experience relates to meeting all of the goals of the proposed work, and the degree of participation for each team member is clearly indicated. • The proposed work seamlessly integrates and meaningfully utilizes both researchers and research users for the co-development and implementation of a convening and collaborating activity. • The application articulates a realistic plan for researchers and researcher users to engage with one another following the award term that includes indicators for its continued evaluation. • The trainee plays a vital role in the project, including critical decision-making. 	<p>4.5 – 4.9</p> <p>may be funded</p>
<p>Excellent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team composition is well-aligned with the needs of the proposed work, clearly stating how team experience relates to meeting most of the goals of the convening and collaborating activity, and the degree of participation for most team members is clearly indicated. • The proposed work meaningfully incorporates both researchers and research users for the complete co-development and implementation of a convening and collaborating activity. • The application proposes a sensible plan for researchers and researcher users to engage with one another following the award term, including some evaluation method in order to monitor the continuing relationship. • The trainee plays a key role in the project with decision-making ability. 	<p>4.0 – 4.4</p> <p>may be funded</p>
<p>Very Good</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team composition is mostly relevant to the needs of the proposed work, stating in general terms how team experience relates to meeting many of the goals of the convening and collaborating activity, and the degree of participation for team members is generally outlined. 	<p>3.5 – 3.9</p> <p>may be funded</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed work incorporates both researchers and research users for the co-development and implementation of a convening and collaborating activity, although the meaningfulness of their participation may be questionable. • The application outlines a general plan for researchers and researcher users to engage with one another following the award term, and includes a brief plan on how these relationships will continue to be monitored. • The trainee plays an active, but secondary role in the project with some decision-making ability. 	
<p>Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team composition is somewhat relevant to the needs of the proposed work, with the application stating in vague terms how team experience relates to meeting some of the goals of the convening and collaborating activity; the degree of participation of most team members is generally outlined, but gaps in information are evident. • The proposed work incorporates both researchers and research users for the convening and collaborating activity, although it is obvious that there is a clear imbalance in participation with respect to co-development and implementation of the work. • The inclusion of a plan for researchers and researcher users to engage with one another following the term of the award is unclear, with limited detail on how these relationships will continue to be monitored. • The trainee plays only a supporting role in the project with limited decision-making ability. 	<p>3.0 – 3.4 not fundable</p>
<p>Less than Adequate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team composition does not appear to align with the needs of the proposed work, contains significant personnel gaps, and does not mention how team experience relates to meeting the goals of the convening and collaborating activity; no information on the degree of participation by team members is provided. • The proposed work does not properly incorporate both researchers and research users for co-development of the convening and collaborating activity in a meaningful way. • There is no plan for researchers and researcher users to engage with one another following the award term. • The trainee plays only a passive role in the project with no apparent role in decision-making. 	<p>0.0 – 2.9 not fundable</p>



Merit, Relevance and Feasibility	Weighting – 40%
<p>Assessment Criteria</p> <p>Please consider the following when assessing the merit, relevance and feasibility of the work plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The problem or issue being addressed is aligned with one or more of the BC health system priority areas (see Appendix 1 – BC Health System Priorities for details). • The problem or issue being addressed is clearly described and there is appropriate evidence-informed justification for the proposed work. • The purpose and objectives of the proposed work are described and align with the objectives of this funding opportunity. • The proposed work plan is reasonable and achievable, describes major milestones and deliverables within a defined timeline, and the budget is appropriate and justified. 	
Assessment Descriptor	Score
<p>Outstanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The problem or issue being addressed perfectly aligns with one or more of the BC health system priority areas. • The problem or issue being addressed is of significant importance, is exceptionally well-described, and the evidence-informed justification for the research, which the proposed work is supporting, is based on a highly reputable and high-impact body of work. • The purpose and objectives of the proposed work are extremely well-described, and align perfectly with the objectives of this funding opportunity. • The proposed work plan is exceptionally well crafted, with highly achievable milestones and deliverables clearly indicated within the indicated timeline; the budget is comprehensive and thoroughly justified. 	<p>4.5 – 4.9</p> <p>may be funded</p>
<p>Excellent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The problem or issue being addressed is well-aligned with one or more of the BC health system priority areas. • The problem or issue being addressed is of high significance, is very well-written, and the evidence-informed justification for the research, which the proposed work is supporting, is based on a strong and reputable body of work. • The purpose and objectives of the proposed work are clear and well-described, and align well with the objectives of this funding opportunity. • The proposed work plan is clearly articulated, highlighting all the necessary detail, and includes clearly stated milestones and deliverables that are feasible within the indicated timeline. The budget is reasonable and well-justified. 	<p>4.0 – 4.4</p> <p>may be funded</p>
<p>Very Good</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The problem or issue being addressed is generally aligned with one or more of the BC health system priority areas. • The problem or issue being addressed is of noted interest, is generally well-described, and the evidence-informed justification for the research, which the 	<p>3.5 – 3.9</p> <p>may be funded</p>



