FHS Initiative to Support the Development of Major Collaborative Grant Applications

The need for funds to support the development of major collaborative research ventures was identified in the Faculty of Health Sciences Strategic Plan*. To address this need, the Faculty of Health Sciences has allocated a limited amount of funding ($8,000 annually) to support the development of major collaborative Tri-Council funding applications. FHS Faculty members are eligible to apply for funds to support the preparation and development of such grants.

What grants are eligible for this development support through this initiative?
- Proposals for major collaborative Tri-Council grant applications are eligible. These include:
  - SSHRC Partnership Grants
  - CIHR Team Grant
  - NSERC Strategic Network Grant

Who can apply for these development funds?
- To be eligible for these funds, the Principal Investigator (or Co-Principal Investigator) must be an FHS Faculty Member.

What is the process for applying for these funds?
- Application for development funds is made directly to the Dean or Associate Dean (Scholarship). A 1-2 page summary of the project including:
  - The name of the major collaborative grant being prepared
  - The Western (Research Development Services) deadline for submission of the grant application
  - The names and affiliations of the co-investigators, team members, and/or partners
  - A brief overview of the project, noting how it relates to FHS strategic priorities
  - A brief summary of how the development funds will be spent

What is the timeline for applying for these funds?
- To be eligible for project development funds, the application for these funds must be received in the Dean’s office at least 3 months before the Western (Research Development Services) deadline for submission of the grant application.

What are the criteria for allocation of the funds?
- Excellence of the proposed research
- Relationship of the proposed research with FHS strategic priorities
- Research record of the principal investigator

*FHS Four-Year Strategic Plan (2006-2010) -- Pillar 4, Action Step 4.5ii) “Create a Faculty of Health Sciences Research Support Fund ($8,000) that members can access to hire a consultant to assist them with the creation of major research grant proposals.”