

Seniors' Health Knowledge Synthesis Competition Description

The Scientific Office of Provincial Seniors Health and Continuing Care, Alberta Health Services, is providing funds for a **Knowledge Synthesis Competition** to enable the synthesis of research evidence available to inform research and health system decision-making. The aim of this competition will be to produce valid and trustworthy knowledge syntheses in content areas of importance to Provincial Seniors Health and Continuing Care and aligned with its priority areas.

Up to two (2) awards will be available, up to a maximum budget of \$15,000/synthesis. Eligible Principal Applicants must hold an academic appointment at an academic institution in Alberta. The research team should comprise sufficient expertise necessary to conduct a high-quality synthesis (researchers, clinicians, librarian sciences, etc.). Content expertise related to seniors' health is mandatory, demonstrated past experience conducting knowledge synthesis activities is strongly encouraged (junior faculty should consider the mentorship supports required for success). **The proposed synthesis must address one of the unanswered questions identified through the James Lind Alliance Seniors' Health Priority Setting Partnership project** (please see <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/about/scn/ahs-scn-srs-ppsp-infographic.pdf>).

Funds must be expended within one year from the time they are made available and projects should be completed to be ready for dissemination within the year. The grant is non-renewable. The time frame and associated expenses must be clearly justified in the application. Eligible expenses may include stipend support for trainees or salary support for research staff and research operating expenses including general office supplies and software. Other expenses will be considered, but must be justified. Ineligible expenses include travel to conferences/meetings/presentations, computer/major equipment purchases, and university overhead costs. All presentations and publications generated from the funds awarded through this competition must include a statement acknowledging the support of Alberta Health Services and Provincial Seniors Health and Continuing Care.

Applications are to be submitted electronically as a single pdf package to Dr. Heather Hanson, Assistant Scientific Director, Provincial Seniors Health and Continuing Care (Heather.Hanson@ahs.ca), who will coordinate the competition. **The deadline for submissions is 4pm on Friday, July 30, 2021.**

Applications will be reviewed by a panel. The **assessment criteria** will include:

1. Expertise of the Investigative Team
2. Quality of the Proposed Methods
3. Potential Impact for Seniors' Health and/or Healthcare
4. Pragmatic Dissemination Plan

Notification of the award will be sent to applicants, with the offer of award to include the terms and conditions of the award and the reporting requirements.

Any questions regarding this competition should be directed to Dr. Heather Hanson, Assistant Scientific Director, Provincial Seniors Health and Continuing Care (Heather.Hanson@ahs.ca).

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