<p>proposed work is supporting, is based on a small, but mostly reputable body of work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose and objectives of the proposed work are described in some detail, and mostly align with the objectives of this funding opportunity. • The proposed work plan is described, but with some gaps in detail, and generally outlines milestones and deliverables that are likely feasible within the timeline given. The budget is sensible and includes some justification. 	
<p>Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The problem or issue being addressed is only indirectly aligned with one or more of the BC health system priority areas. • The problem or issue being addressed is of limited interest, is provided in limited detail, and the research, which the proposed work is supporting, is based on questionable and/or relatively low-impact evidence. • The purpose and objectives of the proposed work are described in some detail, and only partially align with the objectives of this funding opportunity. • The proposed work plan is provided, but in limited detail, providing milestones and deliverables of questionable feasibility within an ambiguous timeframe. The budget is passable, but lacks detail and proper justification. 	<p>3.0 – 3.4</p> <p>not fundable</p>
<p>Less than Adequate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The problem or issue being addressed is not aligned with one or more of the BC health system priority areas. • The problem or issue being addressed is not of importance, is poorly described, and the research for which the proposed work is supporting does not appear to be based on any reputable evidence. • The purpose and objectives of the proposed work are only vaguely described, and are misaligned with the objectives of this funding opportunity. • The proposed work plan is poorly written, lacking specific milestones and deliverables, and is of dubious feasibility within the timeframe of the award. The budget is not practical and lacks any justification. 	<p>0.0 – 2.9</p> <p>not fundable</p>



Potential Impact	Weighting – 20%
<p>Assessment Criteria</p> <p>Please consider the following when assessing the potential impact of the proposed work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The potential impact of the proposed work on health research, the health system and/or the health of British Columbians as they relate to the BC health system priorities (see Appendix 1 – BC Health System Priorities for details) are evident. The proposed work is likely to be successful based on the provided description of the convening and collaborating activities and related outcomes and/or outputs, and includes a plan on how to measure these. There is evidence that the research trainee(s)' role in the proposed work will enhance their knowledge translation (KT) experience and skills, demonstrating effective KT capacity-building. 	
Assessment Descriptor	Score
<p>Outstanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The benefits of the proposed work are clearly evident and will undoubtedly have an impact on health research, the health system and/or the health of British Columbians as they relate to the BC health system priorities. The proposed work is certain to be successful based on the types of activities described. The expected outcomes and/or outputs are well-articulated and will undoubtedly advance the uptake of the relevant research evidence; measurables are well-defined and a thorough evaluation plan is included. The application includes a strong and detailed participation plan that will unquestionably enhance the KT experience or skills of the trainee(s) and help build KT research capacity. 	<p>4.5 – 4.9</p> <p>may be funded</p>
<p>Excellent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The benefits of the proposed work are clearly evident and will in all likelihood have an impact on health research, the health system and/or the health of British Columbians as they relate to the BC health system priorities. The proposed work is very likely to be successful based on the types of activities described. The expected outcomes and/or outputs are clearly described and are likely to advance the uptake of the relevant research evidence; measurables are defined and a strong evaluation plan is included. The application includes a robust participation plan that will likely enhance the KT experience or skills of the trainee(s) and help build KT capacity. 	<p>4.0 – 4.4</p> <p>may be funded</p>
<p>Very Good</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The benefits of the proposed work are generally well described and likely to have some impact on health research, the health system and/or the health of British Columbians as they relate to the BC health system priorities. The proposed work is likely to be successful based on the types of activities described. The expected outcomes and/or outputs are provided in moderate detail, and may advance the uptake of the relevant research evidence; some measurables are stated, with a suitable plan on how to evaluate them is included. 	<p>3.5 – 3.9</p> <p>may be funded</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The application includes a generalized participation plan that may enhance the KT experience or skills of the trainee(s), likely helping to build KT capacity. 	
<p>Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The benefits of the proposed work may have a limited impact on health research, the health system and/or the health of British Columbians as they relate to the BC health system priorities. The proposed work is somewhat likely to be successful based on the types of activities described. The expected outcomes and/or outputs are provided in limited detail, and it is uncertain whether they will advance the uptake of relevant research evidence; few measurables are stated, with only a vague plan on how to evaluate them included. A brief participation plan is included, but it is unclear as to whether it will be effective in enhancing the KT experience or skills of the trainee(s) and/or be effective in helping to build KT capacity. 	<p>3.0 – 3.4</p> <p>not fundable</p>
<p>Less than Adequate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed work will have minimal, if any, impact on health research, the health system and/or the health of British Columbians as they relate to the BC health system priorities. The proposed work will likely be unsuccessful based on the types of activities described. The expected outcomes and/or outputs are poorly described, and will likely not advance the uptake of the relevant research evidence; no obvious measurables are stated and no associated evaluation plan evident. The application shows no evidence of a feasible participation plan for enhancing the KT experience or skills of the trainee(s), and thus will be ineffective in building broader KT capacity. 	<p>0.0 – 2.9</p> <p>not fundable</p>



