

Rural Physician Research Grant Program (RPRG)

Program Guidelines

PURPOSE

The goal of the Rural Physician Research Grant Program is to empower rural clinician researchers – or new aspiring researchers – to pursue innovative rural research projects and knowledge translation to contribute in an area pertaining to rural health in British Columbia.

Through this project, rural physician researchers will be able to apply for research grants of up to \$10,000 per year to support rural health research.

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

Criteria for funding will be as follows:

- Applicant must be a physician with experience practicing rural medicine and demonstrable extensive connections to rural communities
- Research must be pertaining to advancing health in rural British Columbia

Please note that it is a condition of this award that full approval for the research be granted by an appropriate ethics committee or board prior to the commencement of any data collection.

APPLICATION

To apply for the Rural Physician Research Grant Program, please complete this application form and attach the following documents:

1. Current CV of Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigators (if applicable)
2. Research Proposal & Budget – Please use the Rural Physician Research Grant Program proposal template located at the RCCbc website
3. Letter of support from local Hospital Chief of Staff or Health Authority Medical Director
4. Reference letter from a clinician in an RSA community
5. If conducting research with First Nations communities please also provide letter(s) of support from Band Council(s) of the participating communities

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Application deadlines are April 30 and October 31. Only complete applications including all supporting documents will be reviewed.

FUNDING

Applicants may apply for a grant of up to \$10,000. Successful applicants will be asked to identify the recipient that will administer the funds (eg. university, NGO, medical corporation, etc). A T4A will be issued if the funding is received by an individual.

REPORTING

A report must be submitted no later than 60 days after the end of each year of funding. A reporting template will be provided.

RESOURCES

For more information about the Rural Physician Research Grant program contact Daniel Harper at grants@rccbc.ca

Visit www.rccbc.ca for more information about the Rural Coordination Centre of BC.