Health Care Access for Linguistic Minorities (HCALM)

2020-2021 Call for Research Proposals

For more than a decade, Health Canada has been funding important and innovative research on linguistic issues in healthcare and social service provision, through HCALM (Health Care Access for Linguistic Minorities) Network – an interdisciplinary and interinstitutional community of researchers. This initiative constitutes the research capacity of the larger Dialogue McGill project (<https://www.mcgill.ca/dialoguemcgill>/). Projects must primarily address issues relevant to English-speaking minorities.

HCALM regularly posts calls for research proposals that address interrelationships between language and access to health care and related social services. Research themes include but are not limited to:

* Innovation addressing language and health/social services (e.g., digital solutions, artificial intelligence, economic modelling)
* Cultural and linguistic competency
* Health or social inequalities/inequities
* Health geography and spatial statistics
* Retention of health/social professionals (in urban, remote, and/or rural communities)
* Second-language instruction for healthcare/social service professionals
* Linguistic minorities in professional education and practice
* Second language (L2) capacity creation and development among health/social professionals

**Thematic priority area:** For the 2020-2021 funding competition, “**Reducing language barriers to enhance access to health and social services while optimizing outcomes”** has been identified as a thematic priority area. The topic is broadly construed, and eligible proposals may consider it from theoretical, digital, methodological, evidence-informed perspectives.

Proposals must focus on access to health care for linguistic minorities in Quebec. Proposals aiming to address either digital innovation or the economics of unaddressed language barriers in Quebec's health and related social services systems are encouraged. Collaborative projects with academic institutions outside Quebec and Canada are eligible, provided that the Principal Investigator is based at a Quebec university, and that the funds are managed and disbursed by a Quebec university.

For the 2020-2021 competition, HCALM invites proposals (max. $30,000) for projects **funded up to 18 months** (October 2020 – March 2022**)**. Please note that the funding period overlaps 2 fiscal years, and that no carry overs are permitted from one fiscal year to another. The fiscal year begins on April 1 and ends on March 31. Disbursement is contingent upon the availability of funds through a contribution agreement between Health Canada and McGill University.

Selection of research proposals will take place in early October. Funded applicants become members of the HCALM Network and will be referenced as such in all formal communications. Upon approval, successful applicants will receive a reporting package which specifies their team roles and responsibilities, payment schedule and reporting requirements based on Health Canada guidelines. A sub award agreement between McGill University and the researcher’s institution will follow.

**Application Details:**

* **Eligibility Criteria**

The principal applicant must be a researcher based in, or formally affiliated with, a Quebec institution such as a university or a research institute. Affiliation must be established prior to submitting the proposal. Successful applicants will be required to provide an ethics certificate issued by the university, health care/social services institution, or research institute.

* **Evaluation of Proposals**

The evaluation of proposals will be conducted by the HCALM interdisciplinary Advisory Committee. Proposals will be evaluated for consistency with the guidelines as specified in the application form below.

* **To Apply**

Please e-mail the complete application including a Curriculum Vitae for each Principal Investigator (existing agency CVs are welcome), and all other relevant supporting documents (e.g. confirmation of support from project partners) to yael.peled@mcgill.ca by **Friday October 2, 2020**. Results will be announced by **October 16, 2020**.

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| **HCALM (Health Care Access for Linguistic Minorities) 2020-2021 CALL FOR PROPOSALS****Project Proposal Application Form***Part A: Project Overview* |
| **A1: Project Title:** |
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| **A2: Principal Investigator(s)****Names and Credentials** |  |
| Institution/Department |   |
| Contact Details |  |
| Signature |  |
| **A3: Co-Investigator(s)****Names and Credentials** |  |
| Institution/Department |  |
| Contact Details |  |
| **A4: Associates and Partners****Names and Credentials** |  |
| Institution |  |
| Contact Details |  |
| **A5: Project Summary** (250 words max.):*Describe briefly the context for the project, main objectives, the research procedures, data analysis plan and potential contributions (where applicable)* |
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| **HCALM (Health Care Access for Linguistic Minorities) 2020-2021 CALL FOR PROPOSALS****Project Proposal Application Form***Part B: Project Proposal* |
| **B1: Project Description** (3-4 pages, single-spaced)*Provide detailed information on the following: background/research context, rationale, and overview proposed project, including research questions, participants, design, setting, procedures, ethics and expected contributions to research/teaching/practice.* |
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| **B2: Deliverables/Outputs***List deliverables you intend to produce such as publications, reports, toolkits, organized workshops, and other knowledge dissemination activities such as conference presentations.* |
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| **B3: Budget Summary***Please include a breakdown, per fiscal year, of projected costs for Personnel, Travel & Accommodations, Materials and Supplies, Equipment, Rent & Utilities, Performance, Evaluation & Dissemination and Other. If you plan to allocate part of the funds to a Co-Investigator please include the following; (a) name of the Co-Investigator; and (b) include a separate breakdown of projected costs, per fiscal year to be disbursed to the CO-I.* |
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| **B4: Conflict of Interest Disclosure***Please disclose any potential conflicts of interest in accordance with the definition by the Tri-Council Policy Statement (*[*https://ethics.gc.ca/eng/tcps2-eptc2\_2018\_chapter7-chapitre7.html*](https://ethics.gc.ca/eng/tcps2-eptc2_2018_chapter7-chapitre7.html)*). If there are no conflicts, please indicate “No potential conflict of interest to declare.”* |
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| **HCALM (Health Care Access for Linguistic Minorities) 2020-2021 CALL FOR PROPOSALS****Project Proposal Application Form***Part C: HCALM Contribution and Development* |
| **C1: Knowledge Transfer and Knowledge Mobilization Capacity** (150 words max.)*Describe how your project will help to develop partnerships with service delivery communities, create links to the minority communities to be served and contribute to knowledge transfer/knowledge mobilization capacity.* |
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| **C2: Community Implication and Further Research** (150 words max.)*Describe how your project can have an impact on linguistic minorities and/or social services/health care professionals. In addition, explain its significance for future research, theory and/or practice.*  |
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| **C3: HCALM Funding Record** (150 words max.) *List previous and current projects funded by HCALM, if applicable, as well as involvement in other HCALM activities (e.g., participation in the annual conference or supervision of students enrolled in the HCALM student program).* |
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