

Improving Health Care through Evidence: Point of Care Research Challenge



Application Deadline: December 5, 2011



- Do you have an unanswered question from your clinical practice or the delivery of care?
- Do you want to learn more about research?
- Would you like to be involved in a small research project at your work site?

*If you answered **yes** to any of these questions, then the **Point of Care Research Challenge** may be for you!*

What is it?

The Point of Care Research Challenge is a research competition created especially for staff who work at the point of care. The competition will provide teams with the support and resources to develop a research proposal and conduct a small research project. The proposed research is to be relevant to a specific Fraser Health work site with a focus on nursing practice. The aim is to improve health care. **Up to three proposals could be awarded a \$5000 grant to complete a research project!**

Who can participate?

Teams of FH employees who provide direct patient care and are interested in starting a research project.

Who should be on each team?

Each team of 3 to 7 members must be led by one or two lead investigators. Teams must have at least one clinical leader (e.g. Manager, Clinical Nurse Specialist, etc.), one nurse lead or co-lead, and one staff nurse. Although the project must be nursing focused, teams with an interdisciplinary mix of members are strongly encouraged to apply.

How much work is involved?

Successful applicants are required to complete participate in two phases of the Research Challenge:

- Phase I** At least two members of each team will be required to attend a series of two workshop about writing a research proposal.
Workshop dates: **January 20 and February 17, 2012** (both days 0830-1600 hours)
Workshops are held at Central City, Surrey.
- Phase II** Completing a research proposal for submission and review. Developing a research proposal requires time; expect to spend several hours per week (divided among team members) on the project.
Final Proposals due: **March 26, 2012**

How do we apply?

Assemble a team.	Identify a research area of interest.	Obtain manager's approval for the lead or co-leads.	Submit application to Charlene.Ronquillo@fraserhealth.ca OR by fax to 604-953-5137 no later than 2330hrs on December 5, 2011.	Applications will be reviewed. Successful applicants will be notified by January 4, 2012.	Attend the workshop series (February 24 and March 22, 2011).	Submit the teams completed research proposal for the opportunity to receive a research grant of up to \$5000.
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Questions?

Contact the Nursing Research Facilitator at: Charlene.Ronquillo@fraserhealth.ca