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Impact Pathways: Mobilize Award

Applicant Webinar

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We acknowledge with respect and humility that our offices are located on the unceded, ancestral, and traditional lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

We also acknowledge the diverse First Nations across British Columbia, who have inherent rights rooted in the connection to their lands and waters, which have never been surrendered. In the spirit of reconciliation, we aim to practice cultural safety, value Indigenous ways of knowing, and respect the rights of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

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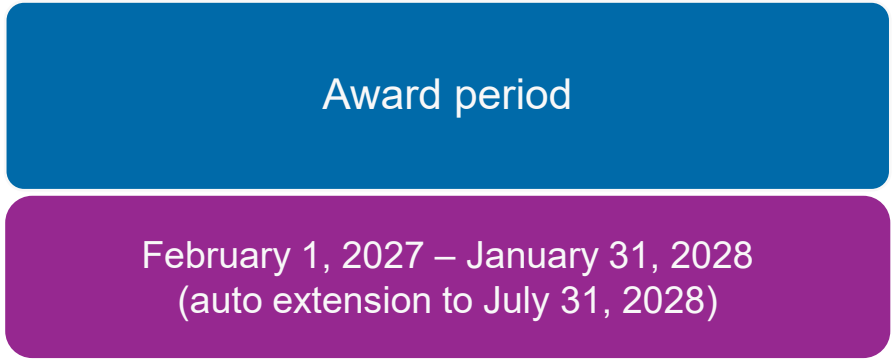
Webinar Agenda

- Mobilize Award Details
- Who can Apply?
- How to Apply
- Eligibility Check and Review Process
- Contact Information and Key Dates
- Q&A

Mobilize Award Details

Competition Timeline - updated





Purpose and Objectives

Purpose:

- To provide funding for collaborative knowledge mobilization (KM) activities co-led by research users and postdoctoral, early career and mid-career researchers.

Objectives:

- Support KM activities that enhance the design and development of health research and/or enhance the reach and use of health research knowledge
- Support the creation and development of relationships between researchers and research users
- Support the development of KM capacity of research users, trainees, and postdoctoral, early and mid-career researchers

Award Overview

Team

Teams must be made up of a Researcher, a Research User, and a Trainee



Award Amount

Teams may request up to $20,000

$20,000

Award Period

Feb 1, 2027 to Jan 31, 2028 (plus a 6-month automatic extension period)

12 months

Knowledge Mobilization Activities

The Mobilize Award may support KM activities including:

- research co-production (formerly referred to as integrated KT)
- community-led research for action
- Indigenous-led solutions-focused health and wellness research
- end-of-grant KM
- commercialization
- knowledge synthesis
- knowledge brokering

Knowledge Mobilization Activities

The Mobilize Award does not support:

- KM activities that are not collaboratively developed and implemented by a researcher and research user
- Operating expenses for research, such as primary data generation, database creation, or clinical trial operations
- Costs related to implementing an intervention, including both the costs of implementation activities and the costs of purchasing or acquiring the intervention being implemented

Expenses

The award funds can be spent on:

- **salaries and supports to enable participation**, such as buy-out time if the project is outside the expected job duties
- **services and supplies**, such as meeting room and meeting costs
- **travel**, such as travel or accommodation to attend in-person events/activities

The award funds cannot be spent on:

- Salary or buy-out time for activities that already fall within team members' expected job duties.
- Operating expenses for research, such as primary data generation
- Expenses occurred prior to or after the funding period, or expenses already funded by another grant

Who Can Apply

Required Team Members



1. Primary Applicant

- Responsible for implementing the KM activities
- Responsible for submitting the application form and managing award funds

