



Funding Streams & Opportunities

Focus on: Innovation | Quality | Research

Note: this list is not exhaustive and is subject to change with no notice. Refer to the websites listed below for the most up-to-date information. Funding can vary depending on the specific project, location and funding organization.

PHC Internal Opportunities: Point-of-Care Staff

Stream	Description
<u>Research Challenge</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): annual; announced in January; letter of interest due mid-February; application due in Spring • Amount: \$5,000 • Who: teams of point-of-care nursing & allied PHC staff • Focus: designed to support point-of-care staff who do not have research experience; compete with other team for funding; learn about research and conduct own clinical practice project; receive information, training and mentorship
<u>Knowledge Translation Challenge</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): annual; announced in Fall; letter of interest due mid-October; application due in Spring • Amount: \$5,000 • Who: teams of PHC, VCH, BC Cancer clinicians; inter-professional • Focus: designed to support teams of PHC, VCH and BC Cancer clinicians who may not have much KT expertise but are responsible for moving evidence into practice; receive mentorship and training; design own KT project
<u>Quality Improvement Challenge</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): annual; announced in Fall; expression/application due in Spring • Amount: no funds awarded, costs funded by Department/Program • Who: PHC staff and care providers • Focus: designed to support teams to gain introductory knowledge and practical skills in QI theory, methods and tools; receive training and mentorship with purpose to apply learnings to own QI project

PHC Internal Opportunities: Medical Staff

Stream	Description
VCH/PHC Physician Quality Improvement (PQI) Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): Level 1 (introductory) is IHI Open School & Video at own pace; Level 2 (intermediate) is two half-days, multiple times a year; Level 3 (advanced) is 10-month cohort training from Aug-May for which applications open in Winter • Amount: sessional funding • Who: VCH/PHC medical staff • Focus: partnership between VCH, PHC and Specialist Services Committee (SSC); opportunity for in-depth learning about QI theory and tools as well as to conduct own QI project; mentorship provided for Level 3; opportunity for PQI alumni to apply for project funding
VCH/PHC Spreading Quality Improvement (SQI) Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): annual submission process in Fall • Amount: sessional funding • Who: VCH/PHC medical staff • Focus: spread successful QI projects for the purpose of accelerating impact and transformation for our healthcare system within the Quadruple Aim framework
Department of Medicine Innovation Platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): annual submission process in Fall • Amount: not specified • Who: PHC medical staff within the Department of Medicine • Focus: provides mentorship, project management and financial support to 1-3 projects each round

Note: for any Quality-related funding streams and opportunities, connect with PHC's Quality Improvement teams to discuss how to partner and access data – [Liz Flores](#) (Director, Quality Improvement, Patient Safety & Accreditation) or [Beena Parappilly](#) (Senior Manager, Quality Improvement & Accreditation)

St. Paul's Foundation

Stream	Descriptions
St. Paul's Foundation Enhanced Patient Care Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): annual online submission form every Spring; deadline May 31st • Amount: up to \$3,000 for Individual grants; up to \$40,000 for Broad Impact Grant • Who: PHC staff and medical staff • Focus: initiatives, programs, items and equipment that will directly enhance patient and resident care; need to prioritize grants within each program/ department

