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THE SANDRA SCHMIRLER FOUNDATION
ADVANCING NEONATAL CRITICAL CARE
GRANT PROGRAM

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Program Overview

The Sandra Schmirler Foundation

Advancing Neonatal Critical Care Fellowship Grant

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Sandra Schmirler Foundation Advancing Neonatal Critical Care Fellowship Grant has been established to:

- Promote research in the area of neonatal cardiorespiratory medicine
- Support the professional growth of Neonatology Fellows
- Contribute to improvements in the medical care of hospitalized newborns

DESCRIPTION

The Sandra Schmirler Foundation Advancing Neonatal Critical Care Fellowship Grant is designed to support research activities by Fellows in accredited Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine training programs in Canada. The Grant Program offers Fellows the opportunity to submit research proposals, stating a specific question to be answered, methods to be used, and type of analysis to be performed. The research question must relate to the cardiorespiratory care of newborns, although the research itself may be either laboratory or clinically based.

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DESCRIPTION (cont'd)

For 2012, up to three (3) Grants of \$10,000 will be awarded to Fellows to fund the implementation of qualifying research. An independent academic program committee will review the submitted proposals and select Grant recipients based on the evaluation criteria described herein. Emphasis will be placed on the quality of the research design and the potential benefit of their research to newborn cardiorespiratory medicine.

The 2012 Sandra Schmirler Foundation Advancing Neonatal Critical Care Fellowship Grant Program is funded by an educational grant from Ikaria Canada Inc. The grant will be managed by the Sandra Schmirler Foundation, a registered charity, located in Cumberland, Ontario.

TIME & EVENTS

Please note that the deadline for receipt of Grant applications is March 1, 2012. The Grant Program review committee will evaluate all applications and will select up to 3 proposals for funding. Grant recipients will be notified in June 2012, and the \$10,000 disbursements will be awarded in July 2012.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Sandra Schmirler Foundation Advancing Neonatal Critical Care Fellowship Grant Program is open to all Fellows in accredited Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine training programs in Canada. The requirements are as follows:

- The research must be of a neonatal cardiorespiratory nature.
- The proposal should be for new research; the Grant may not be used as additional funding for an ongoing project. This does not mean that the proposal may not relate in some way to work funded by other sources, but the specific research question examined should be answerable within the schedule and budget of this program. This Grant may not be used to support indirect costs or overhead.
- Research proposals must be approved by the institution's Office of Sponsoring Programs; proposals involving human or animal subjects also must include documentation of approval by the appropriate Institutional Review Board, and those using experimental drugs or treatments must demonstrate Health Canada approval.

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (cont'd)

- The research must be completed during the applicant's tenure as a Fellow. A brief progress report must be submitted within 1 year. The research must be completed within 18 months of receipt of the Grant and a final progress report will be required at that time.
- Personnel may not receive salary support.
- The Grant is not to support overhead or indirect costs for your research.
- Travel should be limited to \$1,500 of your total Grant budget.
- Only 1 application per Fellow is allowed. More than 1 Fellow from an institution may apply, but no more than 2 grants per training program will be awarded.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Conceptual Clarity: Is the research question to be answered stated clearly?

Applicability: Will the research contribute to the cardiorespiratory care of newborns?

Feasibility: Can the research be performed with the resources available to the applicant?

Timeline: Can the research be completed within an 18-month time frame?

Likelihood of Publication: Is the result of the research likely to be publishable as an abstract or article?

HOW TO APPLY

Fellows who are interested in applying should complete an application according to the instructions provided. All questions in the application must be answered completely. The deadline for receipt of the application is **March 1, 2012**. Additional applications are available at www.ikaria.ca and www.sandraschmirler.org.

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