

AYA WORKSHOP PROJECT CONCEPT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Opens: March 13, 2015

Closes: April 24, 2015

3CTN in collaboration with C17 and NCIC CTG is releasing this Request for Submissions of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) clinical research concepts to be discussed and further developed at a 3CTN funded AYA workshop in the fall of 2015 (location to be decided). The goal will be to develop a clinical trial(s) or clinical research study(ies) that address(es) key gaps or priority areas of AYA-focused cancer treatments. 3CTN will provide funding for the workshop including travel expenses. Clinical trials should be eligible for the 3CTN portfolio; however, projects will require funding from other sources.

Requirement of this project concept application: The proposal must

- Be focused on cancer in the AYA population
- Show evidence of multicentre and multi-disciplinary collaborations;
- Have potential for external funding/sponsorship from funding agencies or organizations
- Be eligible for the 3CTN Portfolio when activated.
 - Peer reviewed
 - Academic sponsor (holder of CTA with Health Canada)
 - Multicentre
 - Funding from relevant sources (not 3CTN)

Submission Deadline Date: Applications must be submitted electronically to the 3CTN Program (karen.arts@oicr.on.ca) by **April 24, 5 p.m. EST**. Submissions received after the deadline date/time will not be processed: no exceptions will be granted.

Review: Project concept submissions will undergo an expedited peer review by the AYA workshop planning committee and a full peer review by an expert AYA panel. Successful applications will be accepted for discussion and planning at the AYA workshop in the fall of 2015

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: AYA project concept submissions will be accepted from the AYA stakeholder research community. This may include pediatric researchers, or researchers from the adult community, provided the project is focussed on the AYA population.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS: Proposals that address AYA research community priorities as described below are preferred:

1. Personalized medicine;
2. High priority clinical challenges such as
 - The high fatality cancers in AYA;
 - AYA cancers with limited treatment options;
 - Cancers that are biologically different in the AYA population;
 - AYA patient populations that have poorer outcomes than younger or older age groups.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Information submitted to the 3CTN Program will be stored on its administrative server, and be accessible only to 3CTN Program staff, and the AYA workshop committee members. Information that may be released for communication of successful award recipients include names and contact details of lead/partner site PIs, project title, and award total. By way of submission, applicants (PIs and associated institution) acknowledge that the information in their submission will be shared with the AYA Workshop Planning members and 3CTN Program Staff for review.

EVALUATION PROCESS: Applications received by submission deadline will be processed for review by June 19, 2015.

Projects will be evaluated on:

- Alignment of the project to the AYA population priority clinical challenges;
- Scientific/clinical merit;
- Project feasibility;
- Evidence of capacity and feasibility of Principal Investigator and study group to conduct the trial(s);
- Potential for funding for required resources from funding agencies/organizations.

ENDORSED CONCEPT(S): The Lead Principal Investigator will be notified of approval by an email of acceptance of the proposal for further discussion and planning at the 3CTN AYA workshop in the fall of 2015.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Completed *AYA Project Concept Application Form* and associated documents must be submitted electronically to karen.arts@oicr.on.ca by **April 24, 5 p.m.** EST.

Electronic Submissions must include:

- Completed *AYA Project Concept Application Form* (word document);
- PDF document including, in order:
 - Signed, completed ***AYA Project Concept Application Form***;
 - Proposal Concept;
 - CV of PI and each co-applicant;
 - Letters of support where feasible and applicable;

CVs: the most convenient format is acceptable including CIHR CCV or Word Document, but must contain:

- Keywords of Expertise;
- Academic Background;
- Work Experience, Appointments;
- Distinctions/Awards/Credentials;
- Grants currently held;
- Grants held in the past 5 years;
- Publications in the past 5 years.