



FACULTY OF HEALTH

Matching Funds Guidelines

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Dalhousie recognizes that matching funds are increasingly required or needed to be competitive for certain external larger-scale research funding opportunities. The Vice President Research & Innovation Office has implemented a set of guidelines to help facilitate the management of requests for such matching funds at the University level.

Similarly, the Faculty of Health has also recognized the growing importance of matching funding to overall research success and created its own matching funds guidelines.

Matching Funds Requests to the Faculty of Health (FH)

The guidelines below and the attached request form will help inform Faculty decisions. FH matching funds are not guaranteed and are subject to budget availability.

Guidelines

- The application must be lead or co-lead by a FH researcher
- Requests may be made for up to 10% of funds* coming to the FH researcher(s), subject to the availability of funds
- Consistent with the Partnership Model for Funding, units are expected to provide matching funds
- Priority will be given to requests that are also eligible for VPR matching funds from the VPR
- The lead FH researcher must demonstrate how the proposed research aligns with the FH Strategic Plan and the Faculty's focus areas for research
- The research team must demonstrate a willingness to participate in Dal internal peer review where available and relevant

*If the *required* match exceeds the equivalent of 10%, contact the Associate Dean, Research or Director, Research prior to submitting a matching funds request.

To request matching funds from the FH, the lead Dalhousie researcher must fill out the attached form and submit it to the *Director of Research, Faculty of Health*. Applications meeting the requirements will be reviewed and considered for funding based on fit with FH research focus areas. Requests should be made at least one month prior to the application deadline date and for larger scale opportunities no less than 3 months or earlier. The earlier the FH Research Office is aware of the need, the more support it can provide to identifying potential sources for matching.

Faculty of Health – Priority Research Areas

1. **Health equity and resilience** – focusses on the health, healthcare and social needs of vulnerable and marginalized populations.
2. **Health and health systems transformation** – focusses on the changing definition of health and healthcare to one driven by illness or intervention to one that focusses on how we care for our health across the lifespan.
3. **Body function and mobility across the health continuum** – focusses on the impact of body function and physical activity on healthy living, prevention and management of chronic diseases and optimizing interventions.