



Nutritional Medical Education Grant 2016

Background and Description of Opportunity

The Centre for Child Nutrition and Health at the University of Toronto is focused on answering key questions in child nutrition to improve the health of children and families. One of the Centre's top priorities is to develop future, solution-oriented, nutrition world-leaders through innovative research and education programs.

The strategic vision of the Centre is to advance child nutrition and healthy development that otherwise could not be successfully addressed by a single discipline or research group. As a global leader in child nutrition and health we will create a world of healthy children who are able to reach their fullest potential. The Centre is an Extra-Departmental Centre based on a partnership between the Department of Nutritional Sciences, the Department of Family and Community Medicine and the Department of Paediatrics. More details about the Centre can be found here: <http://www.childnutrition.utoronto.ca/>.

With this grant we intend to fund innovative and collaborative education projects that focus on nutrition education of students, health care professionals, patients, and/or children and families.

Requirements

Projects should align with the Centre's priorities (<http://www.childnutrition.utoronto.ca/priorities>) and focus on nutrition education. Particular consideration will be given to projects that involve:

- Improving the reach and/or accessibility of nutrition education
- Continuing Education, Continuing Medical Education (CME)
- Media and/or technology
- Continuity and/or sustainability

Some examples of potential projects include:

- Synthesis and dissemination of nutrition knowledge
- Decision support tools for nutrition and/or nutrition education
- Developing, testing, or disseminating tools for physicians and/or allied health professionals
- Patient engagement tools
- Educational tools and/or apps

In addition:

- Grant recipients will provide a project report (including content such as activities, publications and student involvement related to the grant) at the end of a one-year period. A template will be provided.
- Successful applicants will be required to inform the Centre, in writing, of any future applications for funding, publications or new findings or conclusions drawn from the project that received funding provided by this grant.
- The Principal Applicant must acknowledge the grant award funding in all presentations, publications, invited and submitted poster sessions related to funding provided by this grant.

Funding available

Three awards of \$10,000 each will be granted in 2016. The home academic department must provide \$10,000 in matching funds to award recipients. Applications must include a letter of support from the Department Chair confirming secured matched funding is in place.

Eligibility

- Principal applicants from any Faculty, Department or Institute at the University of Toronto are eligible to apply.
- The collaborative research team should aim to have:
 - One member from one of the Centre’s three departments; the Department of Family and Community Medicine, Department of Nutritional Sciences or the Department of Paediatrics.
 - At least one graduate department member and one graduate student in the Department of Nutritional Sciences associated with the research proposal.
 - One professor at a junior rank.

Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by a sub-committee of the Education Advisory Committee, Centre for Child Nutrition and Health. On the recommendation of the Committee the successful recipients will be selected.

Evaluation criteria:

- Alignment with Centre priorities
- Research concept/approach
- Innovation
- Strength of the team
- Scientific merit
- Budget
- Impact of the Research

A minor component of the evaluation will be based on other factors that the reviewers consider relevant to this competition.

Key Dates and Application Process

| Date | Action |
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| Monday, May 2, 2016 | Letter of Intent submission deadline |
| Thursday, June 16, 2016 | Application submission deadline |
| Thursday, August 25, 2016 | Successful applicants notified |
| Thursday, September 1, 2016 | Funding is released |

Letter of Intent:

A letter of intent is required and should include a temporary project title and the names of all team members and affiliations. The letter can be sent by email to Rebecca.noseworthy@utoronto.ca by **Monday, May 2, 2016, midnight EST**. Notification of invitation to submit a full proposal will be given **by Monday, May 9, 2016**.

Application:

The deadline to send proposals by email to rebecca.noseworthy@utoronto.ca is **Thursday, June 16, 2016 by midnight EST**. All applicants will receive an email confirming the receipt of their application.

Successful applicants will be notified by **Thursday, August 25th, 2016**.

Application

The application must be written in Times Roman 12 point font, single-spaced with margins no smaller than 1” (left, right, top, bottom). The application includes these sections:

1. Investigators and project title
2. Project summary in lay language
3. Project proposal
4. Ethics approval
5. Budget
6. Appendices
7. Curriculum Vitae

1. Investigators and Project title

- 1.1 Names and titles of applicants
- 1.2 Project title

2. Project Proposal (maximum five pages not including references)

2.1 An abstract of 200 words, including title, purpose, methodology, results and conclusions.

2.2 A proposal including:

- Objectives
- Background and rationale
- Research design and methods
- Timeline
- Anticipated contribution of project to the field of research in child and family nutrition
- References

3. Project summary in lay language (maximum 200 words)

3.1 A description of the project using general, non-scientific language. Maximum 200 words. This summary may be used on the Centre’s web site if the project is funded.

4. Ethics approval

4.1 If available, provide proof of ethics approval. If not available, confirm that the application for ethics approval has been or will be submitted. Funds can only be released to successful candidates if ethics approval is obtained.

5. Budget (maximum two pages)

5.1 A breakdown of how the \$10,000 grant would be spent. Please see the Centre’s *Use of Grant Funds* document for guidance on eligible and ineligible expenses. Please also indicate that funding provided by this grant will not overlap with funds awarded by other granting agencies.



6. Appendices (maximum three pages)

6.1 Appendices may include participant consent forms, letters of cooperation with partnering institutions or other relevant documents.

7. Curriculum vitae required

7.1 A CIHR Common CV for each applicant

7.2 A list of funding and publications for the last five years with indication of budgetary and/or conceptual overlap with the proposed Nutritional Medical Education Grant.