

# *Sue Harris Family Practice Research Grant*



## **Description**

The Sue Harris Family Practice (SHFP) Research Grant supports research that contributes to women's health within the discipline of family practice. The funding is intended to support family practice residents and practitioners to carry out a pilot research project.

## **Dr. Sue Harris**

The fund honors the life and values of Dr Sue Harris, a highly regarded family doctor and former Head of the Department of Family Practice at BC Women's Hospital. Criteria for the grant reflect her values which included -

- ❖ a commitment to full-spectrum family practice primary care
- ❖ a woman-centered focus
- ❖ collaborative care
- ❖ holistic approach
- ❖ respect for innovation, and
- ❖ commitment to supporting improvements in practice

## **Eligibility**

The principle investigator must be a family practitioner licensed in B.C who is residing in B.C. or a family practice resident at U.B.C. Interdisciplinary teams are encouraged as long as they are led by a Family Physician. Proposed research projects must be directly related to women's health which may include any part of the full lifespan of women's health issues:

- ❖ adolescence
- ❖ adulthood
- ❖ maternity and newborn care, and/or
- ❖ elder care

## **Award**

The amount of funding and the number of grants awarded varies from year to year. Grants will be awarded in amounts up to \$2,500 for a FP resident and up to \$5,000 for a FP practitioner.

The funding period is 12 months.

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## **Eligible Expenses**

Research awards may be used for the following purposes:

- ❖ Operating expenses associated with the conduct of the study
- ❖ Research project materials and supplies
- ❖ Salary support for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, research assistants and staff providing infrastructure services to support the research activity
- ❖ Statistician and data analyst services
- ❖ Database development for data collection
- ❖ Teleconference, meeting, knowledge translation and travel expenses
- ❖ Assistance with preparing a study or report for publication

Funding for equipment is not encouraged. However, consideration may be given if the equipment is absolutely necessary for an identified project.

## **Application**

**Applications must be received by April 1.**

Awards will be announced at the U.B.C. Family Practice Research Day in June.

The principal proponent(s) should submit a project proposal of not more than three (3) pages including:

- ❖ Title of study or project
- ❖ Research question, study goal and objectives
- ❖ Background and justification for the study
- ❖ How the proposed project meets the SHRF criteria
- ❖ Methods that will be used (design, sample, measurement, analysis, evaluation)
- ❖ Time-line for the project and completion strategy
- ❖ Budget (may be one additional page as an appendix)
- ❖ CV of principal proponent with previous experience in research if applicable (attach as an appendix) which includes a statement of proponent's previous experience in research, if any

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## **Communication and Dissemination of Findings**

Grant recipients are required to acknowledge the SHFP Research Grant and the Women's Health Research Institute (WHRI) in any communication or publication related to the project. Grant recipients are required to provide a written academic report and lay summary of their research at the completion of the project and to present their findings at the Department of Family Practice Research Day at UBC one year after the award is received. Other presentations are encouraged as appropriate such as education rounds of their peers, ie. Multidisciplinary Rounds at BC Women's Hospital, and/or Family Practice rounds at a teaching hospital.

## **Selection**

Applications are peer reviewed by a group of experienced researchers which includes family physicians and other expert advisors as needed. Evaluation criteria are:

- ❖ The research focus is relevant to women's health and to family practice primary care
- ❖ The plans and objectives of the research are clear and well justified
- ❖ The proposed activities can be achieved within the funding period of 12 months
- ❖ The budget is appropriate and justified

### **Submit Application and/or Contact:**

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**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: April 1, 2010**