November 20, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

The Department of Pediatrics of the Montreal Children’s Hospital of the McGill University Health Center encourages novel and innovative projects that will make a tangible impact on child health both locally and internationally. The MSSA “Innovation Fund”, financed by the MSSA, supports such initiatives originating from its membership.

The “Innovation Fund” will consist of five or more separate grants awarded on an annual basis. The maximum annual funding envelope for this competition is $100,000.00. Applicants are expected to submit a detailed proposed budget not exceeding $20,000.00. The feasibility of the budget and a realistic analysis of costs associated with the proposed project, as outlined in the budget, is used as one of the criteria upon which the merit of the submission will be judged. We expect that project submissions will range from $5,000.00 - $20,000.00, and the most meritorious projects will be awarded funding until the funding envelope has been used.

Projects have to be initiated and supervised by an MSSA member, We strongly encourage submissions that involve healthcare trainees in leading roles as well as multidisciplinary collaboration. A project on a rare disease will be prioritized if it meets the meriting funding threshold. Priority will be given to new submissions aligned with the Mission and Values of the Department of Pediatrics that answer a recognized yet unmet need. Preference will be given to submissions led by someone who has not yet received a MSSA Innovation Fund Award in the last two years. Projects have to be clearly aligned to one of the four recognized areas of activity of the Department; namely Clinical Care, Education, Administration and Research.

Interested applicants need to complete the funding request form (attached) in which they briefly describe the project and emphasize the expected benefits for the Department of Pediatrics and the patient population it serves. Specific outcome measures (at most three) need to be identified as well as the proposed methodology to assess the impact of the project. Finally, a detailed budget, not to exceed $20,000.00 needs to be submitted. The application package needs to be submitted by email by 8 am January 20th, 2020 to Sylvia Markhauser (macciaiolimssa@gmail.com). Exceptionally, projects exceeding the funding expectations may be considered for continuing Departmental support. Funding for projects will be available as of April 1, 2020.

The Budget Sub-Committee of the MSSA will formally review each application. In its deliberations, the committee will take into account the scope of the project, the strength of the methodology and its feasibility within the given timeframe. Priority will be given to projects that do not have an alternative source of funding. The committee strongly discourages applications for research projects that are funded or partially funded at the time of the application.

At the completion of the project, the applicant will be expected to submit a short report (3 pages maximum) outlying the project, results and the observed impact. In particular, an analysis and commentary on the defined outcome measures is expected. The applicant or his/her delegate will also be expected to briefly present the project (together with other Awardees) to the MSSA membership at a Departmental Grand Rounds in the 2021-2022 Academic year.

Michael
MSSA Funding Request: Innovation Fund

Name of Project: ______________________________________________________________

☐ Name of Applicant (MSSA Member):
__________________________________________________________________________

☐ Cross Cutting Project

☐ Rare Disease Project

Description of Project (Max 1 Page):

Please list the anticipated benefits to the Department of Pediatrics (Max 3):

What specific outcomes measures (maximum of 3) will be measured in order to assess the impact of the project?

Please outline the method(s) you will use to demonstrate the expected change

What domain does your project fall under? (Circle the one that is most applicable): EDUCATION, RESEARCH, ADMINISTRATION, CLINICAL or OTHER

Will a Division supervise this project: YES or NO

If YES, specify the Division: __________________________________________________

Does the project currently have an alternative source of funding? If Yes, please specify

Please provide a detailed budget for the project (MAX $20,000.00)

Submitted by: ______________________________________________________________

E-mail: ________________________________________________________________

Date: ___________________________________________________________________

Signature of applicant: _____________________________________________________