



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Funding Organization: AMS Healthcare
Program Name: History of Healthcare Project Grant
Partner: Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit
Program Launch Date: Monday January 8, 2024

KEY DATES

	Full application
Submission deadline:	Wednesday April 10, 2024
Notification date:	September, 2024

PARTNERS

With a vision of *Compassionate, quality healthcare for all Canadians, in a system advanced by technology, innovation, and a rich understanding of our healthcare history*, **AMS Healthcare** strives to improve care for all Canadians. We advance a compassionate healthcare system by investing in leaders, convening stakeholders, supporting research and funding innovative projects. Our work supports and learns from our rich history of healthcare.

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In the 1970's, the history of medicine was an understudied discipline in Canada.¹ AMS Healthcare recognized the importance of this area of research as a source of lessons that could positively shape Canadian healthcare and, with the help of many partners, began strategic funding investments to elevate its standing in the academic community and beyond. Today, the study of the history of healthcare is thriving across our country. AMS Healthcare is Canada's main source of support for the history of healthcare.

¹ AMS defines the history of healthcare broadly as the study of past practices and epistemologies related to human health, healthcare and disease using a variety of historical and critical methodologies.

The **Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit** is the catalyst for patient-oriented research in Ontario. OSSU provides supports such as expertise, infrastructure, training and resources to people conducting patient-oriented research. OSSU also funds projects that demonstrate the value of patient-oriented research and how it can leverage OSSU supports to achieve greater impacts. These awards support translational patient-oriented research that are Innovative, Measurable, Patient-oriented, Appropriate, Collaborative and Transformative – IMPACT Awards.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In 2015, AMS Healthcare launched funding for work on the history of healthcare. We provide it directly, through partnerships, or via organizations that administer the application process. Our goal is to raise interest in the topic, broaden the scope of research, and shape how the subject is taught. Funding is available to researchers, healthcare professionals, and students.

The AMS History of Healthcare Project Grant is designed to support small budget proposals on projects in the history of healthcare and allied disciplines, including (but not limited to) science and technology studies, human resources and the healthcare workforce, sociology, anthropology, and classics.

Projects that consider the Canadian context are particularly welcome and may include requests for seed money to develop research initiatives. Proposals are expected to advance the history of health, healthcare or disease or the education of health professionals that could benefit the broader community of practitioners in the field. There is an expectation that during the period of these grants or within a year of their completion, one or more conference papers or publications/presentations will result from this funding.

FUNDS AVAILABLE

AMS Healthcare's financial contributions for this initiative are subject to availability of funds. Should AMS Healthcare funding levels not be available or are decreased due to unforeseen circumstances, AMS Healthcare reserves the right to reduce, defer or suspend financial contributions to awards received as a result of this funding opportunity.

AMS Healthcare will support up to seven (7) AMS History of Healthcare Project Grants per year of up to \$20,000 per grant. The duration of awards is for one year.

ELIGIBILITY

To apply for an AMS History of Healthcare Project Grant, the applicant must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident AND meet one of the following requirements:

- Be employed as a health professional in Canada by a health care organization/ health authority/ provincial/national government.
- Be a researcher with an academic appointment at a Canadian university or affiliated research institution or hold an appointment (with research responsibilities) at an affiliated hospital/research centre/institute; OR,

- Be employed by a health professions organization, eg., CMA, CNA, MCC, or a health professions regulatory body located in Canada.

Special Eligibility Considerations

1. Ethics Approval

If ethics approval is required to complete the suggested project, the principal investigator must be able to provide documentation from a Tri-Council Compliant Ethics Board demonstrating that an acceptable review has been completed and the project approved. If documentation is not available by the submission deadline, then a letter from the institution's Ethics Board attesting to expedited review of the proposal must be provided.

2. Academic Appointments

Researchers applying to this grant must have one of the following academic appointments:

- Tenured appointments
- Tenure-track appointments
- Probationary tenure-track appointments
- Limited-term appointments
- Continuing appointments
- Clinical scientists, clinical faculty or other appointments approved by a senior official approved (i.e., CEO or VP Research)

Adjunct and instructor positions are not considered academic appointments

3. Limited Term Appointment

Applicants with limited term appointments are eligible to apply, however, the applicant must either:

- complete the grant funding period before the end date of the appointment, or
- provide confirmation from the employing institution that the appointment will be renewed.

