

Opportunities available through the Institute of  
Health Sciences Education (IHSE): 2022-2023

# Awards and Grants for Education Research and Scholarship



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# Introduction

The Institute of Health Sciences Education (IHSE) promotes excellence across the continuum of health sciences education. More specifically, members of the IHSE conduct research and scholarly work in health sciences education, ensure that such research advances health sciences education and informs educational practice, support and foster interest in educational research and development, encourage innovation and excellence in teaching and learning, and offer educational programs and build capacity for future leaders in health sciences education.

The IHSE has a variety of opportunities available to support research and scholarship in health sciences education including a variety of funds available to support individuals, educational innovation and development, and conduct pilot research projects. We also have a growing portfolio of Recognition Awards as a means to recognize excellence in Health Sciences Education Research. This document provides an overview of funding support and Recognition Awards available to members of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences and members of the IHSE.

Meredith Young, PhD

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Young', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Associate Director, Research  
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*on behalf of the Working Group on Research and Scholarship at the IHSE*

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## Grants and programs overview

Award (Value)	Eligibility				Support					Benefits	
	Affiliation		Target Population		Salary support	Professional Development	Development or evaluation of an educational innovation	Research	Travel	Dedicated work space at the IHSE	Invited to IHSE Activities
	FoMHS*	IHSE Member	Faculty	Learner**							
The Institute of Health Sciences Education Innovation and Research Seed Fund – Research and Development (\$5,000 – \$10,000)		X	X				X	X			X
Class of 1977 – Med Ed Innovation Grants Program (\$5,000)		X	X				X	X			X
Jonathan Campbell Meakins & Family Memorial Fellowship (\$5,000)	X	X	X	X		X		X		Available upon request	
Class of Medicine 1970 Educational Award for Teaching Excellence and Innovation (\$5,000 – \$10,000)	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		Available upon request	X

\*Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

\*\*The definition of “learner” is variable and relates to the memoranda for understanding for each individual funding opportunity. For more information about whether you may or may not be eligible for a particular award, please email [ihse.med@mcgill.ca](mailto:ihse.med@mcgill.ca)

# Funding timeline overview

## IHSE AWARDS

	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
<b><i>The Institute of Health Sciences Education Innovation and Research Seed Fund</i></b>										
Call for applications released and deadline	█									
Review of submissions			█							
Announcement of approved projects/recipients				█						
<b><i>Class of 1977 - MedEd Innovation Grants Program</i></b>										
Call for applications released and deadline	█									
Review of submissions			█							
Announcement of approved projects/recipients				█						
<b><i>Jonathan Campbell Meakins &amp; Family Memorial Fellowship</i></b>										
Call for applications released and deadline			█							
Review of submissions					█					
Announcement of approved projects/recipients						█				
<b><i>Class of Medicine 1970 Educational Award for Teaching Excellence and Innovation</i></b>										
Call for applications released and deadline						█				
Review of submissions								█		
Announcement of approved projects/recipients									█	
<b><i>The Institute of Health Sciences Education Innovation and Research Seed Fund</i></b>										
Call for applications released and deadline						█				
Review of submissions								█		
Announcement of approved projects/recipients									█	

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## Awards at a glance

The following pages provide general information on the different funding opportunities available through the IHSE to support educational research, scholarship, and professional development. If one is of particular interest, please feel free to visit the linked websites to ensure the most accurate information or specific requirements for submission, or reach out by email at [ihse.med@mcgill.ca](mailto:ihse.med@mcgill.ca)

- The Institute of Health Sciences Education Innovation and Research Seed Fund (page 6)
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# The Institute of Health Sciences Education Innovation and Research Seed Fund

## Who can apply?

IHSE members

## How can you use the funds?

This seed fund is intended to fund the early stages of projects and is available in two categories: Innovation and Research Development.

## How does this award benefit you?

A \$5,000 to \$10,000 in research funding and access to all IHSE activities.

## What is this award?

This seed fund is intended to support the early stages of projects and is available in two categories: Innovation and Research Development.

Funds are not intended to provide support for travel, requests for academic or administrative salaries, equipment or furniture, or to pay the publication fees of open access journals.

This fund is open for applications twice per year.

## Program goals and application details:

Innovation Category: aimed at providing funds to implement novel ideas in health sciences education (HSE) and research, leading to the submission of a publication. The goal of this fund is to foster creative thinking and innovative educational and research ideas that will advance the field of health sciences education.

Research Development Category: aimed at providing funds to conduct pilot studies and prepare research grant proposals to funding agencies or foundations, leading to a grant submission. This fund is not intended to supplement on-going research.

## To apply please submit:

- (1) A two-page written description of the proposed project;
- (2) A proposed budget;
- (3) A lay summary;
- (4) References;
- (5) A copy of your CV.

