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Description

The Addiction and Mental Health SCN (AMH SCN) is pleased to announce the 2017 Addiction & Mental Health Publication Grant funding competition which is designed to:

- Encourage knowledge translation in Alberta
- Support publication in open-access journals
- Increase the impact of Addiction & Mental Health research in Alberta

The awards will be based on the cost of publishing, not to exceed \$2,500 for a single publication and there will be a total of \$7,000 available. The grant is non-renewable.

Background

The AMH SCN has been created to encourage the development of ideas that will improve Addiction & Mental Health Care according to the Health Quality Council of Alberta's six domains of quality: appropriateness, accessibility, effectiveness, efficiency, safety, and acceptability. The goal of this competition is to encourage knowledge translation of addiction & mental health research in Alberta with the ultimate goal of increasing the impact of Alberta research in the field.

Eligibility

- The area of research must be related to addiction and mental health.
- The applicant must be a member of the AMH SCN network.
- The applicant must have led significant pieces of the work/provided significant contributions as indicated by first authorship (or in some cases last).
- Priority will be given to clinical staff (physician, nurse, and scientists) at Alberta Health Services (AHS) or its affiliations that do not have access to other funding for publication.
- Faculty members in one of Alberta's academic institutions will be eligible for this funding if they meet the other eligibility requirements, however they must provide evidence that they have applied to their institution and were unable to access funds for publication.

Review Criteria

Applications considered eligible for funding will be evaluated based on pre-established criteria. The Review Panel will be made up of AMH health system administrators, clinicians, researchers and patients drawn in part from the Addiction & Mental Health SCN Core Committee members.

Each eligible application will be independently reviewed by 3 members of the review panel. They will be scored according to the following 3 assessment criteria using a 5-point scale:

Potential Impact

- Journal impact – impact factor of the peer reviewed open access journal the publication will be submitted to
- Potential impact of the publication within and beyond the academic community, as judged by: significance of issue (e.g., burden of disease); feasibility of implementation of results; or demonstration of ineffective interventions

Publication Merit

- Innovative and original idea(s)/objectives.
- Well-written.
- Appropriateness and relevance to the scope of the AMH SCN.

AMH SCN Mandate & Knowledge Translation Plan

- Alignment with AMH SCN priority projects
- Alignment with AMH SCN Scientific Office priorities
- Dissemination plan for published article

Proposals averaging higher than 3.5 will potentially be eligible for funding.

Descriptor	Assigned Score
Outstanding	5
Very Good	4
Good	3
Fair	2
Poor	1

Budgetary Issues

The funding will be provided to the applicant after receipt of a paid invoice from the identified journal.

Funding may be requested for:

- Publishing in peer reviewed open access journals

Funding will not be provided for:

- Publication preparation

Reporting and Deliverables

The expectation is that each successful applicant will submit the final reference of their article within 3 months of receiving funds (if available). The applicants will allow the AMH SCN to report articles that are published with this award.

Competition Schedule

April 2017	Call for AMH Publication Funding applications
Throughout 2017	Application submission deadline
1 month post application	Review of applications by Review Committee complete
6 weeks post application	Notification of awards and funds dispersed
1 month post invoice receipt	Funds dispersed

Program Policies

- Funding will be provided upon invoice that includes proof of payment.
- The University of Calgary will administer the funding award.
- All publications, including public messages, published with funding from the SCN publication fund must acknowledge the support of Alberta Health Services and the SCN for publishing.
- All terms will be superseded by the terms outlined in the Research Grant Agreement between Alberta Health Services and The Governors of the University of Calgary.
- Applicants are highly encouraged to work with members of the AMH SCN in preparation of their proposal.

Application Instructions

Contact Katherine.Rittenbach@ahs.ca for application template and to submit an application.

Applications will be accepted throughout the year. Incomplete applications will be returned to the candidates.

Competition Review Panel

Each grant will be reviewed by a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 members of the review panel, specific reviewers will be chosen based on their expertise in the areas of the proposed projects.

- Senior Medical Director, AMH SCN
- Executive Director, AMH SCN
- Assistant Scientific Director, a separate SCN with associated scope
- Patient Representative
- SCN core members
- External Reviewers (as appropriate):
 - AMH experts from the zones and/or the Provincial Team within AHS

- Research Facilitation experts in Biostatistics, Evaluation and Knowledge Translation
- Members of the Hotchkiss Brain Institute, Women and Children's Health Research Institute (WCHRI), and Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute (ACHRI)