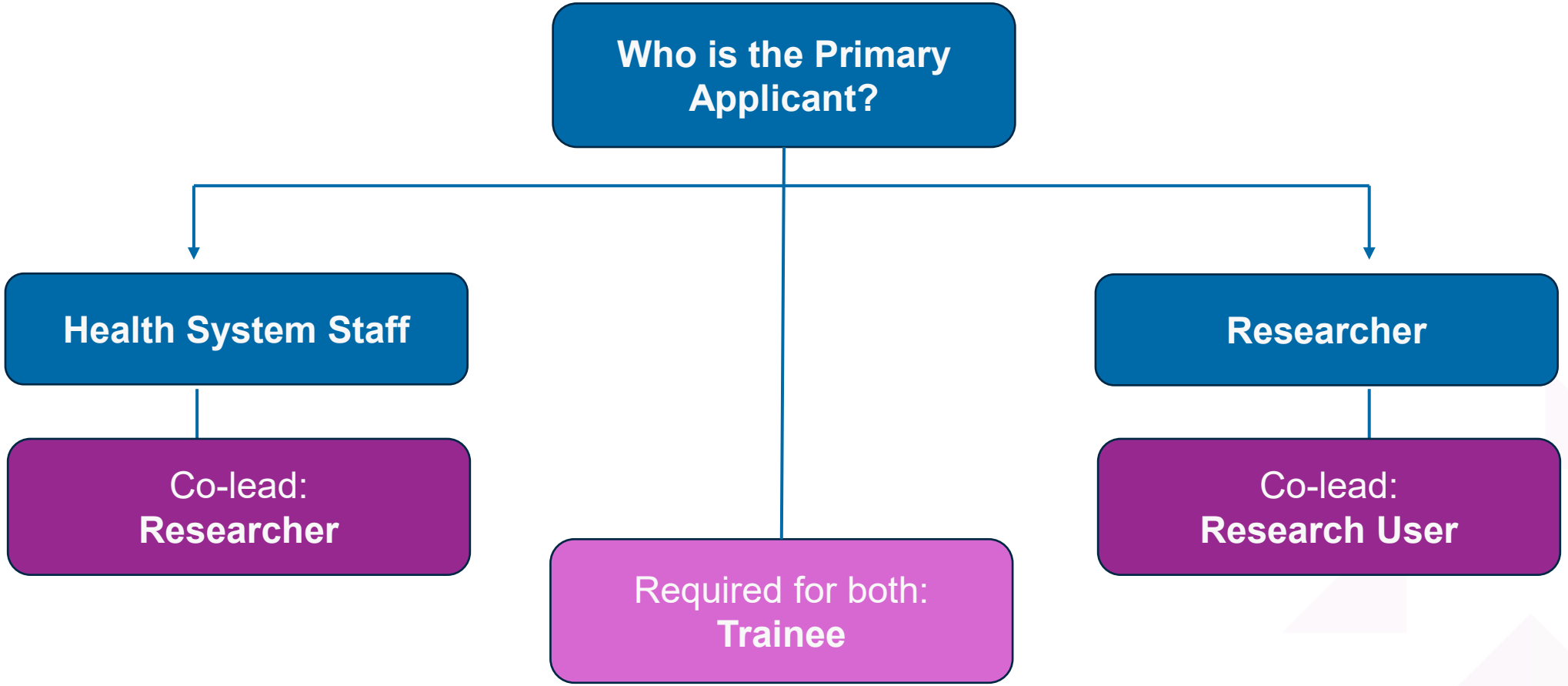
2. Co-Lead

- Collaboratively plan the application
- Be involved in the planning and/or implementation of the KM activities (dependent on expertise and context)

3. Trainee

- Contribute to planning and delivery of activities
- Develop KM competencies, leadership experience, relationships
- Does not need to be named at the time of application

Team Composition



All team members must meet the eligibility requirements.

Primary Applicant Eligibility

Health System Staff (must include a **researcher** co-lead)

- Eg, Health professionals, operational leaders, analysts, or administrators
- Affiliated with an eligible host institution that has a signed Administration Agreement for Grants with Health Research BC
- In a position that allows you to apply for and hold research operating funds

OR

Researcher (must include a **research user** co-lead)

- Postdoctoral fellows, clinical research fellows, research associates, early career researchers, or mid-career researchers
- Affiliated with an eligible host institution that has a signed Administration Agreement for Grants with Health Research BC
- In a position that allows you to apply for and hold research operating funds

Co-lead Eligibility

If the Primary Applicant is a Researcher, the Co-lead must be a Research User

- For example: Partners with lived experience, community members, policymakers, practicing health professionals, health system staff, representatives of ICO, or representatives from not-for-profit, public, private, or industry organizations

If the Primary Applicant is a Research User, the Co-lead must be a Researcher

- For example: Faculty researchers at any career stage, postdoctoral fellows, clinical research fellows, research associates, researchers associated with Indigenous communities and organizations, Elders, and Knowledge Keepers

Trainee Eligibility

- Undergraduate or graduate students, postdocs or clinical research fellows who are engaged in a formal training or education program
- Individuals employed in the health system who wish to develop KM skills
- If the Primary Applicant is a postdoctoral fellow, that individual may also be listed as the Trainee on the application
- Note that if the Primary Applicant is a postdoctoral fellow, their host institution may require that the funds be managed by a supervisor.

