

## **2025 RIVERVIEW HEALTH CENTRE RESEARCH COMPETITION**

*As of February 28, 2025*

Riverview Health Centre is proud to sponsor an Annual Research Competition, in recognition of the important role research plays in enhancing the quality of life of residents and people we serve, and their care partners.

\$15,000 is available to investigators to support projects in the research areas of dementia, rehabilitation, palliative care and long-term care. Interdisciplinary projects are encouraged.

An additional \$5,000, provided by Riverview Health Centre Foundation, is available to postgraduate student and post-medical school resident/fellow research projects (for costs to run project; not for student bursary).

More than one project may be funded in this competition. All studies must include Riverview Health Centre, Winnipeg, MB, Canada, as a site for their research.

### GENERAL GUIDELINES

#### **Eligibility**

This competition is open to university/college-based researchers, Riverview Health Centre staff members, and individuals with an ongoing clinical presence at Riverview Health Centre. Investigators must include a Riverview Health Centre staff member as a member of the Research Team, if they are not themselves an RHC employee. Please note that graduate student and post-medical school resident/fellow research projects are eligible to apply – using the same application form – for the additional \$5,000 (courtesy of RHC Foundation) designated to support their research costs.

#### **Grant Specifications**

The Riverview Health Centre Research Grant is an operating grant designed to offset the normal direct costs of research, not including conference travel expenses or investigators' salaries, and limited publication/poster preparation costs. The Grant Submission Package includes the application form and guidelines for the competition. Click [HERE](#) to download the package, click the PDF below, or contact Loretta Foster, Executive Assistant, Research Services, Riverview Health Centre ([lfoster3@rhc.mb.ca](mailto:lfoster3@rhc.mb.ca) | 204-478-6249).

**The application deadline is Wednesday, April 30, 2025.**

Grant applications will be reviewed by a Research Review Committee, coordinated through Riverview Health Centre. The committee will include university/college-based Research Affiliates and appointed Riverview Health Centre staff members.

Assessment criteria include:

a) Scientific Merit (clarity of research questions/objectives; appropriateness of methods; generalizability and validity of research methodology utilized; experience and skills of the investigative team).

b) Potential Contribution (significance of the research for the Riverview Health Centre population; extent and appropriateness of the communication/dissemination plans).

The RHC Research Review Committee will make recommendations regarding the projects and amount of funding to the CEO, Riverview Health Centre. Unsuccessful applicants may request written feedback from the Research Review Committee regarding their proposal.

All proposals submitted for funding must have the written approval of an ethics committee of a Manitoba University, as well as Access Approval by the RHC Research Review Committee, prior to the release of funds. Investigators without an affiliation with the University of Manitoba should submit their proposal to the appropriate University of Manitoba REB, in accordance with WRHA policy. In addition, any major change in the study protocol or budget during the project must be approved before the grantee undertakes the change. Given the impending implementation of RITHM ethics procedures ([rithim.ca](http://rithim.ca)), these will also need to be met if in place at the time of application.

The research grant(s) will be administered through the Finance Department of Riverview Health Centre. Before funds are released, successful applicants will be required to sign a contract of acceptance indicating other sources of funding applied for or received.

Projects should not exceed 18 months in duration, although extensions to the funding will be considered if a written request is provided to the committee three months prior to the original project deadline. At the end of the grant period, the grantee must submit a copy of the project report to the Manager, Research, including an Executive Summary for distribution to the public and/or health care community.

All grant holders will acknowledge the assistance of Riverview Health Centre in all presentations and publications arising from the funded project and will provide a presentation on their findings at Riverview Health Centre within six months after the completion of the project. A copy of any publication(s) that result(s) from the research supported by this competition will be forwarded to the Manager of Research at Riverview Health Centre in a timely fashion.

If you have any questions please contact Prof Brian Lithgow, Chair, Research Committee ([blithgow@rhc.mb.ca](mailto:blithgow@rhc.mb.ca)).