

The Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) Research Fund exists to stimulate and support original research at NSHA.

It supports NSHA's mission of putting patients first and achieving, through constant improvement and commitment to quality and patient safety, excellence in care and services.

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Research Fund

“I think it is a wonderful opportunity to identify current gaps within the healthcare system and to partner with passionate staff to implement interventions that could potentially close those gaps.”

I hope that the program continues so that we build a culture of innovation and research across the health system in Nova Scotia....”

-NSHA RF Recipient



Category 1

NEW RESEARCHERS WITH MATCHING FUNDS

Eligibility:

Researchers within three years of the beginning of their research careers and within two years of their appointment to the Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA), who have a research mandate (20% or more protected time). *For approved applications, matching Departmental support is required as per the amount requested to a maximum of \$50,000.*

Funding:

Maximum of \$50,000 funding over 36 months

Category 2

STAFF MEMBERS

Eligibility:

An employee of NSHA, a member of our active medical staff, researchers with an affiliate scientist appointment conducting research at NSHA.

Funding:

Maximum of \$25,000 over 24 months

Category 3

TRAINEES

Eligibility:

Independent research conducted by residents, fellows or other trainees with the supervision, and support of a staff member or someone with a NSHA appointment. Summer studentships do not qualify. Research in Medicine (RIM) students are not eligible.

Funding:

Maximum of \$5,000 over 12 months

Category 4

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL RESEARCHERS (non-physicians)

Eligibility:

Health Professionals (non-physicians) who are NSHA employees and who are new to research in their field and have conducted less than three research projects. These researchers must develop their proposal in conjunction with a mentor chosen by the applicant.

Funding:

Maximum of \$10,000 over 24 months

Annual Deadlines: March 15 & Sept 15

More Information & Application Forms:

<http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/discovery-innovation/research-fund>

General Eligibility

Applicants must be an employee of the Nova Scotia Health Authority, a member of our active medical staff, have an affiliate scientist appointment or be a trainee conducting research in any zone of the Nova Scotia Health Authority. The principal criteria used to judge applications are the quality and scientific merit of the proposal, the feasibility of the project, its relevance to the NSHA mission and the past performance and potential of the applicant.

Priority is given to applications for research studies that:

- generate external funding support (i.e., grants and/or industry funding)
- lead to presentations at scientific meetings and to publication
- include a plan for dissemination of study results

Note: Exceptions may be made for part-time employees.

Also while NSHA recognizes the importance of quality improvement and program evaluation, the NSHA Research Fund currently does not fund proposals of this nature.

Review Process

- A. The Research Fund Committee and external reviewers (Category one applications), review your application and judge it based on the following criteria:
 - a. The quality and scientific merit of the proposal
 - b. The feasibility of completing what is being proposed
 - c. The relevance and benefit to NSHA and NSHA patients
 - d. The research team – knowledge, expertise, experience and role in the proposed project.
 - e. Knowledge translation and dissemination potential or plans.
- B. Each application is assigned a score on a 5 point scale or a fund/no fund status (as applicable). An average score or funding status is calculated and a decision made on whether the application is successful for funding.
- C. The funding decision is communicated to all applicants, supervisors and department heads via email and a letter provided outlining areas of consideration, concern or merit along with end dates and requirements to access funding.