## Expected Outputs:

A Progress Report is due after 1 year, and a Final Report is due within 3 months following the end of the 2-year funding period; present research to members of the IHSE, and pursue dissemination in a variety of venues.

## For more information, please contact

[ihse.med@mcgill.ca](mailto:ihse.med@mcgill.ca)

## Previous Awardees:

Aliki Thomas	Tim Dubé
Sara Mortaz Hejri	Laurie Plotnick
Joanne Alfieri	Carlos Gomez-
Sean McWatt	Garibello
Maryam Wagner	Geoffroy Noel
Ilana Bank	Peter Nugus
Lily Nguyen	Valerie Dory
Meredith Young	

Application Deadline: OCTOBER 31  
Application Deadline: APRIL 24

Awardee Announcement: DECEMBER  
Awardee Announcement: MAY

Funds Begin: JANUARY  
Funds Begin: JUNE

# Class of 77- Med Ed Innovation Grants Program

## Who can apply?

IHSE members.

## How can you use the funds?

The funds may support protected time for faculty, research assistance for program evaluation, and/or development costs.

## How does this award benefit you?

A \$5,000 award and access to all IHSE activities.

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## Previous Awardees:

Dan Poenaru

Susanne Mak

Tim Dubé & Carlos Gomez-Garibello

Joanne Alfieri

Miriam Boillat

Ilana Bank

Robert Sternszus

Stuart Lubarsky

## What is this award?

This award was created to support the development and evaluation of educational innovations that advance the field of health sciences education. Priority will be given to applicants not previously funded by this program.

Featured in Health e-News: [McGill resident role modelling course goes national](#)

## Program goals and application details:

The goal is to support protected time for faculty, research assistance for program evaluation, and/or development costs.

## To apply please submit:

(1) A two-page description of your intended educational innovation under the following headings:

- a. Background and rationale (with appropriate references)
- b. Proposed innovation
- c. Anticipated outcomes and significance to health sciences education
- d. Team members' roles and responsibilities (if applicable)
- e. Evaluation plan
- f. Plan for dissemination and knowledge translation

(2) A one-page budget;

(3) An abridged CV (maximum 2 pages) of all team members;

## Expected Outputs:

At the end of the year, the awardee will be expected to provide a one-page summary of what they were able to achieve as a result of this award. They will be expected to acknowledge the Class Gift of '70 in any report and/or publication.

Application Deadline: OCTOBER 31

Awardee Announcement: DECEMBER

Funds Begin: JANUARY



# Jonathan Campbell Meakins & Family Memorial Fellowship

## Who can apply?

A faculty member or trainee in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at McGill University.

## How can you use the funds?

This Fellowship can be used as a salary award or to help fund activities related to medical education.

## How does this award benefit you?

A \$5,000 award to help fund activities related to medical education such as: curriculum design or innovation, research in medical education, or advanced training in medical education.

## More Information:

[Jonathan Campbell Meakins & Family Memorial Fellowship](#)

## Previous Awardees:

Heather Lambert	Carolyn Ells
Charo Rodriguez	Matthew Hunt
Trong Tien Nguyen	Peter Steinmetz
Jennifer Ladd	Geoffroy Noel
Marie-Lyne Grenier	Robert Sternszus
Nicole Ventura	Lily Nguyen
Gregory Berry	Ning-Zi Sun
Susanne Mak	Joanne Alfieri
Adam Gavsie	Ilana Bank

## What is this award?

This Fellowship was created to further and/or reward excellence in medical education by either an advanced postgraduate trainee or a faculty member in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at McGill University. Please note that this is not a teaching award or travel bursary.

*Featured in Health e-News: [The Meakins family: bringing education and the arts to the health professions](#)*

## Program goals and application details:

This Fellowship can be used as a salary award or to help fund activities related to medical education. Examples of such activities include: curriculum design or innovation, research in medical education, or advanced training in medical education. It is designed to reward and promote excellence in medical education.

## To apply please submit:

- (1) A copy of your CV
- (2) A one-page description of your achievements and future plans in medical education;
- (3) A one-page description of your proposed project and anticipated outcomes;
- (4) A one-page outline of your proposed budget;
- (5) A letter of reference from your departmental or divisional chair supporting your proposed project.

## Expected Outputs:

At the end of the year, the awardee will be expected to provide a one-page summary of their accomplishments during the Fellowship year; present at the IHSE on what they have accomplished during their year as a Meakins Fellow.

