

## GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD IN WOMEN'S HEALTH GRANT COMPETITION

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Question:** Will priority be given to graduate students in this competition, even though the eligibility criteria state that it is for both graduate students and postdocs?

- **Answer:** Graduate students and postdocs will be prioritized equally in the review process. The committee will factor in differences between applicants experience level when making funding decisions, but graduate students will not be given priority over postdocs.

**Question:** Would the students of WHRI members who are based out-of-province be eligible to apply for this grant competition?

- **Answer:** As laid out in the eligibility criteria, if those graduate students/post docs are, themselves, registered at a BC university, then they are eligible to apply.

**Question:** Can the funding be used for the next phase of an ongoing research project or does the funding need to be used for a stand-alone 1-year project?

- **Answer:** The funding can be used to fund a phase of an ongoing project, provided that the phase of the project that is being proposed for funding can be carried out (and the budget spent) within a 1-year period.

**Question:** Does the applicant have decision-making power on the way the funds are spent? Or does the supervisor/faculty member have the decision-making power (because they have signing authority)?

- **Answer:** The decision regarding the use of funds should be made jointly between the applicant and their supervisor (as they have signing authority). It is also expected that the use of funds would conform to what has been laid out in the detailed budget that must be submitted in the application.

**Question:** Are clinical trainees eligible to apply for this grant competition?

- **Answer:** Applicants to this grant competition should be focused on primarily on research activities, as opposed to clinical training. This particular competition is intended to support primarily research trainees and these trainees will be given priority in the competition.