External Opportunities: Staff and Medical Staff

Stream	Description
Ministry of Health Innovation Pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): intake dates of April 15 and July 15, 2023 now closed; awarded money to be spent by March 31, 2024 • Amount: \$50,000 (total of \$750,000 for all projects per fiscal year) • Who: staff and medical staff • Focus: supports innovative projects that can be spread and scaled across BC
Healthcare Excellence Canada – Health Workforce Innovation Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): Registration opens June 27, 2023; applications accepted through April 30, 2024 • Amount: up to \$112,000 per team (total of \$750,000 available) • Who: teams can include multiple sites, supportive partners and consultants from the private sector; Lead Site must be from public sector • Focus: Outcomes-based challenge to promote staff retention and support current health workforce
Canadian Institutes of Health Research – Strengthening the Health Workforce for System Transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): Program launch June 14, 2023; registration deadline October 5 and application deadline November 9, 2023; anticipated notice of decision May 2 and funding start date June 1, 2024 • Amount: total funds from CIHR and partners is \$10,875,000 • Who: teams comprised of a nominated principal applicant, independent researcher, health system decision-maker, health work, early career researcher, EDI champion • Focus: support research that strengthens the health workforce; two grants (1) Implementation Science Teams (ISTs) and (2) Evidence Support and Knowledge Mobilization (ESKM) Hub
Canada Foundation for Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): Innovation Fund competitions are held at regular intervals of 24 to 30 months; 2023 competition is currently in progress • Amount: total project cost must be greater than \$1M • Who: PHC qualifies as an eligible institution • Focus: enable internationally competitive research or technology development; enhance and optimize the capacity of institutions and research communities to conduct the proposed research or technology development program(s) over the useful life of the infrastructure; lead to social, health, environmental and/or economic benefits for Canadians
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Idea to Innovation (I2I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): Quarterly • Amount: four distinct funding options, characterized by the maturity of the technology or the involvement of an early stage investment entity or industrial partner • Who: university/college faculty who hold (or have a firm offer of) a faculty appointment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus: accelerate the pre-competitive development of promising technology originating from the university/college sector; promote its transfer to a new or established Canadian company
UBC Health Innovation Funding Investment (HIFI) Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): 2023 call for proposals closed; next call opens February 2024 • Amount: \$10,000 - \$25,000 • Who: led by UBC faculty member/trainee/staff and include faculty/trainees from at least two different UBC faculties • Focus: catalyze interdisciplinary and cross-faculty collaborations to develop new teams, pursue new ideas or translate findings from innovative health-related research
Innovate BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the site to review a list of programs to address the biggest pain points of BC businesses

External Opportunities: Medical Staff-Specific

Stream	Description
Shared Care Partners in Care (PiC) and Transitions in Care (TiC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): ongoing, reviewed monthly • Amount: not specified • Who: Family Physicians and Specialists • Focus: co-led projects to improve the coordination of care for patients among providers (PiC) and between care settings (TiC); improvements at community level with strong potential for spread regionally or provincially
Shared Care Spread Networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): ongoing, reviewed monthly • Amount: not specified • Who: Family Physicians and Specialists • Focus: Adult Mental Health and Substance Use, Chronic Pain, Coordinating Complex Care for Older Adults (including Palliative Care), Maternity
Specialist Services Committee (SSC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): ongoing, reviewed monthly • Amount: not specified • Who: Family Physicians and Specialists • Focus: Adult Mental Health and Substance Use, Chronic Pain, Coordinating Complex Care for Older Adults (including Palliative Care), Maternity
Physician Leadership Training (SSC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): ongoing • Amount: maximum funding of up to \$10,000 per physician per fiscal year to cover tuition fees, accommodation and travel costs • Who: Family Physicians and Specialists • Focus: leadership and/or QI training through accredited training organizations

<p>UBC Sauder Physician Leadership Program (SSC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): two cohorts annually • Amount: tuition funded; time/compensation for attendance not funded • Who: Specialists • Focus: 6-month long program; development of leadership skills, apply training by leading a project or change initiative
<p>Facility Engagement (SSC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With a new PASS strategic plan (2023/24) being finalized, work is underway to determine a new process to reactivate physician-led projects, aligned with strategic priorities. A call for expressions of interest and funding amounts will be announced once the new process is complete.
<p>Enhancing Access Initiative (SSC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): ongoing, expression of interest form to complete • Amount: if a specialist(s) demonstrates successful implementation of their improvement initiative, then they may be eligible to receive one-time funding to support additional changes to their program • Who: specialists • Focus: designed to support interested specialists to engage with their colleagues and external partners, assess their practice and referral process, and implement strategies to improve patient access to consult and care
<p>Perioperative Clinical Action Network (PCAN) (SSC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): ongoing, registration form to complete • Amount: not specified; PCAN members can secure innovation funding • Who: perioperative surgical team members • Focus: to enable PCAN members to explore, share and develop strategies and ideas to support provincial surgical priorities; to facilitate the spread of QI and innovation ideas to improve surgical care in BC; to leverage network data to guide QI opportunities provincially
<p>Health System Redesign (SSC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): ongoing • Amount: intended to cover physician participation beyond hospital administrative duties for which physicians are already responsible and compensated; sessional rate; refer to site for funding criteria • Who: physicians • Focus: to facilitate physician engagement and collaboration in the redesign and/or QI of health services provided by the health authorities
<p>Health Quality BC Clinician Fellowship in Health Care Quality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): June 2023 intake; fellowship starts in September • Amount: physician fellows compensated at sessional rate for 2 sessions/week and other clinicians funded at an hourly rate for up to 7.5 hrs/week (equivalent of 1 day/week); expenses such as conference attendance, travel related to fellowship activities and professional development activities are funded • Who: physicians and nurse practitioners (early-career) • Focus: fellows bring forward an improvement project related to one of the HQBC priority areas and will take part in activities to advance their project aims; receive mentorship; embedded in the HQBC team for a full year