Appendix 1 – British Columbia Health System Priorities

Research and innovation are integral to the delivery of a patient-centred, high performing and sustainable health system in British Columbia (BC). To achieve system level change and continuous improvement of outcomes and health services, we must address both the 'what' and the 'how' of that change. Health research is a powerful means of generating knowledge about health system innovation and transformation, particularly as it increasingly seeks to bridge the gap between research and implementation. To inform health system planning and decision making, MSFHR has designed and delivered health research funding programs that support the achievement of five BC health system priorities:

1. **Enhance access to effective primary health care:** Primary health care is the BC health system's critical entry point for patients. Moving away from a focus on acute hospital care to a system of primary and community care will enable patients to get help sooner and more effectively. To get there, BC is setting up "primary care homes" as a cornerstone of the healthcare system. This priority is intended to support research on practice and service delivery innovations and initiatives designed to improve accessibility and quality of primary and community care.
2. **Services for seniors with complex medical conditions:** BC has the fastest-growing senior population in Canada. As this population ages, the likelihood of chronic conditions goes up, and with it the need for corresponding health services. This priority focuses on research designed to enable the provision of high-quality care for seniors and other patients that improve their health outcomes and helps them stay active, slowing the onset or deterioration of chronic illness and lessening the need for early entry to residential care or hospital.
3. **Mental health/substance use care:** Typically one in five British Columbians experience mental health and/or substance use issues. However, most children, youth and adults with mild to moderate mental health and/or substance use issues can be helped through community-based services. This priority focuses on research designed to support the provision of community-based care and services to children, youth and adults with mental health and/or substance use issues. This includes services and interventions such as primary care homes, medical psychiatric care, community outreach, assisted living and residential services, enhanced medication management, and access to diagnostic and hospital services.
4. **Services for patients needing surgery:** Demand for surgery continues to grow in BC. The province's growing and aging population, and even improved surgical procedures that give patients access to previously unavailable options, are contributing to this demand, which can lead to longer wait times. This priority focuses on research to reduce wait times for scheduled surgeries and improving patients' and families' entire surgical care process.
5. **Rural and remote health care services:** The rural and remote population in BC is small and dispersed, and has poorer health outcomes than their urban counterparts. There are many unique challenges to providing and accessing health care services in our rural and remote regions. This priority focuses on research aimed at improving access and quality of health services for rural patients.

Cross-cutting these system priorities is consideration of the health of Indigenous people in BC and their access to health care services.