

Call for Research Proposals

Scott McCain & Leslie McLean Centre for Sport, Business and Health

The Scott McCain & Leslie McLean Centre for Sport, Business and Health invites proposals from all members of the Saint Mary's University community for research funding through the Scott McCain & Leslie McLean Centre for Sport, Business and Health Internal Research Grants Program. These grants support research projects that align with the strategic priorities of the McCain McLean Centre and contribute to advancing knowledge in sport, business, and health. The McCain McLean Centre's strategic and research plans can be found here:

<https://www.smu.ca/mccainmcleancentre/strategic-plan.html>.

The maximum grant amount is \$10,000. Funding will cover travel and travel-related subsistence expenditures, and other costs directly associated with the research. Grant expenditures must be effective and economical. It is important to note that no financial gain to the researcher shall result from these funds.

The program is open to all members of Saint Mary's University, and research must align with the McCain McLean Centre's strategic priorities. All research funded through this program must adhere to university policies on ethics and integrity, particularly when involving human participants or animals. Grants are typically awarded for a period of one year, with the possibility of an extension for an additional year at the discretion of the Research Committee.

Applicants must submit a two-page research or scholarly activity proposal that clearly describes the specifics of the proposed research or scholarly activity to be undertaken. The proposal should pose clear research questions or describe the research challenge and outline the main objectives of the study. Additionally, the proposal should situate the topic within relevant literature and research in the field and describe the methodology that will be used.

Interested applicants should submit a proposal which includes a description of the project, its relationship to relevant literature, its research objectives, methodological and theoretical dimensions, and expected contributions. The proposal should be written for a non-specialist audience. The proposal should also explain how the research supports the relevant elements of the McCain McLean Centre's strategic plan. Applicants must provide an itemized list of projected expenses and justification in their budget breakdown and indicate any required ethical approvals.

Once awarded, funds will be disbursed through an internal research grant Fund established by Research Accounting for the awardee, using the normal SMU processes for using research funds (for an overview, see the FGSR Research FAQ page: <https://www.smu.ca/fgsr/research-faq.html>). Any remaining balance at the end of the grant period (12 months) will be returned unless an extension is approved. Furthermore, any equipment and materials purchased with grant funds will remain the property of Saint Mary's University.

Grantees will be required to submit a detailed progress report on their research and fund usage 12 months after the award.

The deadline for applications is **APRIL 25, 2025**. Please submit proposals to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research's Brightspace assignment folder under *Scott McCain & Leslie McLean Centre for Sport, Business and Health 2025*. For any questions or further details, contact augie.westhaver@smu.ca. We look forward to supporting impactful research that advances the fields of sport, business, and health at Saint Mary's University.