

AHSC AFP Innovation Fund

IFPOC Criteria/Eligibility:

- Have a definite potential to **impact** health care delivery
- Are **implementable** and contains realistic goals
- Have clear, **measurable** metrics for success
- Offer opportunities to **translate new knowledge** into medical practice
- Are **transferable** to other institutions, or regions, or the province

SEAMO Rules:

1. The Project Lead or Principal Investigator (PI) must be a SEAMO-funded physician
2. In any one application there can be one PI and as many Co-PIs as desired
3. An individual can be named as PI/Co-PI in no more than one application in any given year
4. SEAMO physicians cannot apply to the Innovation Fund if they have also applied to or are current recipients of ERESF funding
5. Applicants may apply for project funding up to \$100,000 (in total) for projects to be completed within two years. Please visit <http://www.ifpoc.org/> for information regarding eligible expenses
6. Funding will not be provided for the development of stand-alone databases without an associated, clearly defined research plan
7. A detailed budget request, with justification, will be an integral part of the application
8. Should a project's implementation require the support of individuals or institutions (such as hospitals), a letter of support should be included with the proposal. Letters of support will be counted in the total page count
9. Investigators who received monies from the Innovation Fund for two projects in the last five consecutive years will not be eligible to apply to this competition
10. Funds will generally not be awarded for subject participation. Costs related to results, presentation and travel will be limited to \$2,000
11. While multi-centre collaborations are encouraged, the expectation for this award is that the great majority of funds will be expended within Kingston
12. Total page count for the application cannot exceed 15 pages (excluding key words)
13. Applications requesting a continuation of previous funding are not in the spirit of innovation and therefore, are not eligible
14. Generally speaking, requests for capital equipment will not be considered

Competition Categories:

- Two categories of simultaneous competitions:

- Group A: Early investigators (first seven years of career)
- Group B: Established researchers (greater than seven years in career)

Project Categories:

- These categories are used to aid in building a well-rounded adjudication committee and match knowledgeable reviewers with the most optimal projects:
 - Prospective clinical trial – including a pilot/feasibility assessment
 - Novel technique, technology, or imaging assessment
 - Observational – statistical project, population-based, administrative dataset, longitudinal cohort study, cross-sectional
 - Descriptive clinic, care delivery, or navigation innovation
 - Quality Improvement
 - Qualitative research or survey-based projects
 - Basic science, translational, or biomarker development projects
 - Projects with AI, machine learning, digital health as the methodology
 - Other – please elaborate

Innovation Fund Review Committee

- Committee Chair and two Scientific Officers oversee the process
- A college of reviewers is formed internally with two reviewers and one reader assigned to each project submission
- Using the above project categories, projects will be assigned to reviewers based on areas of expertise (pending availability), but neither the reviewers nor the reader will have a conflict of interest with their assigned project lead
- All reviewers will attend the adjudication meeting to discuss applications at a round table and decide on a final score
- All applicants, regardless of outcome, will receive feedback following the adjudication process

The Adjudication Process

- A Letter of Intent must be submitted that includes the following information:
 - The Project Title
 - The Names of the PI and Co-PIs
 - The Competition Category the PI falls under
 - The Project Category that best describes this application
 - A brief statement justifying why this project is innovative

- Canadian Common CV for both PI and Co-PIs
- Recommendations are sent to IFPOC in the first week of January
- Approval is provided by IFPOC in the first week of March
- Successful applicants will be notified in early March or as soon as we hear from IFPOC