# Funding Sources for Medical Education Research

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| Dalhousie Faculty of Medicine                   | Living Laboratory Research Grants                   | The Dalhousie Medicine Living Lab fund was established to: 1) to foster medical education research and evaluation aligned with priority research themes established by the Dalhousie Faculty of Medicine and 2) strengthen collaborative research teams positioned for additional funding opportunities. Grants:  
- $5000 for numerous small Research/Evaluation Study Grants (one year completion);  
- $25,000 for one UGME-PGME-CPD Continuum Team Grant addressing a longitudinal theme spanning UGME-PGME-CPD (completion in two years).  
Submission Deadline: May 7, 2015 | Guidelines for applications on  
https://share.dal.ca on DME links.  
For inquiries or guidance:  
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Anna.macleod@dal.ca  
Deirdre.harvey@dal.ca |
| Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada | Medical Education Research                           | To support quality research in Canada relevant to the field of postgraduate medical education or continuing professional development. Up to $25,000 per year of study with a maximum of three years per study. Decisions regarding allocation dollars will be made on an ad hoc basis and could include amounts ranging from as little as $5,000 through $50,000. March 2 deadline. | Alison Montpetit  
Grant Administrator  
Research Unit  
The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada  
Telephone: 613-730-8177 / 1-800-668-3740, ext. 291  
E-mail: researchgrants@royalcollege.ca |
| Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada | Royal College/AMS CanMEDS Research and Development Grant | This grant supports research, development, and/or implementation of projects that enhance specialty education through the key CanMEDS Roles. Eligible projects may include faculty development, course development and/or medical education research. Up to $25,000 for grants. **Special for 2015**: In celebration and recognition of the new 2015 CanMEDS framework we’ve partnered with the AMS Phoenix Project that aims to instill and sustain compassion, empathy and professional values in the environments in which health professionals learn and work. Deadline March 2, 2015 | Alison Montpetit  
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Telephone: 613-730-8177 / 1-800-668-3740, ext. 291  
E-mail: researchgrants@royalcollege.ca |
| College of Family Physicians of Canada          | Janus Research Grants Research Proposal Development Grant | Janus Research Grants support academic and community-based family physicians, CFPC members who are in active practice, to carry out research projects that meet the changing needs of their patients and communities in Canada. Topics include: A variety of family medicine research activities are eligible for these grants, including: Practice-based research | http://www.cfpc.ca/English/cfpc/programs/awards%20program/awards_08/part2/default.asp?s=1#1  
Deadline: March 1, 2015 |
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<td>Medical Council of Canada</td>
<td>Grants concerned with assessing clinical performance or competence.</td>
<td>Research in Clinical Assessment Grants for one year projects. $37,500 per grant. Of special interest for 2015 (deadline Feb 1st) are proposals on these topics: Test content analysis and blueprinting, Test development and scoring Standard setting, Test fairness, Longitudinal evaluation of test scores.</td>
<td><a href="mailto:grants@mcc.ca">grants@mcc.ca</a>. Telephone: (613) 521-6012</td>
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<td>NSHRF Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation</td>
<td>Various Grants</td>
<td>Although the focus is on health research, some of their programs have supported medical education research in the past. Mandate: To create and support a vibrant and productive health research environment in Nova Scotia. Four grant streams: 1. Research Enterprise Development Initiatives 2. Research Program Establishment Grant – Sept 1, 2015 Development-Innovative Grant–Sept 1,2015 3. REAL Knowledge Program 4. CIHR Partnership Programs</td>
<td>Meredith Campbell Director, Programs <a href="mailto:Meredith.Campbell@gov.ns.ca">Meredith.Campbell@gov.ns.ca</a> (902) 424-4338 <a href="http://www.nshr.ca/">http://www.nshr.ca/</a></td>
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<td>CIHR Canadian Institute for Health Research</td>
<td>PHSI – Partnership for Health System Improvement</td>
<td>To support teams of researchers and decision makers interested in conducting applied and policy-relevant health research that is useful to health system managers and/or policy makers and strengthens the Canadian health care system. Deadlines and funding amounts vary. Grant types: 1. Collaborations 2. Gender, Sex and Health Research 3. Global Health Research 4. Knowledge Translation 5. Themes: Biomedical Research; Clinical Research; Health Services Research; Social, Cultural, Environmental and Population Health Research. Other grants: Knowledge Synthesis Grant May 15. 2015 Knowledge to Action</td>
<td>General Questions: 613-954-1968 Toll Free: 1-888-603-4178 (press 1) Email: <a href="mailto:info@cihr-irsc.gc.ca">info@cihr-irsc.gc.ca</a></td>
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<td>CIHR Canadian Institute of Health Research</td>
<td>Health Research Operating Grants</td>
<td>CIHR integrates research through a unique interdisciplinary structure made up of 13 &quot;virtual&quot; institutes - networks of researchers brought together to focus on important health problems, encourages partnership and collaboration across sectors, disciplines and regions. Each Institute embraces a range of research from fundamental bio-medical and clinical research, to research on health systems, health services, the health of populations,</td>
<td>CIHR Grants &amp; Awards Information: 613-954-1968 Toll Free: 1-888-603-4178 (press 1) Email: <a href="mailto:info@cihr-irsc.gc.ca">info@cihr-irsc.gc.ca</a></td>
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- Projects, Observational studies/surveys, Program development & evaluation, Educational Research as well as other themes.
