Health Care and Social Services Access for English-Speaking Quebecers

2021-2022 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 Training and Retention of Health Professionals Project (TRHP), also known as Dialogue McGill (<https://www.mcgill.ca/dialoguemcgill/>).

HCALM regularly posts calls for research proposals that address interrelationships between language and access to health care, as well as to health-related social services (e.g., psychology, social work, speech pathology, communication disorders, etc.). 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 and social inequalities/inequities
* Retention of health/social service 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 2021-2022 funding competition, “Enhancing health and social service access for language minorities: Integrating concepts of equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI)” has been identified as a thematic priority area. The topic is broadly defined, and eligible proposals may consider theoretical, digital, methodological, and evidence-informed perspectives. **Proposals need to focus primarily on issues related to access to health care/social services for English-speaking minorities in Quebec.**

Proposals aiming to address either digital innovation or the economics of unaddressed language barriers in Quebec's health and 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 2021-2022 competition, HCALM invites proposals (max. $20,000/year for 2 years) for projects (April 2021 – March 2023**)**. Please note that the funding period overlaps 2 fiscal years, and that under no circumstances is funding carryover 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. Please note that indirect costs are ineligible. Funding awarded to non-McGill institutions will include a subaward agreement with cost reimbursements issued every three months.

Selection of research proposals will be announced by early July. Funded applicants should acknowledge Dialogue McGill in all formal communications and publications. Upon approval, successful applicants receive a reporting package which specifies payment schedules and reporting requirements.

**Application Details:**

# Eligibility Criteria

The principal applicant must be an independent researcher formally affiliated with a Quebec institution such as a university or a research institute. Affiliation must be established prior to submitting the proposal.

# 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.

# 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 dialoguemcgill@mcgill.ca by **Tuesday June 15, 2021**.

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| **HCALM - Health Care and Social Service Access for English-Speaking Quebecers 2021-2022 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 |  |
| E-mail and address |  |
| Signature |  |
| **A3: Co-Investigator(s)****Names and Credentials** |  |
| Institution/Department |  |
| E-mail and address |  |
| **A4: Associates and Partners****Names and Credentials** |  |
| Institution |  |
| E-mail and address |  |

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| **A5: Project Summary** (250 words max.):*Briefly describe 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 and Social Service Access for English-Speaking Quebecers - 2021-2022 CALL FOR PROPOSALS****Project Proposal Application Form***Part B: Project Proposal* |
| **B1: Project Description** (2-4 pages, single-spaced)*Provide key information on background/ context, overview proposed project, and rationale including research questions, participants, study design, setting, procedures, ethics, and expected contributions.* |
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| **B2: Deliverables/Outputs***List deliverables to be produced 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 the project. If part of the funds are to be allocated to a Co-Investigator, please include; (a) name of the Co-Investigator; and (b) separate breakdown of projected costs, per fiscal year to be disbursed to the Co-I (please round to the nearest dollar amount for each cost).* ***Please note that indirect expenses are NOT eligible. Should the proposal be approved for HCALM funding, a reimbursement will be issued every 3 months via a subaward to reimburse costs for the project over the funding period.*** |
| **Budget Item** | **Year 1**April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022 | **Year 2**April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023 |
| Personnel Salaries & Benefits |  |  |
| Contractual Personnel |  |  |
| Travel and Accommodations |  |  |
| Materials and Supplies |  |  |
| Equipment |  |  |
| Rent and Utilities |  |  |
| Performance Measurement and Knowledge Translation |  |  |
| Other Costs: |  |  |
| Other (Specify):  |  |  |
| Other (Specify): |  |  |
| **Totals**  |  |  |
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| **B4: Budget Justification***Please justify the budget detailed above* *(e.g., graduate student stipend $xxx per year to complete tasks x, y, and z).* |
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| **B5: 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 none, please indicate “No**conflict of interest to declare.”* |
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| **HCALM - Health Care and Social Service Access for English-Speaking Quebecers 2021-2022 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 develop partnerships with service delivery communities, create links with 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 English-speaking 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 Language and Health student program).* |
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