Knowledge to Action Grants FAQ's

How does CCSRI’s Knowledge to Action Grant program fit into the research funding landscape?
Knowledge to Action Grants were created to encourage ideas that will close the gap between what is known from research and what is done with that knowledge in the health care community and public health practice. The focus of applications should be on either: the translation of current, existing knowledge from foundational, discovery research, or the development of new, innovative approaches, models, methodologies, measurement tools, etc., for knowledge translation. The creation of new foundational, discovery research or syntheses/systematic reviews are not responsive to this funding opportunity.

What types of applications are eligible for support through the CCSRI’s Knowledge to Action Grant program?
These grants are intended to provide funding for research projects that build on existing cancer research findings and aim to improve outcomes and experiences through knowledge translation (KT) for people and populations at risk, patients, their families and communities across the cancer trajectory e.g., to assist knowledge users (researchers, practitioners, policy makers, CCS program delivery staff and/or volunteers) in their awareness of knowledge or innovations and facilitating their use in health or healthcare system improvement.

What is the purpose of the Responsiveness Statement section of the application?
The Responsiveness Statement provides applicants with an opportunity to describe how their application aligns with the goals of this program. Reviewers will specifically review this section to assign the responsiveness score, therefore applicants should pay particular attention to this requirement.

Why is there a mandatory Abstract Registration for this competition?
Abstract registrations will be reviewed and those that are not clearly within the scope of the competition (i.e. the translation of current, existing knowledge or the development of new, innovative approaches, models, methodologies, measurement tools, etc., for knowledge translation) will not be considered appropriate for this funding opportunity and will be triaged. Due to this review, only minor changes to the proposed project or applicant team after the Abstract Registration deadline can be made. Substantive changes that significantly alter the overall goals and aims of the proposal relative to the abstract registration are not permitted. The review panel will be composed based on the types (and numbers) of applications expected.

Will grants be triaged in this competition?
Yes, grants with a low scientific merit or responsiveness score will be triaged at the panel meeting. Applicants will receive reviewer’s reports but there will not be a scientific officer’s report for triaged applications.

Can I apply to other agencies for the same project submitted to CCSRI’s Knowledge to Action Grant program?
There is no restriction regarding overlap to other agencies, however, there must not be substantial overlap (more than 50%) with any pending application (including those at the abstract or Letter of Intent
submission stage) to any other CCSRI program as of this competition due date. Duplicate applications will not be accepted.

**Are junior investigators eligible to apply for this program?**
Yes. The qualifications and experience of the investigators will be considered as part of the review and the track record of new investigators will be taken into account. Junior investigators are considered to be those who have less than five years of experience as an independent investigator. Note that junior investigators can apply for travel funds to observe a grant panel – see the CCSRI website for more details.

**Can I apply for more than one Knowledge to Action Grant at a time?**
Investigators can only submit one Knowledge to Action Grant application as PI or co-PI per competition.

**Can I hold more than one Knowledge to Action Grant at a time as a PI or co-PI?**
There is no limit to the number of Knowledge to Action Grants an investigator can hold.

**Is there a limit to the number of Knowledge to Action Grants that I can be listed on as a co-applicant?**
There is no limit for co-applicants.

**When are the Host Institution Executive Authority approvals required?**
Executive Authority approvals are needed at the full application submission stage. They are not required for the Abstract Registration.

**How many years of funding can I apply for?**
The grant maximum is $100,000 to be spent over one or two years.

**Can I renew a Knowledge to Action Grant?**
The program is designed to support projects to be completed within a 1-2 year term. Due to this, it is hoped that the project will attain the stated goals within this time frame. Therefore, renewals will not be accepted.

**Can I re-apply with the same application in a subsequent Knowledge to Action Grant competition?**
Yes, applicants can re-submit an application to a subsequent competition. Re-applications will have the opportunity to respond to the panel comments from the previous review. There is no limit on the number of times an application can be re-submitted.

**Do I have to create a user profile in the online system (EGrAMS) to create an application?**
The Applicant must have a user profile in EGrAMS to create an application. Please visit EGrAMS for instructions on creating a user profile.

**How are applications submitted?**
All applications must be submitted via our online system (EGrAMS) by 5:00 p.m. Eastern on the given deadline date for a competition.

**What if the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday?**
When a deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the next business day will be considered the deadline date.

What if I have additional questions that are not addressed here?
As always, if you have any feedback, questions or concerns, email us at research@cancer.ca.