- Grants include:
  - Janus Research Grants for Novice Researchers. $5,000.
  - Janus Research Grants for Experienced Researchers. $10,000.
  - There are also Janus Continuing Professional Development Grants.

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- NSHRF Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation
- CIHR Canadian Institute for Health Research
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- CIHR provides leadership and support to more than 13,700 health researchers and trainees across Canada.

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| CIHR | Strategy for Patient-Orientated Research (SPOR) | SPOR is a coalition of federal, provincial and territorial partners dedicated to the integration of research into care:  
- Patient and caregivers  
- Researchers  
- Health practitioners  
- Policy makers  
- Provincial/territorial health authorities  
- Academic institutions  
- Charities  
- Pharmaceutical sector | Questions can be directed to: spor-srap@cihr-irsc.gc.ca |
| CIHR | Planning & Dissemination Grants | CIHR-IHSPR will provide funding for applications for dissemination activities that are determined to be relevant to the following strategic research areas:  
- Primary and Community-Based Healthcare  
- Access to Appropriate Care across the Continuum  
- Financing, Sustainability and Governance  
- Health Information and e-Health  
- Drug Policy  
- International Comparisons (health systems and outcomes)  
Funds available (from IHSPR) – $50,000 for approximately 2 grants. Maximum amount per award – $10,000. Deadline Feb 16, 2015  
Grant duration – One year | For details see: https://www.cahspr.ca/en/community/funding/54c1267537dee8d372d8017c |
| NSERC National Science and Engineering Research Council (Collaborative Health Research Projects) | Grants concerning collaboration in health research/services/policy | The CHRP program supports focused collaborative research projects involving any field of the natural sciences or engineering and the health sciences that translate research results to knowledge/technology users and other stakeholders; Advance interdisciplinary research leading to knowledge and technologies with the potential to benefit Canada by improving the Canadian healthcare system and/or services and where appropriate lead to | Program Officer Tel.: 613-947-6374  
E-mail: chrp@nserc-crsng.gc.ca  
<p>| Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) | Grants concerned with the social sciences and humanities. Includes education research | Support research and develop excellence in research activities in the social sciences and humanities. Education research is funded through SSHRC. Medical education research grants can apply however the research question, the literature review, as well as the research design and methodology must be applicable to the social sciences and humanities. Grant types, deadlines and amounts vary:  • Community and College Social Innovation Fund, March 2 2015 deadline  • Connection Grants - for short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization events &amp; activities  • Insight Development Grants  • Insight Grants – to support research grants up to five years.  • Partnership Development Grants  • Knowledge Synthesis Grants, February 19, 2015 | General Inquiries  Tel.: 613-992-3145  Email: <a href="mailto:research@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca">research@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca</a> |
| CPSI Canadian Patient Safety Institute | Patient Safety Research | The primary goal for CPSI Research Competition is to develop knowledge about patient safety that can be helpful in a variety of settings and circumstances in organizations across Canada. Research funded will have patient safety as a primary focus. Maximum grant is $120,000. Deadlines vary. For the 2015-2016 year – one $50,000 grant will be given on the theme of helping improve the safety for complex frail elderly patients transitioning from the hospital to their own home. | <a href="http://www.patientsafetyinstitute.ca/index.html">http://www.patientsafetyinstitute.ca/index.html</a> |
| Associated Medical Services | Provides grant and invitations | 2015 AMS Phoenix Call to Caring Grants. Focus is on making a positive and lasting difference in how health professionals develop and sustain their abilities to provide humane, compassionate, person-centred care. Open to all health professionals involved in education, clinical practice or research. The deadline for stage 1 materials is Friday, January 30th 2015. Grants announced in June 2015. The AMS project grant is designed to support small budget proposals ($10,000) on projects in history of healthcare/disease/ medicine with special interest in, but not limited to Canadian history of healthcare/ disease/medicine. Such projects might include requests for seed money to develop research initiatives. Proposals are expected to advance an aspect of the history of health, health care or disease or the history of 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 | contact Associated Medical Services,  <a href="http://www.theamsphoenix.ca/">http://www.theamsphoenix.ca/</a>  162 Cumberland Street, Suite 228  Toronto, Ontario  M5R 3N5  Canada  Telephone: (416) 924-3368  FAX: (416) 323-3338  Or  Ethan Pigott  Project Consultant, The AMS Phoenix Project  416-558-2783  <a href="mailto:ethan@pigott.ca">ethan@pigott.ca</a>  Or:  <a href="http://www.nshrf.ca/programs-services/programs-and-services/ams-funding-opportunities/ams-project-grant">http://www.nshrf.ca/programs-services/programs-and-services/ams-funding-opportunities/ams-project-grant</a> |</p>
