



## Seed Grant Application Frequently Asked Questions

### What types of proposals are you looking for?

Applications must have a work disability policy focus as a core part of the research and/or address system-level issues. CRWDP's three key questions, which are on our website, provide a clear sense of this focus.

#### Our Three Key Questions

1. How well does the Canadian disability policy system serve the current and emerging needs of working-age individuals when disabled in terms of employment support and opportunities?
2. For which individuals and in what labour-market contexts does our disability policy system work well/not work well and why?
3. What are the key opportunities for policy and program improvement in the short and long run?

Proposal should also fit into one of CRDWDWP's three research themes.

#### Three Research Themes

1. Population analysis: examines population characteristics – who are the work disabled and what is their condition?
2. Labour-market analysis: considers labour-market conditions, the need for skills development opportunities, and the role of employers.
3. Law, policy and program analyses and intervention trials: includes policy analysis at the provincial and federal level to better understand within and across-program barriers to accessing support, comparative analyses of legislation across provinces, international comparisons of work disability policy, and studies of successful programs in other countries.

The seed grants are meant to be the basis for an academic, peer-reviewed grant or an academically publishable manuscript. Seed grants may also be directed toward a specific smaller project. Examples are: detailed policy analysis, case study, pilot study, or practical intervention.



### **Can non-CRWDP Participants/Investigators or Partners apply?**

No. Academics and organizations who are not part of CRWDP can be on an application team but cannot be the principal applicant. As well, all applications must include a CRWDP Co-Investigator.

### **How about Partner Organizations that are Universities or other Academic Institutions? Are they eligible to fill the CRWDP partner organization requirement?**

No. For the Seed Grant, Partner Organizations are non-academic. They are from the community, labour, business, employer, service-provider, insurer, or other non-academic sectors. The idea of Seed Grant partnering is to encourage collaboration with sectors outside of academia.

### **Can CRWDP Participants or Partners submit more than one application?**

Yes. There is no limit to the number of applications a group can submit.

### **Is the expectation for a proposal to involve multiple partners?**

A proposal needs to have at least one partner. It may have multiple partners if this is relevant to the research problem being addressed.

### **Is there a particular format required for references and should the references be an appendix?**

There is no particular format required for references, though citations should be provided for all references in a standardized format. Please include the reference list as an appendix.

### **How are Seed Grant applications evaluated?**

The following aspects are rated for each application: Relevance to CRWDP mandate; innovation; study design; project team; potential stimulating future funding and/or student employment and development; and potential for stimulating collaborative research with partners.

### **How many Seed Grants will be funded?**



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As described in the [procedures](#) document, this is the first of three Seed Grant calls. Accordingly, \$60,000 to \$90,000 is available for this round. This comprises approximately one third of our total Seed Grant budget.

### **Who should sign the Seed Grant application?**

The seed grant application needs to be signed by the principal investigator. This can be a participant or a partner.