

TRIC FAQs

—What is Implementation Science?

Implementation science is the study of methods to promote the integration of research findings and evidence into healthcare policy and practice. For more information visit National Institutes of Health:

<http://www.fic.nih.gov/News/Events/implementation-science/Pages/faqs.aspx>

—What levels of awards are available?

- Level One: up to \$3,000 over one year
- Level Two: up to \$30,000 over one or two years
- Level Three: up to \$60,000 over two years

—I am a researcher in the Northern Zone of NSHA; can I submit a TRIC application?

In 2017 the TRIC program was expanded to include all of NSHA and IWK. The Scientific Co-Principal Investigator must be an employee, medical staff member, or have an affiliate scientist or medical appointment at NSHA or IWK, specifically at the institution where the research will take place and for the duration of the proposed project.

—Is the inclusion of patients a requirement for TRIC grants?

Yes, grant applicants must describe how patients or the patient voice will be included in the project.

—Do I need to pre-register for a TRIC workshop?

Yes, please pre-register for TRIC workshops. Email to Elaine.Strohm@nshealth.ca.

—Do I have to attend a TRIC workshop?

The workshops will be beneficial to those preparing TRIC applications. It is recommended that at least one team member attend at least one TRIC workshop and/or review the TRIC PowerPoint presentations on the website prior to submitting their applications.

—Are "trainees" eligible to apply for a TRIC grant?

Trainees are welcome to be on a team, but the co-principal investigators must be NSHA or IWK Health Centre staff or scientists.

—Are TRIC proposals that lead to de-adoption in health care eligible to apply?

Yes, they are both eligible and encouraged.

—What font size should be used for my TRIC application?

As per CIHR guidelines, please use a font size 12 point, black type; maximum of six lines per inch. No condensed/narrow fonts, type or spacing. You must respect the margins that are in the template form.

—Would research aimed at impacting the broader provincial health system (e.g. Department of Health & Wellness) be eligible for funding through the TRIC program?

The TRIC program funds research with direct impact on health care within NSHA facilities and the IWK Health Centre.

—If I apply for a level one (up to \$3,000) TRIC grant now, can I apply for a level 2 or 3 TRIC grant in a future competition?

Yes. However, researchers may hold a maximum of two TRIC grants at any one time as the Lead Scientific Co-Principal Investigator.

—Who will be reviewing the TRIC grants?

The TRIC Review Committee is made up of scientists/clinicians/administrators from NSHA and IWK, as well as representatives from the health centre foundations, patients, and industry representatives.

—Will my TRIC grant be evaluated on the potential for commercialization?

Research funded under the TRIC program is not required to have commercialization potential but it should be noted if there is such potential.

—If the TRIC application is a joint submission between IWK and QEII, would two separate Administrative Co-PI's be required? e.g., two letters of commitment? CV's for both?

If the operational costs (e.g., those that will be absorbed by the health system) will impact both hospitals, then administrative approval from the Admin Co-PI's at both hospitals is required; e.g., you will need two letters of commitment, two signatures on the application form and the CV's of both administrators. On the budget detail pages, you should show and justify the operational costs that are to be charged to each hospital unit/department.

—If the TRIC application is a joint submission between IWK and QEII, would the application need to be submitted twice?

Submit the application only once and specify which hospital the Research PI and Admin Co PI's are most closely affiliated with.

—Are price quotes to support TRIC budget items necessary?

No, price quotes are not necessary but could certainly be included as part of the budget justification pages.

—How can I determine what is an operational cost and what is a research cost?

Although this may be difficult at times, there are a few strategies. The principle is that costs that are involved in delivering the health service are operational and the costs involved in evaluation or preparing for evaluation of the health service are research costs. Ask the question: if the innovation is successful and is being used, what would be the ongoing costs? These are the operational costs. This helps to make sure that if the innovation is effective, the change can be implemented and sustained because it is already included in the ongoing operational budget of the unit.

—Would the cost of travel to bring people together for a workshop/seminar related to the TRIC grants be considered an eligible expense?

Costs associated with team development, workshops and seminars are eligible expenses; but your budget justification must clearly explain and justify why travel funds are needed. Conference travel is not an allowable expense.

—Are the detailed budget pages used to justify the expenses outlined in the budget table counted as appendices?

No, feel free to attach as many budget detail pages as needed. These will not be considered as part of the allowable number of appendices.

—Are references considered part of the appendices?

No. References are treated separately from the appendices. For a level one grant, one page of references is permitted. For a level two or three grant, two pages of references are permitted.

—Are there formal guidelines for how the TRIC application CV's should be structured?

CV's may be structured in the format of your choice; but each must be no more than five pages long. You may not use your Canadian Common CV instead of a five-page CV as each investigator on the application must provide a five-page (maximum) CV.