Applicants with a limited term appointment must clearly indicate the end date of the appointment on their CV. They must also provide a letter from a senior official at their institutions indicating the start and end dates of their appointments. PIs holding a limited term appointment that ends prior to the funding end date are eligible to apply; if successful, a condition of funding will be institutional confirmation of a new appointment.

4. Multiple Submissions

Applications can be submitted for more than one grant. Related (but not duplicate) applications are permitted, provided the applicant clearly demonstrates how each application will be unique and can be implemented independently.

GUIDELINES

The AMS Project Grant funding may be used to cover reasonable expenses related to the Fellowship (i.e. salary replacement, travel and registration expenses, etc. Questions regarding the eligibility of expenses can be directed to OSSU. Award funding can not be used to support organizational administrative or infrastructure expenses.

Applications to the AMS Project Grant must include:

- CV's of all PIs and co-PIs
- Proposal (including objectives, project description and a work plan)
- Signature Page
- letter of support from the host institution and letters of collaboration from all co-PIs
- Supporting documents
- References (up to 10 pages of references cited in your Proposal)

Detailed instructions can be found in the AMS Project Grant Submission Guide.

REVIEW PROCESS and EVALUATION

Following administrative review (for completeness and eligibility), applications will be assessed by a panel of experts in the field of the history of healthcare.

Criteria for the AMS History of Healthcare Project Grant

The following criteria will be used by the peer review committee to assess AMS History of Healthcare Project Grant applications:

Eligibility (yes/no)

- Applications deemed ineligible will not receive any further assessment.

Project Description (20%)

- Clarity, scope and appropriateness of objectives
- Clarity of method, including limitations
- Appropriateness of method to the discipline of History of Healthcare.
- Appropriate consideration of chronology, change over time and periodization, as appropriate
- Potential contribution to History of Healthcare and advanced of the field in Canada or elsewhere, if relevant
- The quality and appropriateness of the kind of sources being consulted
- The appropriateness and impact of the scholarly questions/themes/debates being engaged
- Appropriateness of the plan for presentation and publication

Work Plan and Timeline (20%)

- Clarity and feasibility of project timeline
- Clarity and feasibility of project activities
- Alignment of timeline and work plan with objectives

Team Composition (20%)

- Clarity and appropriateness of team member roles and responsibilities
- Relevance and scope of expertise and experience of the PI and team members, including peer reviewed publications, presentations and previous research awards or grants
- Appropriateness of the PI's environment to enable the conduct and success of the research project
- Potential of team to successfully conduct proposed research

NOTE: For applications involving a sole-researcher, the appropriateness of the team score will be based on the record of the sole-investigator.

Budget (20%)

- Appropriateness and adequacy of budget expenses and their justification
- Availability of in-kind contributions and other sources of funding

Overall Merit of the Proposal (20%)

- Significance of proposed research and expected contribution to understanding, interpreting, or creating knowledge in the field of the history of healthcare
- Relevance of the proposed work to contemporary health services and/or patients/clients if applicable.
- The potential of the investigator/research team to succeed in the activities proposed

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for this funding opportunity will undergo a single-stage peer review process. Application guidelines for the program can be found at www.ossu.ca/resources/ams-healthcare.

Submission

Applicants are required to submit a complete Application (Calibri, 11pt, single spaced) to OSSU, at ossu@ossu.ca, by **5:00 pm (eastern time), Wednesday April 10, 2024**. You will receive an acknowledgement of your email application within 36 hours after April 10, 2024.

Following administrative review (for completeness and eligibility), applications will be assessed by a panel of experts in the history of healthcare.

The result of the review process will be determined by the AMS Board's Review Committee. All applicants will be notified of the results in **September 2024**.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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This program is offered as a partnership between the [AMS Healthcare](#) and the [Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit](#).

