

Faculty Support for Research in Education (FSRE) 2025 Competition

Overview

Faculty Support for Research in Education (FSRE) grants are intended to enable and facilitate scholarship in education at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. These grants can support full-scale education research projects or pilot projects where there is a plan to collect preliminary data in preparation for a subsequent application to an external funding agency. Proposals may involve quantitative and/or qualitative approaches. Proposals for scoping reviews and meta-analyses that are eligible for scientific publication may also be submitted.

Purpose:

FSRE will support research strategically relevant to the goals of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. **Projects should clearly identify the potential to improve the state of knowledge and inform educational practice or curriculum in medicine, dentistry, or the basic sciences.**

Value of Award: Awards will generally range from \$5,000 - \$7,500, with a maximum value of \$10,000. While matching funds are not required for this award, applicants are encouraged to explore opportunities for additional support (cash and/or in-kind).

FSRE funds may be utilized for:

- Salary/benefits of research personnel working as part of the research team at Western
- Professional services required for research (ie: statistical consulting, transcription services)
- Direct research costs such as participant honoraria, supplies, small equipment, and analytic software
- Travel that is required during research implementation
- Publication costs

Ineligible costs include:

- Projects aimed primarily at improving patient education
- Tuition costs for study in a graduate program (e.g., MEd, MSc)
- Conference travel or travel costs related to the dissemination of the research findings

Notes:

Transcription services will be capped at \$1000
Open access/publication fees will be capped at \$2500

Application Form: Please use the 2025 FSRE application form. Applications must attach a letter of support from the Chair of the applicant's department and include their ORCID ID in the application form. If appropriate, also attach a letter of support from the mentor/supervisor.

Application Deadline: The deadline for applications is **10 AM Wednesday, October 22nd, 2025**. Late or incomplete applications will be rejected without consideration. Applicants are also required to submit a completed ROLA proposal by the application deadline. If research involves human subjects, animals, or biohazards, appropriate approvals must be in place before funds can be accessed. For assistance with ROLA, please contact rolahelp@uwo.ca.

Submission:

- Submit the application form and all supporting attachments in a single PDF file to the **FSRE Application Portal**.
- Please give your application a simple name, i.e. "Last name_2025 FSRE".

Adjudication: A FSRE review panel, chaired by the Vice Dean, Research & Innovation, will review the applications and make recommendations to the Dean regarding disbursements. Decisions will be based on the merit of the proposal and the congruence of the proposal with the FSRE guidelines. Results will be announced in December 2025.

FSRE Policies:

1. The FSRE competition is open to faculty, postdocs, graduate students and fellows at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry.
2. Proposals submitted by graduate students, postdocs or fellows must identify a faculty member within Schulich Medicine & Dentistry as a mentor/supervisor and should include a letter of support from the mentor/supervisor.
3. Researchers from outside of Schulich Medicine & Dentistry may be identified as collaborating members of the research team, but not as PI or co-Investigator.
4. FSRE is intended to support research at Schulich Medicine & Dentistry. Funds will not be transferred to other institutions.
5. Only prospective proposals will be accepted for consideration of funding. The grant will not reimburse expenses already incurred for a project.
6. FSRE awards will be administered through a research account established through Research Western. In the case of a successful proposal submitted by a graduate

student, postdoc or fellow, a research account will be established under the name of the supervisor/mentor.

7. A completed ROLA form must be submitted by the application deadline.
8. The term of the award will be two years. FSRE funds not expended within a two-year period will be returned to Schulich Medicine & Dentistry.
9. Successful applicants must provide a written report to the Vice Dean, Research and Innovation, regarding the progress/outcome of the research upon completion of the project. The Schulich Research Office may request a brief mid-term oral update on progress.
10. Any presentations or published materials resulting from the funded FSRE project must acknowledge the financial contribution made by the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry
11. There is no obligation to disperse funds at each competition if applications do not meet the standards set by the terms of reference for the award.
12. Previous recipients of FSRE awards are eligible to apply for new awards. However, **a PI may hold only one FSRE award at a time.**
13. FSRE awards will not support software license fees if Western already has a license for equivalent software that a Schulich researcher can access for free.

Questions: If you have questions about FSRE, please contact Lee-Ann Briere in the Schulich Research Office at lbriere2@uwo.ca.