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COETF AWARD APPLICATION

Research and academic support are vital to our profession. Since inception, Canadian Optometric Education Trust Fund (COETF) have provided more than $2million in funding through its Annual Awards program.

The COETF has supported:

- **Research and/or specialized education programs carried out by graduate students;**
- **Investigative projects conducted by undergraduates;**
- **Faculty development at Canada's schools of optometry;**
- **Projects undertaken by independent practitioners or members of the public.**

All award recipients are required to submit an interim (or final) report the following year and a final report upon completion. To recognize some of the projects and research being done by award recipients, COETF will publish some project reports in the Canadian Journal of Optometry (CJO).

Applicant Information

Full Name:

Last   *First*   *.*

Date:

☐ **Institution**:

Program:

☐ **Private Practitioner:**

Address:

Street Address

City   *Prov*   *Postal Code*

Phone: **Email:**

Project Title:

Amount requested: $

Supervisor: **Email:**

Signatures:

Applicant 1

Applicant 2

COETF AWARDS EVALUATION CRITERIA

Criterion #1: Research Approach (Weight: 10%)

- Clarity of the research question, rationale for the research approach and methodology.
- Appropriateness of the research design and methods.
- Feasibility of the research approach (including recruitment of subjects, project timeline, preliminary data where appropriate, etc.).
- Multidisciplinary collaboration

Criterion #2: Originality of the Proposal (Weight: 15%)

- Potential for the creation of new knowledge.
- Alignment of research program with priority patient areas
- Originality of the proposed research, in terms of the hypotheses and research questions addressed.
- Use of novel technology/methodology, and/or novel applications of current technology/methodology.

Criterion #3: Applicant(s) (Weight: 10%)

- Qualifications of the applicant(s), including training, experience and independence (relative to career stage).
- Experience of the applicant(s) in the proposed area of research and with the proposed methodology.
- Ability to successfully and appropriately disseminate research findings, as demonstrated by knowledge translation activities (publications, conference presentations, briefings, media engagements, etc.).
- Appropriateness of the team of applicants (if more than one applicant) to carry out the proposed research, in terms of complementarity of expertise and synergistic potential.

Criterion #4: Environment for the Research (Weight: 5%)

- Availability and accessibility of personnel, facilities and infrastructure required to conduct the research.
- Suitability of the environment to conduct the proposed research.
- Suitability of the environment (milieu, project and mentors) for the training of personnel (if applicable).
- Research to be completed in timely manner

Criterion #5: Impact of the Research (Weight: 30%)

- Research proposal addresses a significant need or gap in health research and/or the health care system.
- Evidence that the research could improve the efficiency and safety/quality access, equity and health outcomes of care for optometric patients
- Appropriateness and adequacy of the proposed plan for knowledge dissemination and exchange.
- Potential for research to be translated into practical applications AND/OR novelty of methods to be developed or applied.

Criterion #6: Anticipated Benefits of this Program / Project (Weight: 30%)

- Dissemination plan for project results
- Direct impact on day to day optometric practice in Canada
- Potential for a significant contribution to the improvement of people's health in Canada and the world.
- Potential for a significant contribution to the development of more effective health services and products.

Submission Instructions

This application must be completed and returned to Anne Stacey at coetf@outlook.com by:

Monday, February 3, 2020. *(Incomplete or handwritten applications will not be accepted.)*

Reports for 2019 COETF Funding are requested by **Friday, March 27, 2020** in order to be considered for future funding.

Project Summary

In this section, please explain your project in terms of the evaluation criteria noted below. Please provide the requested information as an attachment to this application if the space below is not sufficient.

__NOTE 1:__ The COETF customarily does not provide funding support for travel associated with presenting the results of this program / project to a conference or continuing education meeting.

__NOTE 2:__ Equipment purchased using COETF award money is not to be considered the personal property of the award recipient but remains the property of the COETF.

__NOTE 3:__ Please attach a budget for your research project.

__NOTE 4:__ Complete evaluation criteria and assigned weights are available on page 4 of this application.

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Criterion #1: Research Approach:

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Criterion #2: Originality of the Proposal:

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Criterion #3: Qualifications of Applicant(s):

Criterion #4: Environment for the Research:

Criterion #5: Impact of the Research:

Please explain the anticipated benefits that this program / project will yield for the delivery, understanding and/or improvement of eye health services to Canadians.

Please explain how the research findings will be applied/disseminated:

Please note any other sources being solicited for funding support in conjunction with this program / project

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Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If this application leads to funding, I understand that false or misleading information in my application may result in rescindment of funding.

The applicant attests that all projects involving animal subjects will comply with the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) Guide to the Care and Use of Experimental Animals and that all projects involving human subjects will comply with the Medical Research Council's Guidelines on Research Involving Human Subjects.

Applicant
Signature: _____   Date: _____