



## Guidelines - Clinical Trials Research Agreements

Funded by the Government of Canada, the mission of the Stem Cell Network (SCN) is to act as a catalyst for enabling translation of stem cell research into clinical applications, commercial products, or public policy.

Eligible projects will be phase 1 or 2 clinical trials and have received Health Canada approval. It is expected that successful projects will show incremental benefit to the patient, as well as provide an economic analysis of the potential cost of treatment compared to current best-available standard of care.

Up to four clinical trials will be funded over two fiscal years for this program (December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017). A total of \$4 million is available, with a maximum of \$1million per project.

The Letter of Intent (LOI) process will be open for four weeks starting on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. All submissions are due by midnight EDT on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Submissions will be assessed for eligibility and a notice of invitation to submit a full proposal will be sent out for qualifying projects. It is anticipated that funding for successful proposals will be awarded before the end of 2016.

### Criteria:

- SCN will contribute to a maximum of 40 percent for the costs of a clinical trial
- The trial must have Canadian content included in its approach
- The trial cannot be led by the pharmaceutical industry
- The project must be collaborative in nature. For example, it could:
  - include multiple SCN investigators;
  - include multiple sites so the therapeutic is more widely available across Canada; and/or
  - use core facilities in other network institutions.

### Requirements:

SCN is looking to support projects that demonstrate the following:

- Outstanding science in an international context
- Canadian innovation that is an integral element of the trials approach
- Evidence that partnerships and funding will follow investment by the SCN
- Demonstrates a well thought out and achievable project plan with a reasonable budget

- Therapies with a reasonable expectation that the health-care system will pay for them if a trial succeeds at Phase 3

Letter of Intent Requirements can be found [here](http://www.stemcellnetwork.ca/index.php/funding/). (<http://www.stemcellnetwork.ca/index.php/funding/>)

Potential applicants may wish to speak with SCN staff to confirm eligibility. This can be done by emailing: [info@stemcellnetwork.ca](mailto:info@stemcellnetwork.ca)