

The TRIC program funds implementation science - an emerging field that studies methods to promote the translation of research into healthcare policy, service delivery and patient care.

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“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.”

-TRIC Participant

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Translating Research Into Care

Nova Scotia's
Healthcare Improvement
Research Program



Purpose of TRIC Grants

The Translating Research Into Care (TRIC) health care improvement research program was established in 2013 with funding from the QEII Foundation and the IWK Foundation. The funding program supports research that will provide evidence and facilitate the translation of clinical science into improved healthcare policy, service delivery and patient care at the QEII Health Sciences Centre, the IWK Health Centre and across NSHA.

Eligibility

The TRIC program supports research that will:

- Lead to improved healthcare policy, service delivery and/or patient care at NSHA or IWK
- Be able to be implemented and have a likelihood for sustainability

Priority will be given to TRIC grant applications that do one or more of the following:

- Improve patient reported outcomes
- Improve the safety of healthcare
- Improve access for under-served populations
- Identify and reduce unnecessary healthcare costs
- Improve wait times for healthcare
- Reduce need for healthcare
- Reduce unnecessary interventions

More Information & Application Forms:

<http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/discovery-innovation/qeii-fdn-tric-grants>

<http://www.iwk.nshealth.ca/research/translating-research-care-tric-healthcare-improvement-research-program>

Leadership

All projects must be co-led by a NSHA or IWK Scientific Co-Principal Investigator and an Administrative Co-Principal Investigator.

Scientific Co-Principal Investigator must be an employee, medical staff member, or have an affiliate scientist or medical appointment at the institution where the research will take place and where the funds will be held if the application is successful. Those who do not have an official appointment at either NSHA or IWK are not eligible to apply.

Administrative Co-Principal Investigator must be employed at either the NSHA or IWK. They must possess signing authority for the relevant departmental/unit budget that will be impacted by the research, have the authority to approve and support the implementation of a healthcare improvement plan and the authority to sustain a successfully implemented plan over the long term.



TRIC Program funding provided by:



Deadlines & Funding Levels

Competition deadlines: **Nov 1 & May 1 annually**

Levels of awards*:

Level 1 (up to \$3,000)

Level 2 (up to \$30,000)

Level 3 (up to \$60,000)

Workshops, resources and consultations are available to support application development.

Review Process

Applications are reviewed by a committee composed of scientists, clinicians, administrators from NSHA and the IWK, representatives from the health centre foundations, patients and industry liaison representatives.

Applications are assessed on the following criteria:

- Scientific merit & administrative merit
- Budget
- Impact on healthcare
- Implementation plan
- Feasibility
- Likelihood of sustainability
- Inclusion of the patient voice

**Funding from the TRIC program will cover the research costs; operational costs associated with the project must be absorbed by the NSHA or IWK department involved and signed off by the Administrative Co-Principal Investigator.*