

Pediatricians Alliance of Ontario (PAO): Pediatric Resident Advocacy Grant

The Pediatricians Alliance of Ontario (PAO) supports Ontario Pediatric Residents each year who demonstrate a commitment to improving the health and well-being of children through advocacy, particularly those who are underserved or marginalized.

Two \$1,500 grants are available each year; application deadlines are April 1 and November 1. Applicants may submit their applications at any time before the respective deadline. Each grant project must be complete and grant funds must be spent within 12 months of awarding.

The PAO Executive Committee will judge proposals based on the impact and scope of their work. Members of the PAO Executive Committee are not eligible to apply.

Eligibility:

Candidates should be a Pediatric Resident currently enrolled in an Ontario program, in good standing.

Grant Proposal Requirements:

- 1. A detailed description of the proposed project or initiative including objectives, methods and expected outcomes and goals.
- 2. A budget clearly outlining how the grant funds will be utilized.
- 3. An evaluation plan outlining the how the outcomes of the project or initiative will be measured and reported.
- 4. Supporting Documentation: supporting documents from the applicant's program director are required. Additional documents such as letters of support from community or educational partners will additionally be considered.

Evaluation Criteria:

- 1. Alignment with the priorities of the Pediatricians Alliance of Ontario: The grant proposal should align with one or more of the top five priorities of the PAO:
 - Mental health
 - · Healthy, active living
 - Vaccinations
 - Literacy
 - Transition of care

- 2. Innovation: The grant proposal should demonstrate innovative and creative approaches to addressing pediatric health issues.
- 3. Impact: The grant proposal should demonstrate the potential for measurable impact on the health and well-being of children, particularly those who are underserved or marginalized.
- 4. Sustainability: The grant proposal should demonstrate a sustainable approach to addressing pediatric health issues, with the potential for long-term impact beyond the grant period.
- 5. Collaborations: The grant proposal may demonstrate strong partnerships and collaborations with other organizations or individuals, particularly those who have expertise in the targeted area of advocacy.
- 6. Feasibility: The grant proposal should be feasible and realistic, with a clear plan for implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.
- 7. Budget: The grant proposal should have a reasonable budget that is appropriate for the scope and scale of the proposed project or initiative.

Recipients of grant funds, the funded projects and outcomes will be highlighted in PAO communications. Grant recipients will also be given the opportunity to write an article for the PAO website and present their work to the pediatric community.

Questions and applications can be directed to pedsontario@gmail.com