Team and Eligibility Notes

Eligibility to hold research funds

- If you are uncertain if your position allows you to hold research funds, we strongly recommend that you confirm this with your institution before proceeding with an application.

Persons with lived experience (PWLE)

- Encourage the inclusion of PWLE and community members, where feasible and appropriate.

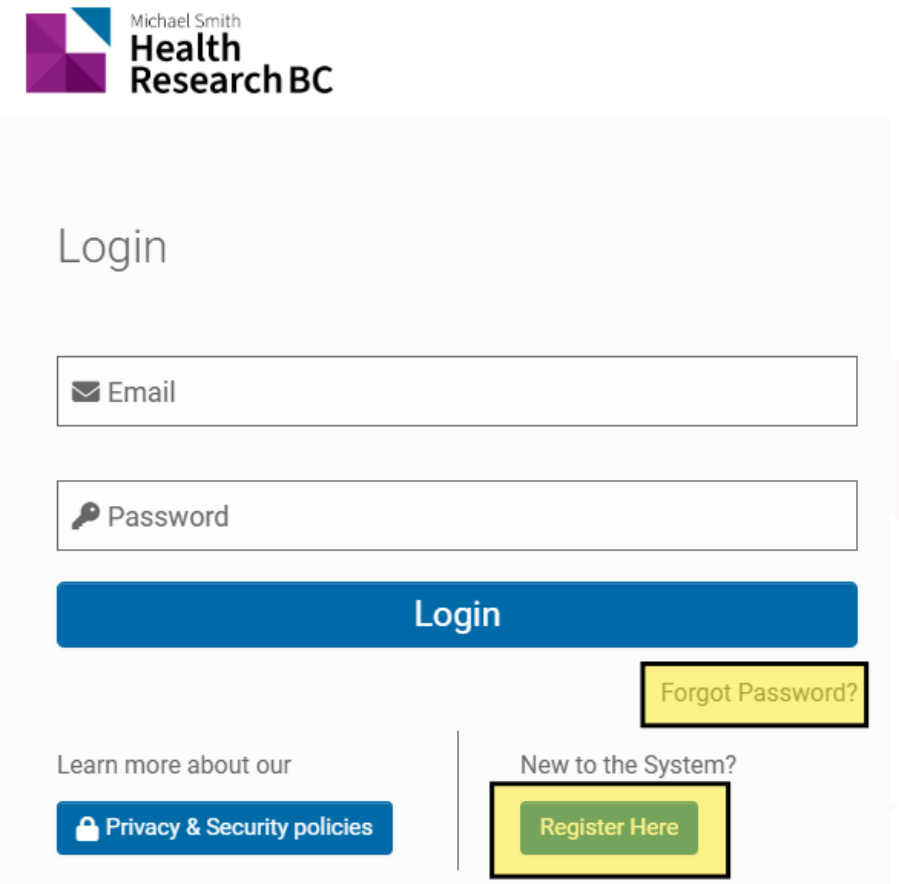
Application limits

- Individuals can serve as the primary applicant on only one application and may be designated as a co-lead on up to one other application.

