

OCE Health Technologies Fund

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Description

The Health Technologies Fund (HTF) supports the development of made-in-Ontario health technologies by accelerating evaluation, procurement, adoption and diffusion in the Ontario health system. HTF is a program of the Government of Ontario's Office of the Chief Health Innovation Strategist (OCHIS), administered by Ontario Centres of Excellence. OCHIS' mandate is to strengthen Ontario's health innovation ecosystem. HTF fosters partnerships between publicly funded health service providers (HSPs), patients, academia and industry to drive collaboration that improves patient outcomes, optimizes the impact of investment in health innovation and scales health innovation companies. Through the fund, the Office of the Chief Health Innovation Strategist sets health priorities to focus innovation to address specific health outcomes. The health priority area for HTF is Better Care Closer to Home. Projects must be led by a publicly funded health service provider (HSP) and include a Problem Statement that supports one of these health system priorities. The University of Guelph will only be involved in projects as Third Party Evaluation Provider/Other Partner.

The HTF has two types of projects, tailored to the readiness level of the innovative solution.

- Pre-Market Evaluation
- Early Adoption

Eligibility

University of Guelph will be a Third Party Provider or Other Party on all applications, with a publicly funded health service provider the lead on the application.

The HTF is designed to encourage applications from Health Innovation Teams (HITs) in evaluating and demonstrating innovative technologies in health care settings across the province. HITs are interdisciplinary and collaborative teams made up of:

- Applicant: One or more provider(s) of publicly funded health service provider (HSP). Eligible health care system applicants include (but are not limited to) family health teams, community care providers, long-term care homes, and hospitals. The HSPs define the problem statement and commits to providing the health care setting in which the innovative technology will be evaluated, including patient engagement, clinicians and operations support, and procurement expertise.
- Technology partner: An Ontario-based, for-profit health technology business providing an innovative solution to the problem statement. Partners may be of any size or stage (start-up, small- to medium-sized enterprise, and multinational enterprise) with a research and development, and/or manufacturing presence in Ontario.
- Third-Party Evaluation Provider: Ontario-based evaluation team with expertise in technology adoption and diffusion, design and implementation, and health economics. The evaluation component of the project should support the development of a plan to support wider-scale procurement and/or adoption of the technology in Ontario.
- Other partners: other partners such as community based associations and advocacy groups are strongly recommended. In addition, HITs are strongly encouraged to engage one or more Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) partners, who can provide sector expertise to ensure project development and implementation meets sector and local needs. If the LHIN is not already a partner, projects are encouraged to gain a letter of endorsement from their respective LHIN as part of their application.

Maximum Project Value

Pre-Market Evaluation projects will support up to 50 per cent of the eligible project cash costs up to a maximum amount of \$500,000 for a term of up to 24 months.

Early Adoption projects will support up to 50 per cent of the eligible project cash costs up to a maximum amount of \$1,000,000 for a term of up to 24 months.

- Applicants/Project Contributors must contribute the remaining 50 per cent of eligible project cash costs as a minimum requirement.
- Funding for the projects will be released to the Applicant Organization (health care provider) that will be responsible for reimbursing their project partner(s).
- Flow of Funds: Funding for the project will be released to the Applicant Organization (health care provider) that will be responsible for reimbursing their project partner(s).

Upon project activation, 25 per cent of funding will be released. Further payments will be reimbursed upon receipt and approval of expenditure reports. Note: the percentage of reimbursement is based on the percentage of the HTF contributions in relation to the total project value.

Indirect Costs

0%

Project Duration

Two years

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
External Deadline	Wednesday, May 9, 2018 - 4:00pm	Please submit your Expression of Interest (EOI) directly to OCE. If invited to the full proposal stage, please contact the Office of Research immediately at research.services@uoguelph.ca [3]. ORS will require a completed OR-5 and full application with budget one week prior to submission of the full proposal to OCE.

How to Apply

Application to HTF is a two-stage process, consisting of:

1. Expressions of Interest (EOI)
2. Full proposal (invitation only)

To begin the EOI submission process, please complete a "[Client Intake Form](#) [4]". An OCE Business Development Manager (BD) or the Innovation Procurement Manager (IPM) will contact you to discuss the opportunity and assist you with the initiating and developing of the

EOI. The BD and/or IPM will maintain oversight responsibility for the OCE components of any approved project.

Information For Co-applicants

If you need to meet a deadline set by the lead institution for this opportunity, please ensure that you provide the Office of Research with at least five days in advance of the lead institution's deadline to review the application, or your proposed component of the project. Please be in touch with the Office of Research (contact information below) ahead of the deadline if it looks like it will be difficult for you to submit all the required documentation on time (i.e. budget, proposal, OR-5 Form).

For Questions, please contact

For inquiries specifically related to eligibility, contracting, and funding disbursements, please contact: ?

Jennifer Moles, Innovation Procurement Manager

jennifer.moles@oce-ontario.org [5]

For general inquiries about how to apply, online application system and application, please contact the Application Support Team at [\(416\) 861-1092](tel:4168611092) [6] x2400 or application-support@oce.zendesk.com [7].

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[1] <http://www.oce-ontario.org/programs/commercialization-programs/health-technologies-fund/how-it-works>

[2] <https://www.uoguelph.ca/research/document/oce-health-technologies-fund>

[3] <mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca>

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