



Interprofessional Grants

INTRODUCTION:

The Canada-US ACFF Chapter is pleased to offer a number of grants to help fund interprofessional projects as part of the Alliance for a Cavity Free Future with support from Colgate-Palmolive. The Canada-US ACFF Chapter is offering funding up to a maximum of \$50,000 to fund projects which fit the criteria described in this document on the terms and conditions set out below.

THE ISSUE:

- Early childhood caries (ECC) account for about one-third of all day surgeries performed on Canadian children between the ages of 1 and 5, according to a report by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI).ⁱ
- Canadian children miss an estimated 2.26 million school days each year due to dental related illness.ⁱⁱ
- Each year, half of all children in the United States enter kindergarten with tooth decay.ⁱⁱⁱ
- In the United States tooth decay in primary teeth among children aged 2-8 was about twice as high for Hispanic and non-Hispanic black children compared with non-Hispanic white children.^{iv}

OUR MISSION:

To support interprofessional projects that will have positive impacts on dental caries experience for children 0-6 years of age.

GRANT:

The committee only grants a total of \$50,000 across all projects. Therefore, there is a limit to the number of recipients who are awarded funding for the projects. Grants applications that do not receive funding may reapply in the following year.

HOW TO APPLY:

In order to apply for funding, applicants must complete the attached application form and submit to the Co-Chairs at the following addresses: For the United States - Dr. Margherita Fontana (mfontan@umich.edu), and for Canada - Dr. Alyssa Hayes (alyssa.hayes@usask.ca) before the closing date set out below. Although the award is sponsored by Colgate, the applicants are not required to purchase any Colgate-Palmolive products to submit a grant application.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

In order to be chosen as a recipient of the funding, applicants must be:

- Part of a project team that is interprofessional, with a dentist/hygienist/dental therapist as one of the team members
- Currently enrolled/working in a university and/or employed/involved in community/public health

Applicants may submit applications individually or in a group.

Projects must focus on:

- Improving attitudes, knowledge and practice related to the prevention of dental caries (decay) for children 0-6 or pregnant women including (but not limited to) children 0-6 or pregnant women within identified vulnerable populations. Examples include:
 - Communities (or population groups) with high caries needs (needs to be justified; for example as identified by the Centers for Disease Prevention, Oral Health Section and in Canada First Nations, Inuit and Métis people)
 - Those living in regional and/or remote areas with limited access to dental care
 - Those who are socially disadvantaged or on low incomes or from racial/ethnic minority groups
 - Those with additional or specialised health care needs

Project Outcomes must be:

- Measurable and assessable against the objectives; and
- If projects are not completed by the end of the funding period, evidence of additional funding sources must be submitted to ensure the program's completion
- The project must be sustainable.

TIMEFRAMES:

Applications open on September 1st each year and will remain open for 30 days, closing October 1st. Applications received after October 1st will not be considered.

Applications will be judged individually on their merits based on the Assessment and Judging Criteria set out below.

Successful applicants will be notified by email by November 15th. All projects must commence by February 1st.

ASSESSMENT AND JUDGING CRITERIA:

The Committee will consist of the Co-Chairs, and 2 members from the Chapter's Advisory Board, also referred to as the Expert Panel. The Committee members will be selected by the Co-Chairs and will serve on the Award Committee for a term of one year. A representative from Colgate-Palmolive will also serve on the Committee.

The following criteria will be employed to assess project suitability:

- Originality and novelty of the proposal.
- Clear and appropriate aims and objectives are articulated and meet the eligibility criteria
- Potential importance to oral health and quality of life.
- The significance of the project is high
- Evidence of the applicants' abilities to conduct the proposed project
- Clear and appropriate methodology is set out
- Levels of evidence to support the approach are provided
- An effective method for evaluation of the project is explained
- Expected results of the project are outlined
- A comprehensive budget projection is made clear
- Budgetary emphasis should be on additional technical assistance, equipment, etc. related specifically to pursuing the project rather than providing significant salary support for principal investigators.
- A realistic timeline is in place
- Capacity for sustainability is demonstrated
- Project applicants have appropriate experience and qualifications
- Ethics Approval is required prior to the funding allocation

AWARDING OF GRANT:

Funding recipients will be chosen at the Committee's sole discretion based on how well the project meets the Eligibility Criteria and Assessment and Judging Criteria set out above. The Committee's decision is final and binding - no correspondence will be entered into.

The Committee accepts no responsibility for late, lost or misdirected entries or other communications. The Committee reserves the right to request verification of any information relevant to awarding of the grant, including the information set out in the application form. Verification is at the discretion of the Committee, whose decision is final. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify anyone who is involved in any way in manipulating, tampering or interfering with the conduct of this program.

At the end of the project it is expected the awardee will submit a final report outlining the objectives, methods, results and conclusion of the project (up to 5 pages in length).

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT:

Successful applicants will be required to enter into an agreement with Colgate before funding will be granted.

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Name of applicant(s):
Qualification(s) and Position:
Experience:
Name of Applicant's Organisation/Employer:
Address:
Email:
Phone:
Project title (maximum 12 words):
Abstract (maximum 100 words):
Total Budget required:
Total funds requested:
Project aims and objectives (maximum 100 words):
Project methodology(maximum 250 words):
Project timeline:
Expected results of project (maximum 200 words):
Method for evaluation (maximum 200 words):
Sustainability(maximum 100 words): Notes: How will this project contribute to the ongoing improvement of oral health over time? Can this project be built on or expanded over time? Are you bringing any of your own/ your organizations support to the project? For example; staff support such as administrative support, provision of a dental assistant, consumables, or printing services. Outline any extra support you are bringing to the project.
Significance of project (maximum 100 words): Notes: Is the project aligned with the goals of ACFF Canada-US Chapter? –see website www.allianceforacavityfreefuture.org
Evidence (such as clinical research, photographs etc.) to support application (maximum 500 words)

Letters of support to demonstrate inter-professional collaboration may be attached separately:
Relevant references may be attached separately:

Please confirm that you are authorized by your organization to make this application

Please confirm that the information you have supplied is true and correct

Please confirm that you agree to be contacted if further information about your application is
required by the Committee

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References

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