

# **DEPARTMENT OF PAEDIATRICS AND CHILD HEALTH**

## **GUIDELINES FOR DEPARTMENT OF PAEDIATRICS AND CHILD HEALTH RESEARCH AWARDS**

### **General Rules:**

- The Department of Paediatrics and Child Health research awards are intended as start up or provide seed funding for departmental research projects.
- These awards are restricted to researchers whose primary affiliation is to the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health.
- Although all affiliated researchers may apply for this award, junior researchers will be prioritised. A junior researcher is defined as an MBChB qualified individual who falls within 5 years of their specialist or sub-specialist qualification by the submission deadline, OR, for other categories of health professionals, an individual without a PhD. Only if funds are still available after awarding grants to eligible junior researchers, will senior researchers be considered for funding.
- An applicant must be a member or registered student of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health.
- Awards will not be given to researchers who have received a Department of Paediatrics and Child Health research award in the prior 2 years.
- A maximum of R20 000 per project will be awarded.
- Awards may only be used for operational costs of the research and are not intended to cover travel costs for presentation of the research. Please note that while operational costs do not generally include the cost of a statistician and computer equipment, applicants may motivate for these costs to be covered if they are essential to the study. Furthermore, should funds be granted for purchase of equipment, the equipment will be the property of the department and will therefore need to be returned to the department at conclusion of the study.
- New MMed projects will not be given priority because they currently receive separate funding; however, a new MMed project may be eligible for funding if additional budget is necessary for the project.
- Applicants who are students must be registered for their degree within the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health.
- Awards are made twice a year.

- Successful applicants are required to provide a yearly progress report and budget. If the award is not used within 4 years, then the applicant will be required to repay the unused portion of the award back to the departmental research fund.
- Successful applicants are required to acknowledge the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health research award as a source of funding in any presentation or publication emanating from this research.
- Successful applicants are expected to present their research at the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health Research Days within 4 years of receiving the award

**Kindly also note the following:**

- Funding will not be given for costs of studies that have already been done.
- Proof of DRC (departmental research committee) approval and ethics approval from the Faculty of Health Sciences Human Research Ethics Committee is required when making an application.
- Funds for approved studies will only be released once proof of ethics approval from the FHS Human Research Ethics Committee has been received by the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health Research Office.

**Process:**

- Applicants submit to the Department of Paediatrics and Child health Research Office via email:
  1. 1-page synopsis and motivation
  2. detailed research proposal
  3. copy of DRC or ethics approval
  4. budget and budget justification including the details of additional funding indicating what has been requested or obtained
- The Department of Paediatrics and Child Health Research Committee will review applications and allocate awards.
- Applicants are informed of the outcome of their applications via a letter from the departmental Research Office.