



## Canadian Vascular Network

### Proposed Plan - Knowledge Translation – “Dragons’ Den”

**Goal:** To have CVN members pitch Knowledge Translation (KT) projects they would like to conduct that will have impact and focus attention on the CVN.

**Parameters** - The KT project will need to:

- Focus on facilitating the uptake of cardiovascular research findings into practice and/or policy
- Be able to demonstrate uptake of the research findings and early stages of impact

#### **Process**

- CVN will release a call for proposals
- Request a brief 2-3 page structured Expression of Interest (proposal) outlining the following:
  - Research findings (evidence-based solution) to be implemented and strategies to be used to implement them
  - An evaluation strategy to be used to assess extent of uptake and impact
  - Partners to be involved and their roles
- Expressions of interest (EoI) will then be reviewed by an interdisciplinary jury and 3 candidates will be shortlisted based on established criteria
- The developers of the short listed EoIs will be invited to a face to face meeting with the jury where they will have 30 minutes to “pitch” their project and be asked questions by the jury (20-30 min.)
- After all teams have met with the jury, the jury will deliberate on which team will be selected to undertake their project

**Expression of Interest Requests** should use the following format (**max. 3 pgs. - single spaced, 12 font**)

- **Background** (1/2 page):
  - What is the issue to be addressed?
  - Why is it a problem?
  - How do we know it is a problem that needs attention?
- **Evidence-based solution** (3/4 page):
  - What is the proposed evidence-based solution for the identified problem/issue?
  - Who is (are) the target audience(s) for the solution?
  - What is the evidence demonstrating that the solution is in fact evidence-based?
    - What is the strength of this evidence?
  - What are the potential barriers/enablers to uptake of the evidence-based solution?
- **KT strategies** (3/4 page):
  - What knowledge translation strategies will be used to facilitate uptake of the proposed solution?



- How are they expected to address identified barriers?
- **Evaluation strategy** (1/4 page): How will you demonstrate uptake and impact of the solution (including indicators of success and sources of data)
- **Partnerships** (1/4 page): Describe any partners (organizations) and their commitment to the project (including cash or in-kind contributions)
- **Proposed team** (1/2 page): Provide a description of the proposed team and explain why these are the right people to ensure successful KT

### Jury Panel Evaluation Criteria

- Significance of the problem to be addressed
- Extent to which the solution is evidence-based
- Match between barriers and KT strategies
- Feasibility of implementing the KT strategies
- Appropriateness of evaluation strategy
- Potential for impact
- Engagement of partners

### Jury composition

All members of the jury should not have conflicts with any projects (8-12 max. jury members). There should be a facilitator/moderator who would ensure smooth running of the presentations and question periods but also help ensure the jury stays on task and selects the best project.

- Jury members should include the following:
  - Patients/public
  - Policy makers (e.g. ministry officials)
  - Individuals from industry
  - Researchers not part of any teams
  - KT scientists