# Strategic Research Fund (SRF) Initiative



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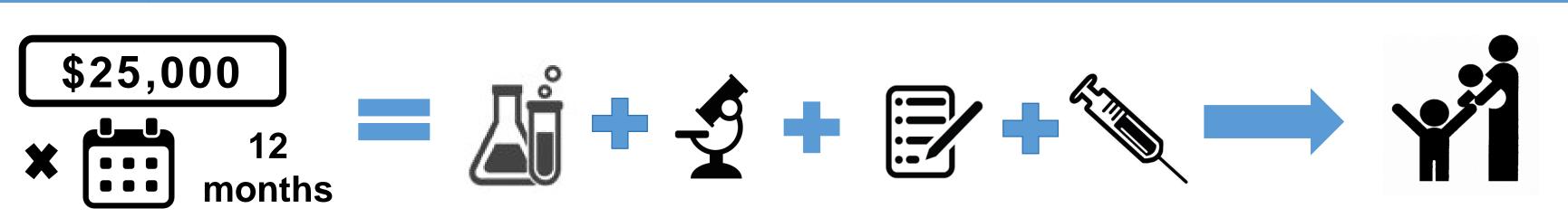
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## (1) INTRODUCTION

The KKH Strategic Research Fund (SRF) was launched to provide critical financial support in the form of a research grant, with the intention to generate crucial data to support a timely national level grant application within the next year.

The funding for each project is capped at \$25,000 per successful application to be used over a period of up to 12 months and the award of such funds is subjected to the merits of the case and availability of funds in that current financial year.



The eligible research focus area includes both women and children diseases.

### (2) AIMS

Provide funding support to generate crucial data to support a timely national level grant application.

Promote strategic partnership between KKH and the external agencies and academic institutions.

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Promote a healthy research culture within KKH.

#### (3) METHODOLOGY

## Eligibility criteria

- Principal Investigator must be a full time staff of KKH
- Principal Investigator must have at least PhD or MBBS
- The proposed research project must be submitted for a competitive grant call during/after successful application of the SRF
- The proposed research project should be conducted within SingHealth

## Application Process

 Eligible applicants to submit research proposal (aims & objectives, long term goals, importance, methods, milestones/KPIs)

## Budget & Expenditure

 A budget proposal is developed in consultation with the Research Finance Unit.

#### Selection Process

- Applications are evaluated by the KK Research Centre (KKRC) Scientific arm – Research Director and Deputy Director (Scientific) as well as a domain leader identified by KKRC.
- The award and amount of funds awarded will be based on the importance and significance of the issue, scientific merit of the proposal, innovation, etc.

## Progress & Final Report

• The award holder will submit a half-yearly report on the progress of the funded research and a final report is submitted within three months after the grant period ends.

## (4) RESULTS

 Supported Principal Investigators to carry out critical pilot study **Projects** supported Strategic partnetship was between KKH fostered with Duke-NUS, IMH and Strategic SGH partnership • 2 national level grants were awarded as a results of pilot data generated: NMRC's CS-IRG NIG **National Level**  BMRC IAF seed grant Grants

## (5) CONCLUSION

We cannot reiterate enough how important it is to support feasible studies looking to improve disease treatments and outcomes, and advancing healthcare as a whole. The results of the SRF initiative so far has enabled aspiring clinician scientists/investigators to have financial and academic support in their research projects. Thus, the potential to help future clinician scientists/investigators is immense and this will continue to promote a healthy research culture at KKH towards improving patients' lives.