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<td>Society for Academic Continuing Medical Education (SACME)</td>
<td>CME Research Awards</td>
<td>Funds CME research through: Philip Manning Research Grant in CME - up to $50,000 for grants of two year duration. Research Grants in CME (up to $5000.) Funds available only to SACME members.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.sacme.org/">http://www.sacme.org/</a></td>
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<td>National Board of Medical Examiners</td>
<td>Stemmler Medical Education Research Fund</td>
<td>The goal of the Stemmler Fund is to provide support advancing research and development for innovative assessment methods in medical education or practice. Expected outcomes include advances in the theory, knowledge, or practice of assessment at any point along the continuum of medical education, from undergraduate and graduate education and training, through practice. Pilot and more comprehensive projects are both of interest. Collaborative investigations within or among institutions are eligible, particularly as they strengthen the likelihood of the project's contribution and success. The program's annual Call For Proposals invites proposals from LCME- or AOA-accredited medical schools.</td>
<td>Stemmler Fund National Board of Medical Examiners 3750 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19104 Phone: 215.590.9657 FAX: 215.590.9488 <a href="https://www2.nbme.org/StemmlerFund/Application/Application.asp">https://www2.nbme.org/StemmlerFund/Application/Application.asp</a></td>
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<td>Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians (CAEP)</td>
<td>Small grants which may have an educational focus.</td>
<td>Consideration will be given to applications from diverse settings, including academic, non-academic, community and rural emergency physicians. Residents and Fellows are especially encouraged to apply. Maximal support to individual project will be $5000. The grant cannot be considered as supplement to other funding resources.</td>
<td><a href="http://caep.ca/CAEPGrantCompetition">http://caep.ca/CAEPGrantCompetition</a></td>
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<td>Association of Standardized Patient Educators (ASPE)</td>
<td>Provides Research Awards</td>
<td>Funds available for Simulated Patient Research and medical education. Up to $10,000. The grant program has been suspended for 2015 but will resume in 2016.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.aspeducators.org/grants.htm">http://www.aspeducators.org/grants.htm</a></td>
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<td>Center for Excellence in Surgical Education, Research and Training (CESERT).</td>
<td>Grants concerned with Surgical Education</td>
<td>Funds research on surgical education. Up to $100,000 per grant for research projects which addressed CESERT's primary areas of interest. The average CESERT grant will be in the range of $25,000 annually - three year maximum. Topics include: Innovations in Surgical Education Education that improve patient care innovations performance evaluation and assessment, innovations in student programs, innovations in resident and faculty development; innovations in educational administration.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.surgicaleducation.com/cesert-grants">http://www.surgicaleducation.com/cesert-grants</a></td>
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<td>PSI</td>
<td>Medical</td>
<td>Focuses on education of practicing physicians</td>
<td>Telephone No. 416 226 6323</td>
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<td>Physicians’ Services Inc. Foundation</td>
<td>Education and health research with an emphasis on research relevant to patient care. Limited funds are available for support of health research and development projects. Some funded projects have had a medical education component or focused on medical education assessment. Projects should not exceed two years with a limit of $85,000 per year. Ontario based applications only, however other sites in Canada may be involved with an Ontario based application.</td>
<td><a href="mailto:psif@psifoundation.org">psif@psifoundation.org</a></td>