How to Apply

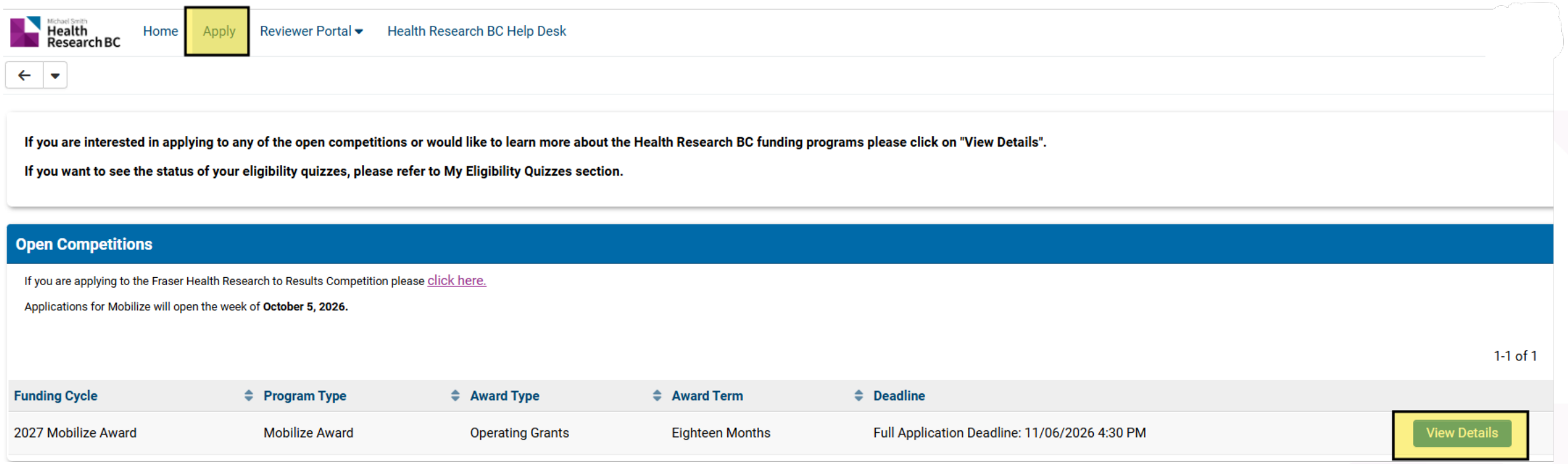
Before You Apply

- ❑ Identify team member names and roles
- ❑ Verify eligibility to hold Health Research BC funds
- ❑ Confirm any institutional eligibility requirements or processes
- ❑ Review the program guidelines and Administrative Review Criteria
- ❑ Ensure you have an ApplyNet user account https://healthresearchbc.smartsimple.ca/



