**General announcement:**

**Scholar Award guidelines posted on MSFHR website**

The Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) is pleased to announce that a funding competition for [Scholar Awards](http://www.msfhr.org/our-work/activities/scholar-awards) is scheduled to launch Monday, October 3. The guidelines can be found at <http://www.msfhr.org/funding/scholar-awards/2017>.

The intent of our Scholar awards is to allow early career researchers to establish an independent research career, build a leading research program, and expand their potential to make significant contributions to their field. These awards provide up to five years of salary support. The budget envelope for this funding opportunity is $5,850,000, enough to fund at least 13 scholars over the five-year term.

**Key Dates**

Competition open date:
**Monday, October 3, 2016**

Letter of intent deadline: **Monday, October 31, 2016\***

Full application deadline: **Friday, December 16, 2016\***

*\* Deadlines subject to change. All changes will be communicated through the MSFHR website.*

The 2017 Scholar Award competition is open to new investigators who are within five years of their first appointment[[1]](#footnote-1) at a BC-based host institution by July 1, 2017 and have a commitment of 75% protected time to conduct research activities. Host institutions must have [signed a memorandum of understanding with MSFHR](http://www.msfhr.org/sites/default/files/MOU_List.pdf).

Applicants will be able to access the MSFHR ApplyNet system on October 3, 2016. Applicants are required to have an MSFHR ApplyNet account to manage all aspects of their submission.

The application process will include two stages. Letters of intent must be submitted by October 31, 2016, and full applications are due December 16, 2016. Note that these deadlines are subject to change; all changes will be communicated through the MSFHR website.

For more information on this funding competition, contact Rashmita Salvi, Manager, Research Competitions at 604.714.2779 or rsalvi@msfhr.org.

1. The appointment must allow the scholar to apply for and hold peer-reviewed funds as a principal investigator, be a research supervisor for graduate and post-graduate trainees, and publish their research results. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)