Janeway Foundation’s 2017 Research Awards

The Janeway Research Advisory Committee is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for the Janeway Foundation’s 2017 Research Awards. These awards support research which has the potential to improve children’s health care in Newfoundland and Labrador. Clinical, epidemiologic, basic science and translational projects are eligible.

This year’s research grants will be awarded in two categories: independent investigators are eligible for awards up to $15,000, and trainees (including medical residents, graduate students, and undergraduate students of Memorial University) are eligible for awards up to $6,000. Please see the committee’s terms of reference for more information about the awards (Attached).

There will be no letter intent stage for the 2017 research and trainee competitions. The deadline for submission of full applications for these awards is:

**4:30 PM, Wednesday, June 28th 2017**

Applications must include either the independent investigator cover page or the trainee cover page (attached), depending on the category of award being applied for, and complete contact information for the applicant (phone, mail address, and email address). A signed cover page is not required for advocacy project applications, but complete contact information must be provided.

Applications from independent investigators must include a project proposal of no more than five pages (excluding references), a one page budget and justification, and a current CV from the principal applicant. The project proposal should include the following sections: A) Background and rationale; B) Research objectives; C) Experimental Design and Methods; D) Relevance to children’s health in Newfoundland and Labrador; E) Implications for future research; and F) Project timeline.

Applications from trainees must include a project proposal of no more than five pages (excluding references), a one page budget and justification, and a current CV from the trainee. The project proposal should include the following sections: A) Background and rationale; B) Research objectives; C) Experimental Design and Methods; D) Relevance to children’s health in Newfoundland and Labrador; E) Relevance to the applicant’s training; and F) Project timeline.

Each application should be submitted as a single PDF file, with the completed cover page scanned into the application. Files should be sent to Dr. Rana Aslanova, Research Manager for the Janeway Pediatric Research Unit, at Rana.Aslanova@med.mun.ca.

Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed for this year’s competitions.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Janeway Research Advisory Committee
Mandate of the Committee

The Janeway Research Advisory Committee (JRAC) is a volunteer committee with the responsibility to allocate research funds provided annually by the Janeway Children’s Hospital Foundation. The committee’s mandate is to encourage and promote pediatric health research in Newfoundland and Labrador and to make recommendations to the Janeway Foundation on how best to do this.

Eligibility for Awards

The committee requires that research proposals be related directly to pediatric health care in Newfoundland and Labrador, and may include epidemiological, clinical, genetic, and basic sciences research. The proposed research must take place within Newfoundland and Labrador: for projects involving human subjects, it is permissible to recruit subjects from out of province, as long as all other aspects of the research take place in province. Pediatric research, for the purposes of JRAC applications generally includes research pertaining to infants, children and youth up to their 18th birthday.

The committee will consider applications from independent researchers within the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador who have academic, institutional, or professional governing body support.

Trainee applicants must be enrolled in an academic program or residency program within the province.

The amount awarded for each research award will ordinarily be to a maximum of $15,000 for independent investigators and $6,000 for trainees.

Any principal investigator who has been awarded grants by the JRAC in two consecutive years will not be eligible for a third consecutive award. Such investigators may reapply in the fourth year without prejudice.

It should be possible to complete proposed projects with only the funds awarded by the JRAC. If additional funding will be required to complete a proposed project, this should be made clear in the application, the sources of additional funding to ensure completion should be noted in the application, and appropriate supporting documentation should be provided. The Janeway grant funds will not be released to the investigator until it is demonstrated that the total funding for the project is available. The researcher will be given one year from the date of the award of the Janeway grant to demonstrate availability of all required funds.

The following are not eligible expenses and should not be included in budgets that are submitted: (1) Any expenses related to attendance or presentation at scientific meetings, workshops and/or conferences, including but not limited to travel, accommodation, registration fees, and poster printing (2) Any publication fees (open access or otherwise).

Individuals listed as applicants are not eligible to receive a salary or stipend from the grant applied for, with the exception of graduate student applicants, who may use funds awarded as part of a graduate student stipend.
Application Process

The committee will only review completed applications, including having appropriate signatures and institutional approvals, received by the deadline. The requirements for the application will be described in the call for proposals.

Review Process

All eligible research grant applications will be reviewed by the full committee. Committee members with any perceived or actual conflicts of interests regarding an application are will be excused during discussion of that application. If the committee feels that specific content expertise is required to competently review a particular application, the assistance of an appropriate outside reviewer will be obtained.

Applications are evaluated based on the scientific merit of the proposal, the viability of the proposal, the strength of the research team, and its likely impact on children’s health in Newfoundland and Labrador. All applications are evaluated in competition with other research proposals submitted that year. Decisions are made to fund or not to fund each project; there will be no requests for revisions of applications. The committee does not employ a scientific officer, so that comments or feedback will not be returned to applicants based on their review. All decisions of the research advisory committee are final.

Release of Funds

Subsequent to approval for funding, researchers will be asked to complete and sign a Janeway Foundation Research Grant - Statement of Terms & Conditions, which will be sent to the successful researchers with their award announcement.

There must be approval from the host institution, and from the provincial Health Research Ethics Authority or from Animal Care Services when required, before the disbursement of funds is made. Researchers are advised to begin to get these approvals in advance so as not to unnecessarily slow the disbursement of awards.

Monies granted to researchers, but not accessed within one year from the notification date of success, will have these monies returned to the general pool of monies for subsequent distribution on a competitive basis, unless approval for an extension is given by the chair of the Committee.

Duration of Awards and Reporting

Research grants are for 18 months from the date of award. This can only be extended if approval is given by the chair of the Committee. Unless an extension has been approved, investigators whose projects are not completed 18 months from the date of the disbursement of funds can be required to return the remaining portion of the award back to the JRAC; such returned funds will be used in subsequent competitions.

Successful applicants, one year from the date of disbursement of funds, are responsible for providing an update of the research and a summary of the disposition of funds. Successful applicants are also required to give a final project report, outlining the accomplishments of the project and the use of funds. The accomplishments of the project may be identified in reports by the Janeway Foundation.

Support from the Janeway Foundation must be acknowledged in any publications or presentations of projects that receive grants from this competition.