

1998-1999 MCEWH Funding Programs

Student Thesis Fund

MCEWH recognizes that it is particularly important to recruit and foster our next generation of independent researchers in women's health. One way of accomplishing this is to mentor graduate students and provide financial support for the conduct of thesis projects in women's health.

Synthesis Papers Fund

The Centre of Excellence for Women's Health Program (CEWHP) and each of its Centres has a unique mandate to influence policy development processes that influence women's health. Several centres have adopted a Small Projects Fund to commission responsive studies and reports. MCEWH has a unique opportunity to respond to and influence urgent priorities, unexpected and short term, in women's health locally, regionally, and nationally. Pieces of work conducted to influence priority health issues and initiatives include grant proposals and applications, abstract submissions, government consultation documents, support for policy discussion papers, and commissioned pieces of work which will help the Centre to shape and build policy and programs.

Community Research Award Program

MCEWH has designed and introduced a community research award program. Because of the demand for community research support and capacity building, this program recognizes that community based researchers have a wealth of experience and practical understanding of what is needed to improve women's health. A facilitative awards process was designed to ensure that good ideas are not lost due to researchers' lack of resources for proposal development.

Project Fund

The purpose of the MCEWH Project Fund is to generate strategic new knowledge that fosters policies and programs relevant to the realities of Canadian women's lives. This program is intended for teams of researchers from several sectors working together including women from grassroots organizations working on community research projects, policy researchers and analysts, university based researchers, clinicians and health professionals.

Project Development Fund

Project Development seed funding is critical to fostering a rich and diverse research base. The purpose of this fund is to initiate project development activities and to provide the Centre an opportunity to take risks and to support non-traditional knowledge generation methodologies and approaches. This program will develop opportunities for divergent thinking, rigorous testing of tools and concepts, preliminary conceptual development and will serve to support seed projects, pilot projects, literature reviews, methodological tool development, new project concepts, and experimental methodologies with the intention of providing the basis for long-term project development. On an ongoing basis, project development activities will be assessed for their contribution to the Centre's program of research, their use of new or novel methodologies, and their potential for future partnership work.

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