

Public Health Interest Groups Call for proposals for Grants

Deadline to apply June 30, 2010

Background

Health is determined by a myriad of factors, from the type of food we eat, the sort of neighbourhood we live in, the physical environment and the amount of money in our bank account. Canada is experiencing a revolution in public health, due to events like SARS, Walkerton and the growing pandemic of chronic diseases like diabetes and obesity.

The Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) works to connect the 17 medical schools, and has established a Public Health Task Group. We know that many medical students are interested in the broad area of population health, public health and the social determinants of health and we want to support you!

The Task Group has funding from the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) to support student-run Public Health Interest Groups – one at each medical faculty campus.

Objectives

- Create activities to raise awareness of public / population health concepts, issues and careers amongst students;
- Promote inter-professional participation and collaboration in the interest group;
- Create a sustainable interest group which mentors new students to take on group leadership.

Who is eligible and what is available?

Funding is available to establish Public Health Interest Groups, one per faculty of medicine campus (can include different locations within the same school), to a maximum of \$500 each for the 2010/11 school year.

We will also support groups by connecting you to public health educators and Community Medicine residents, and by supporting a network of medical students across Canada interested in this area. For information on starting a new interest group and lessons learned, go to: <http://www.afmc.ca/social-public-health-e.php>

How do I apply?

A minimum of two students are required to submit the application for funding for each proposed Public Health Interest Group. **Each application should contain the information requested below.**

Send completed applications by email to mshahin@afmc.ca by June 30, 2010.

Faculty of Medicine and if applicable, the campus location:

Applicants information:

Year of study

Contact information for each applicant:

E-mail address

Telephone number

Interest group information:

Name of student interest group:

Mailing address:

Description of potential activities:

Detailed budget for the potential activities:

If renewing, please indicate previous year's surplus.

Describe how you will promote the proposed student interest group:

Describe how you will attract other health profession students to your group:

Sustainability plans / ideas to carry group to future years:

List other sources of funding:

How will the applications be reviewed?

Applications will be reviewed by AFMC to determine the degree to which the applicants are committed to establishing and sustaining the Public Health Interest Group. The number of potential members and the description of the activities planned will also be taken into consideration.

When are applications due?

Applications can be submitted anytime until June 30, 2010.

What else should I know?

Updates

For approved applications, the co-chairs are required to confirm with AFMC that funding has been received and deposited and to connect once a month to provide a brief update on activities and any challenges that have arise.

Annual teleconferences

Co-chairs and/or other designated representatives are required to attend two annual one-hour teleconferences in September and January (exact date and time to be decided amongst group).

Reports

For approved applications, a brief interim update of the group's activities will be required in February 2011 and a final report in June 2011. Reporting forms will be provided.

Acknowledgement of Funding Source

The funding that AFMC is providing to you has been provided to us by the Public Health Agency of Canada. We request that you put a statement of acknowledgement for the funds on any printed or electronic material you produce for/through your activities.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Shahin, Project Associate, AFMC.

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