

Pilot Research Project Funding

Background and Criteria

Background:

The Department of Family Medicine has set aside \$20,000 for the Year 2012/2013 to fund pilot/development research projects. These grants are intended to build research capacity in the DFM. The study should address areas of research related to primary health care. The projects should be designed to produce findings that can be used to support the development and submission of future research projects within 2 years, which will be externally funded.

The maximum funding allotted to a project will be \$5,000.

Criteria for accessing DFM pilot research project funding:

The project needs to focus on areas of research related to primary health care.

- The principal investigator of the proposed pilot project must be a DFM Faculty member. (*Note: Students, residents and fellows may not serve as the Principal Investigator for these research projects*)
- The project needs to have at least 2 DFM faculty members involved as core investigators.
- Projects must meet the usual requirements for approval by a Research Ethics Board (or equivalent organization) if applicable.
- The grant may serve as the total support for a project, or supplement an existing research effort, as long as a specific portion of the research is identified as being made possible by this grant, and provided that the investigator states specifically how the balance will be funded, providing evidence of its guaranteed availability.
- The grant must not duplicate funding for a research project.
- Examples of pilot/development studies could include: development and testing of a new survey instrument, a needs assessment, qualitative work to develop a survey instrument, a systematic review, or testing of an intervention.