Heart Centre Innovation Fund - Overview

Purpose of Funding
Please provide a description of your funding request and its goal. You must also include the projected outcomes of your proposal, timelines and outline metrics for success. **Note: ALL sections have a specified maximum character count. You may only add extra pages as instructed for your figures, tables and references.**

Budget
You must also include a detailed budget and justification with this proposal. The total budget requested can't exceed $25,000.

Funding threshold
Each application will be evaluated based on the criteria below and given a score out of 5. Applications that score below the threshold of 3.7 will not be funded.

Evaluation Criteria
1. **Innovation:** Proposed work represents novel, unique, high risk concepts and creative thinking.
2. **Potential for future development / dissemination:** Proposed research represents work that will lead to future expansion. For research, is this an important proof of concept or pilot work that will lead to new research directions or larger funding applications or development of new research teams? For clinical, is this a program that might be applied in other settings and other centres and achieve wider dissemination? For education, is this a program that can be disseminated or expanded?
3. **Measures of impact:** This is perhaps the most important criteria. How will the work impact its intended target or field of inquiry? Measures must be clearly delineated and specific to the proposed work.
4. **Quality of the proposal:** Is the proposal well-organized and written? Are the purposes or aims of the work clearly specified? Is the work to be performed clearly described? Is there a rigorous and relevant evaluation of outcomes? If research, is the work scientifically sound?
5. **Feasibility:** Can the work proposed be successfully performed given the expertise and resources available and requested?
6. **Applicants:** Do the applicants have sufficient expertise, experience and motivation to perform and report the work?
7. **Budget**: Is the budget sufficient to perform the work proposed successfully? Is the budget reasonable and well justified?

**Submission process:
Electronic applications can be emailed to Christine Kerr by end of day on the deadline date: christine.kerr@sickkids.ca

Labatt Family Heart Centre Innovation Fund
Application Form

Main Applicant Name:		Main Applicant's PI (If Applicable):	
Extension:		Department/Area:	
Email Address:		Date:	
Position:			

Please Answer the Following:

a) **Is your request:**

A new application

A proposal for continued funding (attach a 1 page progress report)

A resubmission of a previous application (attach a 1/2 page summary that addresses the reviewer's comments)

b) **Please indicate Participant Type (Main Applicant):**

Early career investigator (5 years since appointment)

Mid-Career Investigator (5-15 years since appointment)

Senior Career Investigator (15 years since appointment)

Trainee (Fellow, Graduate Student)

Allied Health Professional

Nursing

Clinical Research Staff (E.g. – project assistant/coordinator/manager)

Other (Please indicate)

1. **Title:**

2. **Investigators** (list all and their affiliation, max 1000 characters with spaces):

3. Please identify any operating grant support that is <u>existing</u> or <u>under review</u> that will form part of the proposed research project. Please identify both internal and external grants. Please identify your role (E.g. - PI, Co-PI, Co-I) on the grants listed below for which you have planned or already have funding, and the percentage of overlap.

Funding Agency	Amount of Funding Requested/ Awarded	% of overlap	Role on Project	Term of Funding	Under Review or Awarded

4. Lay Summary: (max 1700 characters with spaces):

- *Summarize the proposed research using non-technical language. Ensure the description can be understood by a multidisciplinary review panel.*

5. Address each of the following:

I. Innovation (max 1700 characters with spaces):

II.   **Potential for future development/dissemination** (max 1700 characters with spaces):

III.   **Measure of Impact** (max 1700 characters with spaces):

6. **<u>Investigator experience</u>**: (max 1500 characters with spaces):

7. **<u>Future Directions</u>** (max 1700 characters with spaces):

8. Budget and budget justification:

INSTRUCTIONS:

- *Complete the table below with the costs for each item.*
- *Eligible costs: salaries (research coordinator, etc.), equipment, supplies, etc.*

**(Note: if you are requesting graduate student stipend, it must be enough to cover the portion of stipend you require in your budget throughout the duration of the project and cannot be a cost that will need to be re-requested in the second year of the program/project)

- *Ineligible costs: travel, costs for publication, fellow salaries*

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	

9. **Budget Justification** (3500 characters with spaces):

   INSTRUCTIONS:

   - *Provide a clear and concise explanation (1-2 sentences) of each requested item.*

   - **If you are requesting funding for salary support, the person's name, title, responsibilities, contract end date, and current FTE should be included. If this is a newly hired position, funding will not be released until the above information is provided.*

10. <u>Background and Significance of the Study</u>: (max 4500 characters with spaces):

INSTRUCTIONS:
- *Use the statement of the problem to show that your proposed project is definitely needed and should be funded.*
- *It is essential to include a well-documented statement of the need/problem that is the basis for your project. What are the pressing problems that you want to address?*
- *Is there a special reason why you are uniquely suited to conduct the project? (Geographic location, language expertise, prior involvements in this area, close relationship to the project participants, etc.)*
- *It can really help gain funding support for your project if you have already taken some small steps to begin your project.*

11. <u>**Methods**</u> (max 4000 characters 1st page, 4000 characters 2nd page, with spaces):

INSTRUCTIONS:
- *Try to address each of the following questions in this section: Who are the participants in the study? How will the data be collected? What are the procedures that will be followed? How will the project/data be evaluated? How will the data be used?*
- *There should be a very clear link between the methods you describe in this section and the objectives you have previously defined. Be explicit in your writing and state exactly how the methods you have chosen will fulfill your project's objectives and help deal with the needs/problems on which your proposal is focused.*
- *Do not forget to include the collaborative relationships your project will be developing with other cooperating groups. A good way to show collaboration is in the methods that you will be using. How will the methods for your project encourage groups to join together in dealing with the issues/concerns your project addresses?*
- *Your Methods section should clearly indicate how the methods that will be used will allow the outcomes of your project to have value for others beyond your project.*

12. ATTACHMENTS

Please attach a separate PDF – no more than 2 pages that include pertinent figures and tables.
Reminder: reviewers are under no obligation to read the attached materials.

13. REFERENCES:
Please attach your references as a separate PDF