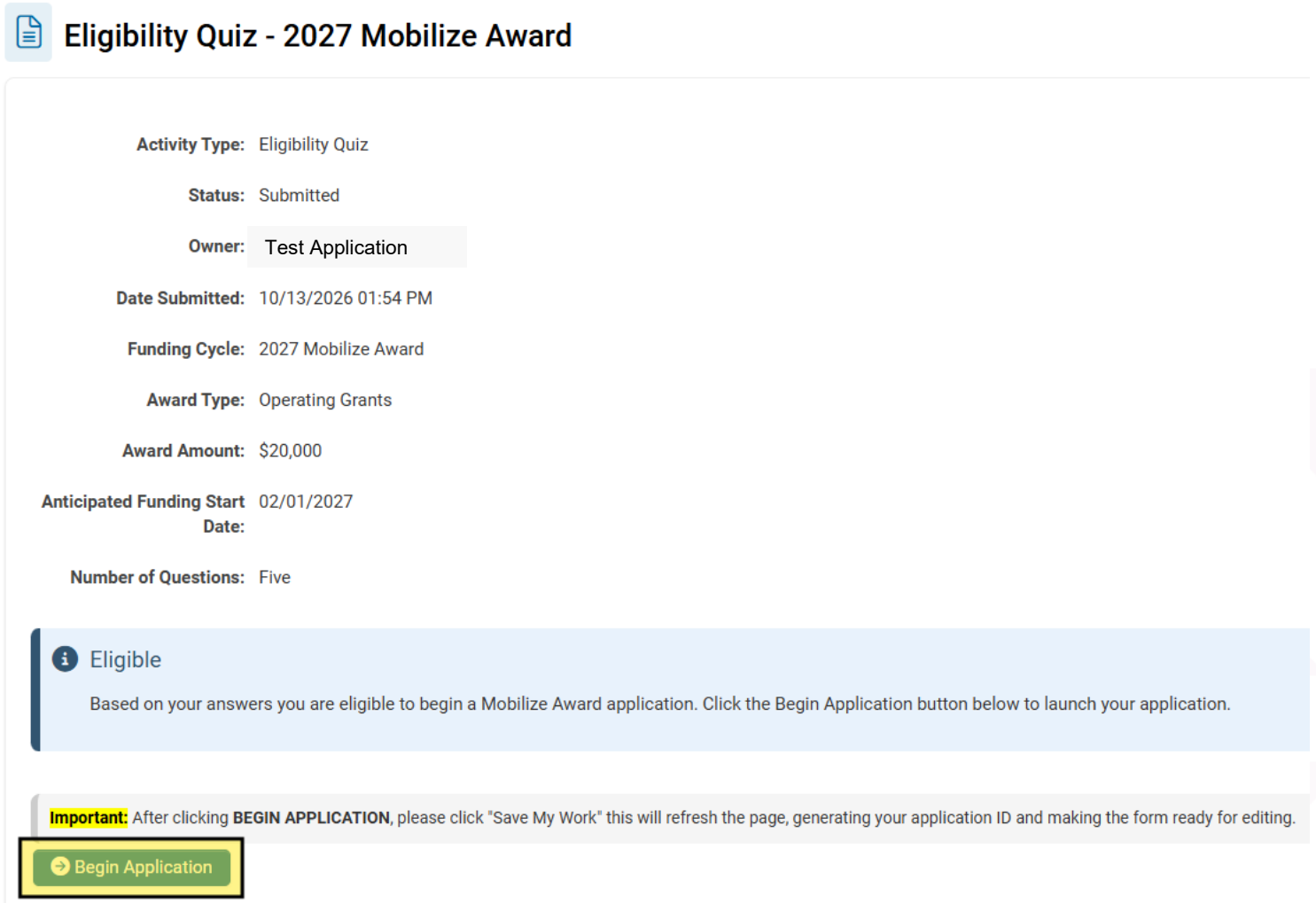
ApplyNet

1. Click **Apply** at the top of the page
2. Click **View Details** next to “2027 Mobilize Award” under Open Competitions



ApplyNet

- After clicking “View Details” you will be directed to complete a brief **Eligibility Quiz**.
- Once you have submitted your responses, your eligibility status will be immediately confirmed.
- If eligible, you will then see a **Begin Application** button. Click that to launch your application.
- First, click **Save Draft** on your application form to generate an application ID
- The system will allow you to save your application and return to it at a later time.



Application Form

The application includes:

- Eligibility Quiz
- Team Positioning and Function
  - Primary Applicant, Co-lead, and Trainee information
  - Team Information
- Proposed KM Activity Information
  - Title, Keywords
  - Activity details
  - Budget

Partnership Opportunities

Health Research BC partners with leading organizations to grow BC's health research talent.

Partnered awards offer researchers, trainees, and research users the opportunity to develop relationships with the partners and their communities. These partnerships may also enable Health Research BC and partners to increase the total number of awards funded.

You can select up to five **keywords** to describe the focus of your KM activity in the application form. During the administrative review period, Health Research BC will use these keywords to identify alignment with partners' areas of interest.

Eligibility Check and Review Process

Administrative Review & Lottery

Administrative Review

- Health Research BC staff conduct an **eligibility and administrative review**
  - Are applications in alignment with the program purpose and objectives?
  - Are the team members eligible and well-suited to co-lead the work?
  - Is the plan to complete the work feasible?
  - Does the budget align with the KM activity plan?

Funding Decisions

- Will be made using a **modified lottery approach**.

Important:
Refer to the Administrative Review Criteria document prior to completing your application:
https://www.healthresearchbc.ca/funding/impact-pathways-mobilize-award

Application Pools

- Applications will be placed into regional funding pools based on where the majority of the KM activities will take place.
- Health Research BC may reassign an application should it be deemed to better aligned with a different funding pool.
- The number of applications funded within each regional funding pool will be proportional to the number of applications received in that pool.



Indigenous Cultural Safety Review

- Applications that propose work with a **central focus on Indigenous health** will be reviewed by an Indigenous Cultural Safety review panel composed of reviewers with living experience, knowledge and expertise in Indigenous health research.
- The Administrative Review Criteria document also outlines **additional criteria** specifically considered by the Indigenous Cultural Safety review panel.
- The evaluation process and review criteria were developed in consultation and meaningful partnership with Indigenous partners.

Community-led, Community-based

Applicants will be asked to confirm whether the KM activities use **community-based or community-led approaches**, or are being undertaken **in partnership with Indigenous peoples**, Nations, communities, or organizations.

Examples include:

- community-based participatory research
- Indigenous-led health and wellness work
- policy development
- community resource development

This is not a requirement, but if so, you will see a few additional checklist questions specific to these approaches.

Key Dates, Resources, and Contact Information

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Applicant deadline	November 6, 2026, 4:30 p.m. PDT
Host institution approval deadline	November 13, 2026, 4:30 p.m. PDT
Anticipated notice of funding decision	December 2026
Anticipated start of funding	February 1, 2027
Funds must be spent by	January 31, 2028

Resources: Please review the Mobilize Award program guidelines and administrative review criteria (https://www.healthresearchbc.ca/funding/impact-pathways-mobilize-award/#resources)

For questions regarding the application and submission process, please contact:

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For technical support with ApplyNet, please contact:

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Thank you!

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