

GIPPEC RESEARCH COLLABORATION GRANTS

The Global Institute of Psychosocial, Palliative and End-of-Life Care (GIPPEC) is devoted to supporting and developing interdisciplinary research that addresses the medical, psychosocial, social, legal, ethical, cultural and religious problems related to advanced and terminal disease. GIPPEC creates a convergence of academic faculty from multiple departments and divisions and fosters the emergence of collaborative research teams at the University of Toronto and with national and international partners. It facilitates the application and integration of methods from the social sciences, humanities and health sciences to problems related to palliative and end-of-life care and to the conduct of interdisciplinary research in diverse multi-centre settings.

Collaborative research includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the development and evaluation of:

- Culturally sensitive and rigorous interdisciplinary research methods.
- Interventions to relieve suffering in patients and families with advanced and terminal disease and in bereavement.
- Health policy and health system issues related to the availability of palliative and end-of-life care and its integration into the management of advanced and terminal disease in diverse settings and in low, middle and high-income countries.
- Education of the public, health professionals and trainees in palliative and end-of-life care in low, middle and high-income countries.
- Legal, ethical, religious and cultural issues related to aggressive medical care in individuals with advanced disease and to assisted dying.
- Global strategies to support the availability of palliative care, including narcotic and other analgesic medication for optimal pain and symptom control, in the context of advanced and terminal disease.

Grant Details:

Number of Awards: Depends on number and quality of applications received.

Amount of the Award: up to \$15,000.

Eligibility: Open to all faculty and trainees.

Topic: Collaborative and interdisciplinary research within the aims of GIPPEC. GIPPEC welcomes submissions from the arts and humanities, social sciences, and health sciences.

Feasibility: Completion of project within 2 years.

Affiliation: Applicant or Supervisor must be affiliated with GIPPEC.

Submission deadline: Friday, November 4, 2016.

Notification of Award: Friday, December 9, 2016.

Documents to include with the application:

- CV of applicant
- Personal Statement
- Research Proposal
- Project Timeline
- Budget
- Letter of support from Supervisor (trainees only)

Personal Statement

Please address the following questions in your personal statement. The response for each question cannot exceed the maximum limit of 200 words.

- What is the applicant's career plan?
- How would receiving this award affect the applicant's career?
- What is the relevance of this research project to the applicant's career goals?
- What percentage of time would the applicant spend on this research project if awarded?
- Who will collect and analyze the data?
- What is the potential of this research project?
- Was this research proposal submitted and/or will be submitted to other funding agencies/organizations? If so, please specify.

Research Proposal

The research proposal should be limited to two typewritten, single-spaced pages. All pertinent tables, pictures, and graphs must be included within the two-page limit.

The research proposal should contain the following information, with modifications depending on the nature of the project:

- Significance and Background:
 - Importance of the problem that the proposed project addresses.
 - Implications of the proposed project to enhance knowledge, technical capability, policy and/or clinical practice.
 - Impact on changes to concepts, understanding, methods, interventions, services, or policy in this field.
- Innovation:
 - Potential for the proposed research to challenge current conceptual or practice paradigms in the field.
 - Novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation or interventions to be developed or used; advantage(s) over existing methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions, if applicable.
 - Refinements, improvements, or new applications of theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions.

- Interdisciplinary/ Interdepartmental/ Collaborative Dimensions:
 - Outline the extent to which the topic/problem posed requires an interdisciplinary, interdepartmental and/or collaborative approach and why the research requires this approach.
 - What disciplines and/or departments will be involved? How will they be integrated? How will the quality of collaboration be assessed?
 - Outline the expected synergistic outcomes from the combination of disciplines and/or departments and/or the benefits of a collaborative approach.
- Specific Aims
- Methods:
 - Overall strategy, methodology, and analyses to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the project. Include how the data will be collected, analyzed, and interpreted as well as any resource sharing plans as appropriate.
 - Potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success anticipated to achieve the aims.
 - Description of applicant's role and/or team members in the project. When human subjects are involved, the precautions to ensure patient safety and confidentiality and the relevance or implications for patient care should be explained.
 - List and describe the facilities and resources available to conduct the study.
- Potential risks and mitigation strategies
- Timelines (charts and figures optional)

Project Timeline

Enter major milestones for your project and the expected completion date. The timeline should clearly indicate the outcomes to be achieved during the granting period.

Budget and Justification

The budget section may provide a list of the expected cost of the project and should confirm that it is covered with the amount of this award and/or other sources of funding. If additional funding is required to complete this project, details of potential/secured sources should be documented.

The Budget Document should not be longer than one page. The expenses associated to the following sections should include:

Direct costs

- Personnel
- Equipment
- Supplies
- Travel
- Patient Care Cost
- Other Expenses

Indirect costs

Supervisor Support Letter (trainees only)

The application should also have a brief letter from the mentor describing the trainee's qualities and his/her suitability for the project and academic potential of the applicant. The letter should also include a brief description of the project from the Supervisor's point of view. The maximum length of the letter should be one page.

Evaluation Criteria

Preference will be given to those faculty and/or trainees submitting proposals that involve novel areas of research collaboration. The expertise of the team leading the project will also be taken into account when evaluating proposals.

Review Process

All applications will be reviewed by the GIPPEC executive committee or a group delegated by the committee. Successful applicants that pass the first review phase may be asked to present the project to the review panel and address the questions raised by the panel. The presentation to the review panel will include a maximum of 10 slides.

Grant Recipients

All grant recipients will be requested to report on the progress of their projects to the GIPPEC executive committee at intervals determined by the review panel. All grant recipients will be required to present their project at a GIPPEC seminar.

Completed application can be submitted online (<http://www.gippec.org/opportunities.php>) or sent as one PDF file to gippec@uhn.ca

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