



Specialized Geriatric Services Grant - Request for Applications

The Regional Geriatric Program Central (RGPC) is pleased to award grant support for research that is related to Specialized Geriatric Services (SGS) and aims to improve quality care for older adults. For 2022-23, **two SGS grants, up to \$15,000 each** will be awarded for a one year term.

As described by Provincial Geriatrics Leadership Ontario, SGS includes the following clinical geriatric services: Geriatric Medicine, Geriatric Psychiatry, Care of the Elderly and Inter-professional Geriatric Teams.

In alignment with RGPc strategic directions, applications that focus on the following 2022-23 SGS Grant themes will be considered for this funding opportunity:

- 1. Supporting dementia-friendly/delirium-friendly care settings**
- 2. Supporting ortho-geriatrics and fracture prevention**

Healthcare providers and learners are invited to apply for one-time funding for research that aims to enhance clinical excellence and capacity building within SGS to support quality of care for older adults in accordance with the 2022-23 grant themes. **Applicants are very strongly encouraged to ensure collaboration across services (e.g. Geriatric Medicine and Orthopaedics) to influence evidence-based translation to practice.**

Award per grant: A maximum of \$15,000 (subject to commensurate scrutiny) will be awarded to the two successful applications. Funding must be used by **March 31, 2024**.

Objective

To support evidence-based research that aims to drive clinical excellence and build capacity within specialized geriatric services to close the care gap and enhance quality of care for older adults; **supporting dementia-friendly/delirium-friendly care settings or supporting ortho-geriatrics and fracture prevention.**

RGPc SGS Grant Application Submission Deadline: February 15, 2023.

General Criteria

1. The proposed research project must be entirely, or largely based at one or more RGPc partner hospital(s) or long-term care facility within the RGPc region of Hamilton, Niagara, Haldimand-Norfolk, Brant, Waterloo Wellington where SGS services are provided. Partner hospitals include:
 - Brant Community Healthcare System
 - Cambridge Memorial Hospital
 - Grand River Hospital
 - Guelph General Hospital
 - Haldimand War Memorial Hospital
 - Hamilton Health Sciences
 - Joseph Brant Hospital
 - Niagara Health
 - Norfolk General Hospital
 - St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton
 - St. Mary's General Hospital
2. Applicants must be members of the medical or clinical health professional staff of RGPc partner hospital (see eligibility criteria #1), members of affiliated research institutes/centres (Research Fellows and Clinical Scholars are eligible), or long-term care facility.
3. Residents are only eligible when the research is conducted within the sites of RGPc partner hospital or long-term care facility (see eligibility criteria #1).
4. Grants will be awarded based on excellence exhibited by the research. A maximum of \$15,000 will be awarded to the two successful applications. Where a research project exceeds the maximum award amount, the application must include a detailed explanation and budget of what will be completed with the SGS grant funds, and provide a plan for additional funding to complete the full project.
5. The associated Program Chair/Chief or Program Director of the affiliated RGPc partner organization(s) must provide a letter of support for the proposed project.
6. Grants funding supports a duration of 12 months, with the expectation that the researcher will leverage additional support from external funding sources to build a program of SGS research. Support is available for research personnel and project operating expenses. Any unused funds at study end must be returned to the RGPc.
7. Final Report - Successful applicants will be expected to provide a final report on their project using the *RGPc SGS Grant Annual/Study Completion Report* template and submit to the RGPc team rgpcinfo@hhsc.ca by May 30, 2024, and present their research findings at an RGPc Council Meeting in fiscal year 2024-25.
8. Acknowledgements - All communications, publications, and presentations related to research conducted with support of the RGPc SGS Grant must acknowledge Regional Geriatric Program Central.
9. Only one submission per principal applicant for each competition will be considered.

Disclaimer: These are meant to be guidelines, and the Review Committee reserves the right to declare a candidate as ineligible at their discretion.