

## **Saskatchewan Occupational Therapists' Research and Education Fund**

### **Application Process Information and Instructions**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **What is the Saskatchewan Occupational Therapists' Research and Education Fund?**

The Saskatchewan Society of Occupational Therapists wishes to support research and education activities that ultimately enhance the research experience of post-professional students and clinicians who are licensed to practice occupational therapy in Saskatchewan. This initiative will benefit Saskatchewan residents through enhancing evidence-based occupational therapy practice.

#### **Who is eligible for funding?**

All recipients must be licensed to practice occupational therapy in Saskatchewan. In addition, the applicant must provide evidence of a link with the University of Saskatchewan either by being:

- a) A U of S student or alumni, or
- b) Enrolled in a program at the U of S, in a joint program, or a program affiliated with the U of S, or
- c) An OT clinician doing research, either outside or within a post-professional program, with the involvement of a U of S faculty member.

#### **What projects are eligible?**

The funds are to be used to conduct research or to undertake post-professional study relating to occupational therapy. For example, projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Research projects;
- Travel to present research at conferences;
- Support for University of Saskatchewan graduates to undertake post graduate study at either the University of Saskatchewan or other recognized institutions; and
- Support for non U of S alumni to undertake graduate or post-graduate study at U of S.

All completed applications will be sent to SSOT (The Donor Advised Committee). This Committee will then forward all applications to the University of Saskatchewan Fund Committee together with a recommendation for the successful applicant(s).

#### **When is the deadline to submit the application?**

Must be submitted to SSOT Executive-Director by: November 1, 2022 at 5pm

#### **How are applications prioritized?**

Priority to applications will be as follows:

- *Priority One:* Research project, within or outside a formal program of studies
- *Priority Two:* Post-professional studies in early stage of study (Prior to ethics approval or with project based graduate studies)
- *Priority Three:* Other research related activities

Preference within any category will be given to the extent to which the project is related to practice within Saskatchewan



## **COMPLETION OF THE APPLICATION FORM**

The application form is divided into four sections which all applicants must complete. There is an additional section for applicants choosing eligibility through connections with a U of S faculty member.

### ***Section A – Contact information:***

Applicant's home or work address can be used.

### ***Section B – Eligibility criteria:***

B.1 Only practicing SSOT members are eligible for the SOTREF grant. Those who are non-practicing/retired members or who hold a restricted license are not eligible. Applicants must be licensed at the time of the application and during the period for which the grant will be used.

B.2 There are three ways to establish a link with the University of Saskatchewan. Only one eligibility criteria should be selected.

An alumnus is an individual who has completed a program of studies and been granted a degree from the university.

Affiliate or joint programs are identified on the university's website. When using these criteria, applicants should indicate if their student number is from a different institution.

Research with a faculty member requires that the faculty member is involved with the SSOT member and the extent of that involvement is set out in the application.

### ***Section C –Description of research related activity:***

This funding can be used to support research related activities at any stage of the process from development to final dissemination of the results, from clinically based projects to those in more formal academic settings/programs. Therefore, all applicants are requested to provide up to one page of information about their project. The following information should be included for each of the categories, as it will affect the standing of any application within each priority area:

*Research project (can be within or outside post-professional graduate studies):*

- The depth of involvement (PI, member of the core team, or peripheral involvement)
- The effect on occupational therapy practice in Saskatchewan
- Level of innovation
- Intended research matches the applicant's resources and research design



*Post-Professional graduate studies:*

- The extent to which research is a focus of the course of studies e.g. production of a thesis/dissertation
- The effect on occupational therapy practice in Saskatchewan

*Other related research activities:*

The objective of this award is to enhance evidence-based occupational therapy practice in Saskatchewan. Applicants who do not fit the first two priorities can outline a project that they feel is relevant e.g. clinically related activities such as program evaluation or case studies.

Applicants should indicate:

- The ways in which the activity can be considered related to research.
- The effect on occupational therapy practice in Saskatchewan

## REVIEW PROCESS:

### Step 1:

Three members of an SSOT Donor-Advised Committee will review eligible applications each year within two weeks of the competition closing. The following rubric will be used for scoring:

*Priority One:* Research project, within or outside a formal program of studies

*Priority Two:* Post-professional studies in early stage of study (Prior to ethics approval or with project based graduate studies)

*Priority Three:* Other research related activities with priority given to its effect on occupational therapy practice and its relevance to research.

### Step 2:

The committee's recommendations will be forwarded to SSOT Council for approval.

### Step 3:

All applications will be forwarded to the Fund Committee as established in the terms of reference with a recommendation as to the winner of the award. This committee will first notify SSOT and then a week later, notify the successful applicant.

**Further information can be obtained by contacting:**

**SSOT Executive Director at: [ed@ssot.sk.ca](mailto:ed@ssot.sk.ca)**