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<td>Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement</td>
<td>Funded by the Government of Canada, to accelerate healthcare improvement. Supports healthcare delivery innovation helping teams from different jurisdictions work together on common improvement priorities, providing opportunities to share and implement evidence-informed solutions across regions, provinces and territories. Funds: Quality improvement collaborations, EXTRA program for Health Care Improvement, On call webinars, improvement workshops and conferences. It appears that medical education components could potentially be a facet of the projects they support.</td>
<td>1 613-728-2238</td>
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<td>CHSRF (Canadian Health Services Research Foundation)</td>
<td>Research and Impact for System Support (REISS) (It is possible that collaborative projects could be proposed with a medical education component)</td>
<td>The REISS Competition is based on effective linkage and exchange. The foundation is committed to funding four programs per year (one per theme), with a maximum contribution to each of $500,000 over four years. Projects will include components in research, capacity development, and knowledge exchange. Four themes are: · Workforce and the Work Environment · Quality and Patient Safety · Values-based Decision-making and Public Engagement · Change Management for Improved Practice and Improved Health</td>
<td><a href="http://www.chsrf.ca/funding_opportunities/reiss/index_e.php">http://www.chsrf.ca/funding_opportunities/reiss/index_e.php</a></td>
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<td>Lawson Foundation Canada</td>
<td>Has supported development of community education programs on cancer and diabetes care.</td>
<td>Focuses on health needs related to: Beginning Years, Healthy Active Children, Diabetes, Cancer. Funded Projects are proactive programs by invitation only.</td>
<td>The Lawson Foundation 200 Queens Avenue Suite 511 London, ON N6A 1J3 Tel: (519) 667-5114 CRA BN 11924 1727 RR0001</td>
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<td>Max Bell Foundation Canada</td>
<td>Education Research Grants Health and Wellness Grants</td>
<td>Education Research Grants The Foundation seeks to support research projects that focus on innovative ways in which Canadian education institutions meet today’s challenges. Of particular interest are those projects which address the thoughtful use of technology and alternative institutional arrangements. Health &amp; Wellness Research Grants The Foundation is interested in supporting</td>
<td><a href="http://www.maxbell.org/">http://www.maxbell.org/</a> Suite 380, 1201 - 5th Street S.W. Calgary, AB T2R 0Y6 tel: 403.215.7310 fax: 403.215.7319</td>
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| **Norlien Foundation** | Initiates strategic initiatives to enhance the quality of life for all Canadians particularly those living in Alberta. Their Alberta Family Wellness Initiative (AFWI) provides opportunities to create a common framework for understanding & facilitating knowledge translation on child development, mental health outcomes and addictions considering epigenetics and developmental/behavioural neurosciences. | http://www.norlien.org/  
Calgary Phone: (403) 215-4490  
Edmonton Phone: (780) 429-3311 |

| **Spencer Foundation** | The Spencer Foundation will make several awards of up to $40,000 for research projects in philosophy as it relates to educational policy and practice. Applicants are encouraged to understand educational policy and practice in broad terms – can apply to K12 or higher education. | http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/philosophy-in-educational-policy-practice-rfp  
**Grants Manager:** Annie Brinkman  
312-274-6511 | abrinkman@spencer.org  
Applications accepted at any time, including those outside the United States. |

| **The John Templeton Foundation** | The John Templeton Foundation serves as a philanthropic catalyst for discoveries relating to the Big Questions of human purpose and ultimate reality. Support research on subjects ranging from complexity, evolution, and infinity to creativity, forgiveness, love, and free will. Encourage civil, informed dialogue among scientists, philosophers, and theologians and between such experts and the public at large, for the purposes of definitional clarity and new insights. These grants range in size from $25,000 to $5.7 million. Core funding areas: Science & the Big Questions; Character Virtue Development; Individual Freedom & Free Markets; Exceptional Cognitive Talent & Genius; Genetics; the Humble Approach Initiative. They have funded medical education initiatives in the past. | John Templeton Foundation  
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West Conshohocken, PA 19428 USA.  
Telephone: (610) 941-2828  
http://www.templeton.org |