

REACH Catalyst Grant Application

Research into the Enhancement of Acute Care for Children's Health - (REACH)

Welcome to the REACH Catalyst Grant Application Portal

Research into the Enhancement of Acute Care for Children's Health (REACH) is a research theme at the Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba (CHRIM) is committed to improving the quality of acute care for children. Our purpose is to support innovative research that can lead to better health outcomes for young patients in Manitoba, Nunavut, and Northwestern Ontario. By fostering collaboration between researchers, healthcare providers, and families, we aim to tackle unique challenges in pediatric acute care.

To support our purpose, REACH offers four annual Catalyst Grant awards worth \$10,000 each. These grants are designed to fund small, stand-alone projects that can help gather preliminary/pilot data and/or build new research partnerships. Each grant is an opportunity to spark innovation, connections and lay the groundwork for larger, impactful studies that align with our purpose and strategic goals.

REACH Goals and Purpose:

Purpose

Offer evidence-based solutions that improve the health outcomes and experiences of acutely ill and injured children, youth, and their families in Manitoba, central Nunavut, and northwestern Ontario.

Goals

- **Connectivity:** Connect researchers, healthcare providers, patients, and families to prioritize, generate, and mobilize pediatric acute care research.
- **Research Platform Establishment:** Establish a research platform embedded within clinical care, utilizing data to enhance pediatric acute care.
- **Training Excellence:** Provide a high-quality, safe, interdisciplinary research training environment to a diverse research team.
- We encourage all researchers, clinician scientists dedicated to enhancing pediatric care to apply and contribute to this important work.

Application Start Date: 30th March 2026

Application End Date: 29th May 2026

Results: 17th August 2026

REACH Trainee Grant Assessment Criteria

The REACH External Review Committee will assess all applications that meet the submission requirements.

Major criteria used for evaluation include:

- Compliance with REACH catalyst grant guidelines.
- Relevance to the strategic goals of REACH.
- Innovation.
- Adequacy and feasibility of research plan, design, and methods
- Merits of the project scope of work.
- Experience of the applicant and team involved.
- Reasonable resources and budget.
- Future direction and impact.
- Funding focus and future funding of the research.

REACH Catalyst Grant Application Guidelines and Requirements

- This application form should be used to complete the grant application.
- Questions should be directed to the REACH Coordinator, Dozie Ochulor at (dozie.ochulor@umanitoba.ca)
- All applications must be **electronically** submitted and are due on **May 29, 2026, before 4:00pm (CT)**. Late applications will not be accepted.
- Incomplete, inaccurate, or otherwise improperly prepared applications will NOT be reviewed.
- All applicants should hold REACH Membership or complete the REACH Membership form before submitting their application.
- The Primary Applicant is the individual responsible for the research grant's preparation, conduct, and administration. Only those with academic appointments may act as Primary Applicant to facilitate the transfer of funds. Individuals without an academic appointment can hold the Co-Primary Applicant or Co-Applicant role where applicable.
- Investigators may only submit one grant as Primary Applicant but may participate as Co-Applicant on additional applications.
- Please note, REACH Catalyst Grant funds may not be used to support travel or accommodation unrelated to the project's implementation (e.g. funding to attend or present at conferences is not an allowable expense as per CHRIM guidelines).

Part A: REACH Membership Application Form

To be eligible for the REACH Catalyst Grant, all applicants must complete the Research Membership Application Form.

Please use the following link to fill out the form: [REACH Annual Membership Form](#)

Choice

I have already filled out the application form.

Part B: Applicants and Project Details

Outline the role of each team member involved in the project, including Co-Investigators, staff, and trainees. For each person, specify their role, unique responsibilities, and contribution to the project's success. For Trainees, include details about their current academic program and status, i.e. PhD Candidate. This might include tasks like data collection, analysis, patient interaction, or project management. If relevant, detail any previous experience or expertise that makes them well-suited for these responsibilities. Emphasize any interdisciplinary or collaborative aspects, as well as how each role supports the project's aims.

If there are additional collaborators, please list them on a separate page and attach below.

Primary Applicant Details

Full Name

Position/ Department

Email

Roles and Responsibilities

Co-Investigators Details

Co-Applicant/Co-Investigator Details

Co-Applicant/Co-Investigator 1

Full Name

**Position/
Department**

Email

Roles/Responsibilities

Co-Applicant/Co-Investigator 2

Full Name

Position/ Department

Email

Roles/Responsibilities

Co-Applicant/Co-Investigator 3

Full Name

Position/ Department

Email

Roles/Responsibilities

Additional Collaborators

Details about the Project

Project Title

Provide a lay summary of the project.

How do Sex and Gender considerations, or Sex and Gender-Based Analysis Plus (SGBA+), inform your research, policy development, or project work?

Does the research integrate an Indigenous and cultural perspective? If so, describe how it is incorporated into the project, including any specific frameworks and/or approaches used.

Detail the strategies or measures being taken to enhance equitable access to research participation, while addressing the principles of inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility.

Explain how child and family partners are included in this project.

Provide the status of any other funding applications submitted for this project, including details on pending or confirmed funding sources.

Part C: Required Attachments

Please upload the following attachments – Format for uploads should all be PDF, Font no larger than 12pt Times New Roman, 2 cm margins and single spaced.

Required Attachments

Comprehensive Research Project Description

Submit a separate PDF document (max 3 pages) that includes a thorough explanation of the project. This should cover the research rationale, goals, hypotheses/research question, methodology, sample size, data analysis approach, potential impacts of the results knowledge translation strategy.

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Budget (Up to \$10,000)

References

Tables and Figures

FAAF (Funding Application Approval form)

Part D: Required Signatures

The signature below indicates that the applicant:

1. Attests to the completeness, accuracy, and correctness of the information provided in this application.
2. Has an appointment that provides adequate time and access to facilities to conduct the proposed research and the absence of any other impediments to the conduct of that research.
3. Agrees that all information and materials provided in connection with this application may be reproduced, disseminated, and used by Research into the Enhancement of Children's Health (REACH) & The Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba (CHRIM) for any purpose at any time.
4. Agrees to comply with all requirements of the Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba, including its policies and funding guidelines (www.chrim.ca).

**Principal Investigator/ Applicant
Name**

**Co-Investigator/Applicant Name (if
any)**

Signature

Signature

Date

Date

Part E: Checklist

Before submitting, please ensure that all sections are complete. This checklist will guide you through the process.

Checklist

Part A: REACH Membership Application

Form Part B: Applicants and Project Details

Part C: Required Attachments

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Curriculum Vitae (CV):

Submit a copy of the applicant's current curriculum vitae (CV), using the CIHR Academic Canadian Common CV template. A draft form is acceptable.

Budget (Up to \$10,000): Provide a separate word document titled budget justification with all amounts rounded to the nearest dollar.

References: Attach a single page of references, formatted in Vancouver style.

Tables and Figures: (optional) Submit any supporting tables or figures as a one-page pdf. (5 tables and figures at maximum)

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Part D: Signature Page

If you have any questions regarding the application, please feel free to contact -

REACH Research Coordinator – Dozie Ochulor (dozie.ochulor@umanitoba.ca)