

2020 SPOR Evidence Alliance Seed Grant Competition

At a Glance

The SPOR Evidence Alliance Seed Grant aims to encourage a culture of learning, innovation, and advancement of science in the areas of knowledge synthesis, guideline development, knowledge translation, and patient-oriented research by funding methods projects at the conceptual stage.

Only projects studying **methodological advancements of guideline development in a patient-oriented research setting will be considered**; guideline projects themselves are not eligible for inclusion. Successful projects must have a strong focus on patient-oriented research.

Applicants wishing to apply for the seed grant must be:

- a **doctoral student, post-doctoral fellow or an early career investigator** (*i.e., full-time, independent researcher for a period of 0 to 5 years*)¹ **at a Canadian institution**, and
- a **member of the Alliance** (*prospective applicants are required to complete member registration prior to applying*)

Funding for two seed grants valued at \$10,000 each is available for the 2020 competition.

Theme

Advancing the science of guideline development in a patient-oriented research setting.

For the purpose of this grant, guidelines are defined as a set of evidence-informed recommendations related to practice, public health, or policy for informing and assisting decision-makers (e.g. policy-makers, health care providers, or patients).²

Important Dates

- **Application Opens:** August 4, 2020 (12:00PM EDT)
- **Application Deadline:** October 4, 2020 (11:59PM EDT)
- **Anticipated Notice of Decision:** December 1, 2020
- **Anticipated Funding Start Date:** January 4, 2021

For all inquiries, please contact SPOR Evidence Alliance at SPOREA@smh.ca.

¹ Canadian Institutes of Health Research. (2020). Glossary of Funding-Related Terms. Canadian Institutes of Health Research. <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/34190.html#r14>

² World Health Organization. (2014). WHO handbook for guideline development, 2nd ed. World Health Organization. <https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/145714>