



The Pain and Persistence Fund

Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation

What could we discover if we gave our brightest minds the freedom to innovate healthcare solutions? Could it be a novel tool for treating disease? A new software for patient care? A new device that could radically change the patient experience? The Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation (RCHF) knows that clinicians have great ideas to solve pressing issues in healthcare. The possibilities for advancement are infinite and tremendously exciting.

This year, we are piloting the Pain and Persistence Fund with a specific goal: discover, develop and commercialize innovative ideas at RCH. Healthcare workers have a wealth of knowledge and experience. This knowledge can be utilized to challenge current norms and propel innovative products into the healthcare system. Whether it's a technology that can save patients who are currently out of reach, or a tool that makes practicing medicine easier, clinicians who recognize gaps and potential advancements in today's healthcare have the opportunity to solve the problems that matter to them.

We wish to enable an alternative approach to exploring healthcare solutions. The Pain and Persistence Fund will provide all participants with a marketable idea summary, basic peripheral research services, and a suite of idea development materials. Funding for selected ideas will be individually determined as project milestones are set and achieved. This Fund aims to improve patient care and promote an innovative hospital culture while establishing a lasting legacy for RCH and its clinicians. As such, a portion of the revenue generated by successful projects will be reinvested into future ideas, providing development opportunity for pioneers to come.

Starting now, the RCHF will embark on an eight month survey of potential innovative opportunities at the hospital. Desired ideas may range from complex technology to simple tools, but should be novel with potential commercial prospects. Upon completion of the interview process, we envision three to five projects receiving funding in our pilot year. We encourage all healthcare employees to share their promising ideas, regardless of stage of development.

If you are interested in sharing your ideas, please contact:

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