
2025 NSCCI National Competition

Purpose

- To promote innovative, interdisciplinary patient-oriented research related to the broad area of Complex Care in Child Health.

Criteria

Applications must be focused on children with medical complexity (CMC). CMC are defined as those children with:

- One or more complex chronic conditions (often multisystem and severe),
- Significant functional limitation often causing reliance on technology e.g., feeding tubes and tracheostomies,
- High healthcare utilization, requiring specialized care/services from a variety of providers across multiple sectors,
- High healthcare service needs e.g., care provision in the home and care coordination.

Applications that relate to specific patient populations that have a primary underlying diagnosis with firmly established advocacy and support groups and access to other funding sources (e.g., childhood cancer, cystic fibrosis, transplant patients) will not be considered eligible for this competition.

Eligibility

- Physicians, nurses, allied health professionals, researchers and trainees who are affiliated with an academic health science centre or university in Canada.
- New and early career investigators are encouraged to apply.
- Research partnership with patients and families, community groups, and/or family advisors is strongly recommended, and applications should include a patient and family engagement plan (including a budget where appropriate).

Amount of Award

- Approximately \$60,000 is available this year for all grants. We will allow a **maximum** budget of up to \$60,000.00 for each application, however **we highly recommend** budgeting up to \$30,000.00 to maximize the number of grants we can award. If more funds are essential for completion of the project, this will need to be justified.

Key dates

Deadline: **September 30, 2025**

Decisions: Award recipients are expected to be notified by approximately **mid December 2025**

For more details on background, application guidelines and how to apply see: [2025 NSCCI National Competition](#)