Are you a paediatric trainee interested in
  • Public health?
  • Rare conditions?
  • Rare complications of common conditions?

The Canadian Paediatric Surveillance Program (CPSP) is offering paediatric trainees a $3,000 in-kind grant to enable a one-time CPSP survey.

CPSP one-time surveys are a valuable epidemiological and public health tool, as they can capture a signal, answer a specific emerging public health question, and collect meaningful national medical/health policy data in near-real time. This knowledge can be used to lead to a change in legislation or an improvement in medical management. For example, past CPSP one-time surveys have motivated the public ban on baby walkers, inspired further investment in the prevention of vitamin D deficiency rickets, and advanced the discussion on detergent pod safety. One-time surveys are sent out to all CPSP participants, including 2,700 paediatricians and paediatric subspecialists currently practicing across Canada. For more information about the CPSP, visit cpsp.cps.ca.

**Criteria for applying**

Applicant must:
  • Be a paediatric trainee (resident or fellow)
  • Be a member of the Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS)
  • Have identified a minimum of one faculty mentor to oversee the project
  • Be able to analyze and publish results in a timely fashion

**Deliverables**

  • Publish a 600–750-word CPSP Highlights article on survey findings in Paediatrics & Child Health
  • Author a 300–500-word summary article in the CPSP Results
  • Submit an abstract for a poster presentation at the CPS Annual Conference as well as other national and international conferences
  • Submit manuscripts to peer-reviewed journals

**Deadline**

The application deadline is **Friday, September 7, 2018**. Applications or any questions should be submitted to cpsp@cps.ca.

**Application process and timelines**

The applicant must contact the CPSP office in advance of the submission deadline to discuss the survey topic and survey team.

Submit a 1–2 page application (single-spaced, minimum 10-point font size), outlining the following:

  • **Topic of interest**: Include background information, Canadian context, and the epidemiology of the condition (disorders of low incidence are well suited for a CPSP survey).
  • **Project objectives**: Objectives should be clear, realistic, measurable, and can lead to meaningful conclusions.
• Intended public health and/or clinical impact: Outline specific activities that are likely to inform/improve public health or clinical knowledge, policy, and/or practice.

• Knowledge translation plan: Include plans to submit to national and international meetings and target publications.

• Survey team: List the qualifications of the trainee and sponsoring supervisor with respect to both the topic and the methods associated with surveillance.

The CPSP Steering Committee will review all applications in November 2018 and will rate them according to the attached evaluation form. The winning applicant will be notified no later than January 2019.

The winning trainee will be expected to present a finalized survey to the CPSP Steering Committee in April 2019.

Please note that there is no need to go through an institutional Research Ethics Board prior to application.