Royal College/Associated Medical Services CanMEDS Research Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): annual Spring intake; grants are up to a maximum of 24 months in duration • Amount: up to \$25,000 • Who: physicians • Focus: projects that leverage the 2015 CanMEDS framework to advance the fields of residency education, continuing professional development and other health system-related areas of focus in Canada
Royal College Medical Education Research Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): annual Spring intake; grants are up to a maximum of 24 months in duration • Amount: \$5,000 - \$50,000 • Who: physicians • Focus: research that will advance the field of postgraduate medical education or continuing professional development
Small Steps, Big Idea (Vancouver Physician Staff Association – funding from SSC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): bimonthly • Amount: \$1,000 - \$5,000; 12 months • Who: physicians who are members of VPSA • Focus: develop concepts that engage physicians and their colleagues, improve patient care, develop better communication, and/or build relationships across specialties, departments, health authority leadership, and community members; current priority areas are wellness, engagement, patient and provider experience of care, Indigenous health, planetary health and EDI

External Research Grants

Stream	Description
Michael Smith Health Research BC: Health Professional-Investigator (HP-I) Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): paused for 2023; expected to return for 2024 competition cycle • Amount: up to \$90,000/yr for salary support; 5 years • Who: staff and medical staff • Focus: individual-based; supports health professionals to develop and advance research with the goal of bringing research evidence into practice within the health system; must be in a clinical position and ability to commit to 20+ hours/week research activities by award start date
Michael Smith Health Research BC: Scholar Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): annual; letter of intent and application in the Winter • Amount: up to \$90,000/yr for salary support; 5 years • Who: early-career health researchers who hold a PhD, commit a minimum of 75% of their time conducting research and are within 6 years of the start of their first university appointment • Focus: helps researchers start and develop new programs of research

Michael Smith Health Research BC: Convening & Collaborating (C²) Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): annual; application in Spring • Amount: \$15,000; 18 months • Who: novice researchers • Focus: supports researchers, trainees and research users in co-developing research that can have a direct impact on people, including patients, health practitioners and policy makers
Michael Smith Health Research BC: Reach Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): annual; application in Spring • Amount: up to \$15,000; 18 months • Who: researchers who need support to disseminate their research through projects like a social media initiative, patient forum or a learning curriculum • Focus: supports researchers and research users in disseminating research evidence through co-developing events, activities and/or tools to “extend the reach” of their work
Michael Smith Health Research BC: Co-Fund Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the site to see a list of organizations seeking opportunities to co-fund researchers in Health Research BC’s competitions – e.g. Alzheimer Society of BC, BC Children’s Hospital Research Institute, BC Nurses’ Union, BC Schizophrenia Society Foundation, Canadian Celiac Association British Columbia, Canadians for Leading Edge Alzheimer Research, Centre for Heart Lung Innovation, CHÉOS, Cystic Fibrosis Canada, ICORD, Lotte & John Hecht Memorial Foundation, Mental Health Research Canada, Parkinson Society of British Columbia, Praxis, Tai Hung Fai Charitable Foundation and Edwin S.H. Leong Healthy Aging Program, Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute, VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation
Vancouver Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the site to review a list of grants that focus on the community working in collaboration with practice partners such as PHC clinicians
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the site to review a list of grants; mainly Doctoral Research, non-government agency research
Lung Health Research Grants (BC Lung Foundation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): 2023 competition closed in May; annual • Amount: up to \$30,000 over 1yr or up to \$60,000 over 2yrs • Who: PI must hold a faculty appointment at a Canadian university • Focus: supports pulmonary research or development projects
Bluma Tischler Postdoctoral Fellowship (UBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s): 2023 competition closed in March; annual • Amount: \$25,000 for 1yr • Who: must hold a postdoctoral appointment at a Canadian university • Focus: supports pulmonary research or development projects
National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site says to call 1-877-994-4727 to learn more about NRC IRAP

<u>Assistance</u> <u>Program (NRC</u> <u>IRAP)</u>	
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Stream	Description
<u>BCNU</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the site to review available bursaries and funds
<u>HSA</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the site to review available bursaries and funds
<u>HEU</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the site to review available bursaries and funds