

NOAMA GRANTS TIPS ON HOW TO PREPARE A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT PROPOSAL

Recommendations:

NOAMA AFP Innovation Fund and Clinical Innovation Opportunities Fund Project Review Committees

- Align project with the intent of the funding; i.e. bench research versus direct patient care.
- Ensure that there is an innovative component to the proposal. Projects that are replications of large scale studies in urban areas are generally not considered innovative.
- Include NOSM learners (resident on the team).
- Ensure the metrics are clearly defined and will measure achievement of objectives.
- Indicate how this project will benefit or impact the North. Is this an area of study which is often overlooked because it affects the North, or affects the North at higher rates?
- Partner/collaborate with others with similar interests.
- Use the support resources to assist – NOSM Research Support, research institute staff, successful applicants.
- Reapply if you are not successful!

Knowledge Translation

- Include the plan of how you will disseminate the knowledge gained from the project.
 - What are the different mechanisms by which you will tell others about your findings?
 - How will your findings feed back into other research questions?
- Indicate what the next steps are for the project.
 - Are you planning to take these results and apply for other funding?
 - Where do you see this project going in the next few years?
 - Can it be a part of something larger?
- Successful applicants are expected to share completed project results by participating in NOSM and other regional conferences.

Refer to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) website at <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/39033.html> for additional information about knowledge translation.

Research Ethics Board Approval

- Obtain early REB consult/advice in order to facilitate timely approval.
- Do not assume approval or underestimate potential delays.
 - NOAMA expects project start date to be within 6 months of funding approval date.
- Advance payment of project funds for preparing for the REB process will be considered.

Assistance

Contact the research institute affiliated with your hospital or NOSM's Research Unit at researchsupport@nosm.ca for assistance with preparation of your project proposal.