

**NETWORK FOR CANADIAN ORAL HEALTH RESEARCH
CALL FOR PROPOSALS
2018 TEAM CONNECT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

The Network for Canadian Oral Health Research is seeking proposals for a team building workshop.

Objective

The purpose of the **team connect development program** is to fund an annual team-building workshop to facilitate the development of new, collaborative, interdisciplinary research teams to investigate oral health priorities and to better position Canadian researchers in national and large international research competitions.

Workshop participants should be interdisciplinary and multi-sectoral and include researchers from multiple institutions. The inclusion of research trainees is strongly encouraged. The integration/participation of oral health professionals who are not dentists is mandatory. It is expected that this workshop will enable such teams to strengthen capacity and add expertise, develop strategies for knowledge translation, provide superior training and mentoring environments and achieve research excellence.

Funds Available

One award of up to \$20,000 per year is available to sponsor one team-building workshop. Funds will be used to cover travel and meeting expenses according to CIHR guidelines. NCOHR will provide all of the videoconferencing support to facilitate the organization of subsequent virtual meetings between the team members.

Eligibility

Proposals for a team-building workshop are to be submitted by a new team of researchers with representatives from at least 3 Canadian institutions (including one dental/dental hygiene school). The application must identify research team members, including a Nominated Principal Applicant* and (at a minimum) a clinician, a mid-career or senior researcher, a junior researcher, a research trainee, and an oral health professional who is not a dentist. It is strongly encouraged to include a junior Faculty member as Co-Principal Applicant. Applications must also identify the Canadian Dental School to host the workshop. **All applicants must be a member of the Network for Canadian Oral Health Research at the time of the submission of their application.**

* The Nominated Principal Applicant must hold an academic appointment as a Researcher, Clinician or as Clinical-Scientist in a Canadian University or a Research Institute.

Application Deadline: Proposals must be submitted by **midnight Atlantic Standard Time, March 15, 2018.**

Anticipated Decision Date: Late April 2018

How to Apply

Applicants are expected to submit a proposal (2 to 4 pages) and a curriculum vitae of the principal applicant. Applications are to be submitted by email to Iona Worden-Driscoll (iona.worden-driscoll@dal.ca).

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The proposal is to include:

- Title of the proposal
- Name of the Nominated Principal Applicant, and Co-Principal Applicants (if any) and hosting Dental/Dental hygiene School (a letter of support from the Dean or Associate Dean Research is required).
- A brief description of the research area of the proposal.
- A description of how the workshop will fulfill the objective of the program and the evaluation criteria outlined below. This may include the potential for collaboration between investigators, the potential for use of new methodologies and/or technologies, and the potential to increase research capacity locally and nationally.
- Names, affiliations, area of expertise and anticipated contributions of potential workshop participants.
- A budget table. Eligible expenses include travel and meeting expenses as per CIHR Grants and Awards Guide, Appendix: Tri-Agency Financial Administration Guide, Use of Grant Funds (available online: cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/805.html).
- A justification for the items listed in the budget table. Budgets exceeding \$20,000 must include a plan for obtaining the additional funds (e.g., sponsorship, registration fees etc).

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. Do the Applicants have a demonstrated track-record of research productivity?
2. Does the proposal explain how the team is new?
3. Does the proposed team meet the eligibility?
4. Could this proposal lead to the formation of more than one team?
5. Will the development of this team lead to targeting a specific funding opportunity?
6. Will this proposed team/research have the potential for growth beyond a single funding cycle?
7. Is there potential to build research capacity and foster talent development in oral health?
8. Does the proposal identify tangible outputs resulting from the workshop?
9. Will the research address at least one of the following CIHR strategic priorities?
 - Enhance patient-oriented care and improve clinical results through scientific and technological innovations
 - Support a high-quality accessible and sustainable health-care system
 - Reduce health inequities of Indigenous peoples and other vulnerable populations
 - Prepare for and respond to existing and emerging threats to health
 - Promote health and reduce the burden of chronic disease and mental illness

The successful Applicant will be expected to submit a summary report of the workshop within 3 months of the end of the workshop.



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