

AMOSO OPPORTUNITIES FUND CALL FOR PROPOSALS FALL 2025

Due September 30, 2025

Approximately \$480k of funding is available.

The Academic Medical Organization of Southwestern Ontario (AMOSO) is pleased to invite submissions for the Fall 2025 AMOSO Opportunities Fund competition. To be considered, completed proposals must be submitted via email to the AMOSO Office at amoso@lhsc.on.ca, no later than 11:59 PM on September 30, 2025. An email confirmation will be sent upon receipt.

Please note that late submissions will not be considered.

The AMOSO Opportunities Fund is intended exclusively to support physician compensation for newly recruited AFP Physicians or existing AFP Physicians undertaking new academic roles. All proposals must include a clearly defined research question, detailed study protocol and a comprehensive methodology.

ABOUT THE AMOSO OPPORTUNITIES FUND

The Opportunities Fund was established in 2002 by the Academic Medical Organization of Southwestern Ontario (AMOSO) to support local physician compensation for teaching and research projects. The fund was created by an allocation of academic funding provided to the London Academic Health Science Centre (AHSC) through the AHSC Alternate Funding Plan (AFP) and is held twice annually in Spring and Fall.

The AMOSO Opportunities Fund provides physician compensation for a new academic role for an existing AFP Participating Physician or a new AFP Participating Physician recruit. To clarify:

- A New AFP Participating Physician Recruit is a new London AHSC AFP Physician within the first five years of AFP membership and has not previously been funded by the AMOSO Opportunities Fund.
- A New Academic Role refers to an existing AFP Physician taking on a new role with new deliverables. The new role must be supported either by a new Academic Role Category (ARC) or by a substantiated change in research responsibilities within an existing ARC. The application must include a justification letter from the Department Chair describing the new role and its associated deliverables. The letter should also disclose whether any other compensation has been provided to the physician for the new role. Examples of what the AMOSO Opportunities Fund Sub-Committee may consider a New Role includes the development of a new program in areas such as research, education, administration, ethics or enrollment in the ICES Scholars Program.

The AMOSO Opportunities Fund is not intended to support pre-existing research or the extension of research along the same lines of current work.

NOTE: The maximum physician compensation that AMOSO will fund is equivalent to two days per week per year of support for any individual Participating Physician at the AMOSO-approved rate of \$32,500 per annum for one day per week. This limit applies collectively across both the Innovation Fund and the Opportunities Fund competitions.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR SUBMISSION *NEW PROPOSAL FORMS*

IMPORTANT:

* Approval from the Financial Management Committee (FMC) for the Lead Project Sponsor AFP Practice Plan must occur prior to a submission to the AMOSO Opportunities Fund Sub-Committee.

*All required documents must be fully completed and submitted at the time of application to AMOSO.

* To reduce delays please ensure that all mandatory forms are completed in full prior to submitting for consideration.

To access the <u>AMOSO website</u> use the following generic log-in information.

<u>Username</u>: amoso <u>Password</u>: afpfunding

Proposal Submission Resources:

- AMOSO Opportunities Fund Guidelines and Application Process
- AMOSO Opportunities Fund Application Instructions and Tips

*MANDATORY Forms for Submission to AMOSO

The Fall 2025 Opportunities Fund Proposal Forms can be found on the AMOSO website - Opportunities Fund New Proposals page.

- AMOSO Opportunities Fund Conflict of Interest Declaration and New Proposal Checklist*
- 2. AMOSO Opportunities Fund Application Form Project Information*
- 3. AMOSO Opportunities Fund Project Details* (5-page limit)
 - a. References: As appropriate (does not contribute to the 5-page total)
 - b. Appendix: As appropriate (ONLY to be used if a response to reviewer feedback from a previously unsuccessful proposal exceeds the 5-page limit)
- 4. Support Letters As appropriate (does not contribute to the 5-page total)
- 5. CV* Provide in Acuity STAR format (does not contribute to the 5-page total)
- 6. AMOSO Opportunities Fund New Proposal FMC Sign Off Form* (Signed by your department Chair/Head/Chief and AFP FMC Chair)
 - Department Contact List for FMC Sign Off

Applying under a New Academic Role?

The application <u>must</u> include a justification letter from the Department Chair/Head/Chief describing the new role and its associated deliverables. It should

also disclose whether any other compensation has been provided to this physician for the new role.

IMPORTANT

*To avoid submission issues, please ensure all files are saved to your computer before completing them. All documents must be submitted to AMOSO in Microsoft Word format.

*All required forms, instructions, resources and guidelines including information on the adjudication process can be found at:

AMOSO website - Opportunities Fund New Proposals

HELPFUL RESOURCES & GUIDELINES

The Opportunities Fund Resources below can be found on the AMOSO website - Opportunities Fund Resources page.

- AMOSO Opportunities Fund Guidelines and Application Process
- AMOSO Application Instructions and Tips
- AMOSO Opportunities Fund Evaluation Process
- AMOSO Opportunities Fund Sub-Committee Membership
- Educational and Qualitative Research Support-Centre for Education Research & Innovation (CERI) Research Consultation Services
- Western University Research Support Research Facilitation
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Guidebook for New Principal Investigators
- Acuity STAR portal and Acuity STAR Department Coordinators listing
- Pragmatic Trials Training Program

All online proposal resources can be found on the AMOSO website

Opportunities Fund Competition page

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CONTACT AMOSO

For questions related to the AMOSO Opportunities Fund application process please contact amoso@lhsc.on.ca.

Thank you! The AMOSO Team