



Cardiac Services BC

An agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority

CARDIOVASCULAR OUTCOMES RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD

Background

Cardiac Services BC (CSBC), an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority, serves to optimize the heart health of British Columbians by planning, coordinating, monitoring, evaluating, and funding high quality cardiac services. We strive to achieve optimal quality, performance and outcomes for patients receiving cardiac care by monitoring performance against established clinical and operational benchmarks, and identifying and promoting best practices. CSBC maintains a robust database of clinical data used for evaluation of outcomes in patients who have undergone coronary revascularization or other cardiac procedures.

The Cardiovascular Outcomes Research Fellowship provides an opportunity to attract and support talented researchers conducting cardiovascular outcomes research who want to contribute to system improvement by creating and sharing new knowledge.

Eligibility Requirements

The applicant must have completed a university-based clinical subspecialty training or PhD (or equivalent) program less than three years ago by the Funding Start Date (October 1, 2010).

In addition to having a record of accomplishment and academic achievement, the applicant will propose a program of research that focuses on cardiovascular outcomes. Possible topics include prevention (primary or secondary), access to care, treatment effectiveness, policy interventions, etc. The duration of the proposed research should be a minimum of 1 year and a maximum of 2 years.

Completion of Application

The application comprises the following:

- A completed Application Cover Sheet
- Description of the proposed research project (3 pages)
- Description of the relevance of the proposed research to cardiac care/health in BC (0.5 page)
- Statement of career goals (0.5 page)
- Curriculum vitae (CIHR format)

Also include two letters of support. One letter should be from the applicant's program director, division head or department head, or from the applicant's PhD or post-doctoral supervisor, as appropriate. Letters should be sealed, signed on the back of the envelope, and mailed directly to Cardiac Services BC, ATTN: Sharon Relova, 7th Floor, 1380 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2H3.

Submission of Application

Send completed applications to Sharon Relova via email at srelova@phsa.ca

Applications will be accepted until **July 16, 2010** for commencement of funding on October 1st.

Important Dates

Competition Opens	February 18, 2010
Application Deadline	July 16, 2010
Notice of Decision	September 1, 2010
Funding Start Date	October 1, 2010

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by Cardiac Services BC's Data Access & Research Review Board, comprising academic and clinical researchers with expertise in cardiovascular disease and outcomes research.

Strong preference will be given to candidates most likely to develop independent research careers based in BC.

Funding

Funding will be provided by Cardiac Services BC in the amount of \$50,000 per year, for a maximum of 2 years, depending on successful review at the end of the first year. An annual travel stipend of \$2,000 to support participation at national or international conferences will also be available.

Questions?

Contact Sharon Relova via e-mail at srelova@phsa.ca or phone (604) 875-7353.