**Application Deadline: JANUARY 16**

**Awardee Announcement: MID MARCH**

**Funds Begin: SEPTEMBER**

# Class of Medicine 1970 Educational Award for Teaching Excellence and Innovation

## Who can apply?

Faculty members, Fellows, or Residents in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at McGill University

## How can you use the funds?

The funds can be applied to personal professional development (e.g. registration fee for skills-building workshops, travel and tuition for specialized training) or for a 'mini-sabbatical' (e.g. to secure protected time from clinical responsibilities).

## How does this award benefit you?

Up to \$10,000 and access to all IHSE activities.

## What is this award?

Two awards of up to a maximum of \$10,000 each. This award was created to support a member of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences who wishes to acquire and/or further develop skills that can be directly applied to the education of medical students and/or residents at McGill University. It can also support the training of an outstanding young individual, such as a junior faculty member, resident, or fellow who has demonstrated a particular aptitude and interest in educational scholarship.

## Program goals and application details:

The ultimate aim is to foster excellence through the application and dissemination of innovative and effective educational methods. The focus may be on teaching methods applicable to classrooms, simulations or clinical settings, provided they have the potential to enhance the medical school experience.

## To apply please submit:

- (1) A copy of your CV;
- (2) A two page description of your expertise in medical education, with a focus on future plans for the training you would like to pursue and how it is aligned with the promotion of excellence in the education of medical students and/or residents at McGill;
- (3) A letter from your department chair, division or school director or similar academic supervisor describing how they see the impact of this proposal with respect to where the new knowledge and skills will be applied and how it may benefit your career;
- (4) A proposed budget.

## Expected Outputs:

At the end of the year, the awardee will be expected to provide a one-page summary of what they were able to achieve as a result of this award. They will be expected to acknowledge the Class Gift of '70 in any report and/or publication.

## More Information:

[Class of Medicine 1970 Educational Award for Teaching Excellence and Innovation](#)

## Previous Awardees:

Tamara Carver  
Renata Sava  
Naomi Goloff  
Sonia Skamene  
Teresa Rudkin

## Featured in Health E-News links

[Call for applications – Class of Medicine 1970 Educational Award for Teaching Excellence and Innovation](#)

Application Deadline: APRIL 24

Awardee Announcement: MAY

Funds Begin: SEPTEMBER

## Recognition Awards – a glance

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- The Institute of Health Sciences Education Research and Scholarship Catalyst Award (page 13)

# Recognition awards overview and eligibility

Award	Eligibility (who can receive the award)			Who can nominate			Benefits		
	IHSE Member	Learner	Any faculty in the FoMHS*	IHSE Member	Learner	Anyone in the FoMHS	Formal Certificate & Letter from IHSE Director	Feature in Health e-News	Feature on IHSE website
IHSE Research and Scholarship Catalyst Award	X		X	X			X	X	X

\*Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

## IHSE RECOGNITION AWARDS

	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
<i>The Institute of Health Sciences Education Research and Scholarship Catalyst Award</i>										
Call for nominations										
Review of submissions										
Announcement recipients										

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# Institute of Health Sciences Education (IHSE)

## Research and Scholarship Catalyst Award

### Who can apply?

- An IHSE member can nominate any faculty member in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
- An individual cannot self-nominate
- Nominator must be a current or former colleague or student of the nominee, and must have a formal appointment within the IHSE
- Nominee must be someone with demonstrated sustained involvement in Health Sciences Education research and scholarship

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[ihse.med@mcgill.ca](mailto:ihse.med@mcgill.ca)

A successful Research and Scholarship Catalyst Award will include:

- A formal printed certificate
- Presentation of the award at IHSE award ceremony (e.g., Cruess Symposium; Photo taken)
- Feature in Health e-News
- Feature on IHSE website
- Letter of congratulations from the IHSE Director sent to relevant Department Chairs and/or Educational or Administrative Leadership as appropriate

### What is this award?

The award recognizes faculty members who have shown a commitment to catalyzing, supporting, and facilitating research and scholarship in Health Sciences Education. Candidates will have demonstrated generosity, initiative, enthusiasm, and creativity in supporting Health Sciences Education research and scholarship and those who conduct it. In essence, this award is for those, without whom, key work and community-building in Health Sciences Education would not be possible.

### Nomination Package

Nominations must be submitted by nominator to [ihse.med@mcgill.ca](mailto:ihse.med@mcgill.ca) by the deadline specified. Please submit **one pdf document** with the following:  
One (1) letter of support from nominator (IHSE Member) – not more than 500 words describing the ways in which the nominee reflects the values of the award.

Two (2) letters of support – not more than 500 words providing specific contexts or examples to demonstrate how the nominee has enacted the abovementioned characteristics, and how this individual has acted as a catalyst to support research and scholarship in Health Sciences Education.



Application Deadline: FEBRUARY

Awardee Announcement: APRIL/MAY