

**Dr. Harold B. Atlee Research Endowment Award**  
**Terms of Reference**  
**(Established 1980)**

**Background:**

Dr. Harold Benge Atlee was the first professor of a newly formed joint Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Dalhousie University in 1922. Born in Pictou County, Nova Scotia, Dr. Atlee was educated and grew up in Annapolis. He completed Medical School at Dalhousie in 1911 and was one of the youngest graduates at 22 years of age. He worked for a short time as a General Practitioner but believed he required more medical training. He travelled to England to continue his medical training but was interrupted from taking his Royal College Exams by the start of the First World War. At the conclusion of the war he continued his training, specialising in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and succeeded in passing his Royal College Exams. He returned to Canada to take the position of Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 1922.

After his death in 1978, Dr. Atlee's dedication to education and research for the benefit of future health professionals and the health and well-being of Nova Scotian women and their babies, continued thanks to this generous bequest from his estate to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

This bequest has led to the establishment of an endowment to support research projects requiring financial aid within the Dalhousie Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

**Conditions:**

The fund is held by a private financial institution as a restricted fund. The objective of this bequest is to maintain and grow the capital of such funds indefinitely. Annual investment income earned on the capital will be available for research support.

The terms and conditions of this award may periodically be reviewed by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Research Committee for recommended amendments.

The individual award will be provided from investment income earned on the capital. The exact payout amount is determined by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Research Committee. Historically, the Committee has approved an average application payout of \$5,000 per application received.

The award will be designated as the Dr. H.B. Atlee Endowment Award. If there are no eligible candidates in a given year, available investment income will be rolled back into the capital.

### **Eligibility**

Those eligible to receive funds include: faculty members from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and trainees with a faculty supervisor from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Cross appointed or adjunct faculty must have a collaborator who is a faculty member from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

### **Review and Disposition Process:**

Selection of the award recipient will be made following a review of applications by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Research Committee, as per their usual peer review process. The applications must receive approval from the Research Ethics Board of the investigator's home hospital or University before funds are released. Proof of application for funding to other research sources such as the IWK Category A and B, Cancer Care, DMA, and CDHA grant competitions should be submitted, along with the Atlee grant application. Applications will be reviewed four times a year; in January, March, June and November.

Applicants will be expected to provide a detailed budget report with their application along with proposal (2-3 pages is sufficient) and a lay summary of the proposed project.

When an IWK Summer Studentship is awarded to a medical student working under the direct supervision of an Obs/Gyn faculty member, approval for matching funds, if necessary (up to \$2,500), will be automatic with a request and copy of the IWK award attached.

Disposition of fund finances shall be administered through the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and monitored by the Director of Finance and Administration.