

Becton Dickenson (BD) Quality Assurance Project Award:

Improving the patient experience through organizational collaboration

BD is a global medical technology company that is *advancing the world of health* by improving medical discovery, diagnostics and the delivery of care. With core values of:

- ✓ Do what is right;
- ✓ Take personal responsibility;
- ✓ Anticipate and address the challenges of patients and customers globally;
- ✓ Innovate and improve continuously;
- ✓ Respect, collaborate with, challenge and care about each other.

BD believes that the future will be built through enthusiastic individuals, excited to take on new challenges, are committed to their personal learning and want to make a contribution to the overall success of their organization and patient outcomes.

As part of their commitment to enhancing the quality of laboratory services in Canada and around the world, BD, in partnership with the Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science (CSMLS), is excited to offer support for accredited clinical laboratories who can demonstrate positive results for a quality assurance or research project with the aim of “Improving the patient experience through organizational collaboration”.

It is expected that the assistance received from these funds will help celebrate the achievement and allow for additional investments in Quality Improvement and Continuing Education.

Examples of activities that can contribute to improving clinical laboratory quality are those that occur through avenues that involve individuals and/or units collaborating with the medical laboratory. They will be focused on improving policies and procedures, facilitating communication pathways, enhancing diagnostics and testing, lowering sample rejection rates etc.

Sample Projects:

- Research to demonstrate the improvement in preanalytical errors
- Quality assurance project to show improved interdisciplinary communication
- Patient education initiative, improving laboratory testing results or patient experience

The quality assurance/research project will be shared with CSMLS members in order to further the body of knowledge in the profession and share best practices.

Funding

A total of one award valued at **\$3,000 CAD** will be awarded annually.

Award Requirements

- Primary applicant must be a current CSMLS member in good standing.
- Primary applicant must be employed at a Canadian accredited health care organization (employs medical laboratory professionals). Funding will be paid to the organization (internal redistribution to award applicants, as required, must occur locally).
- Primary applicant will receive up to one award for each submission period and is not eligible to win the award in the subsequent call.
- The quality assurance or research project must clearly describe how it relates to increasing the body of knowledge within the described themes.
- Project outcomes must be relevant for laboratory science.
- Funding must be used by the end of the calendar year, regardless of the overall project timeline.
- Submit a final report (1-2 pages) to CSMLS and provide permission to publicly display it on the CSMLS website and other CSMLS media outlets as required. May also be requested to create a poster for LABCON.
- A project dissemination plan is required and should commit to at least two avenues of communication to relevant stakeholders (beyond the local organization).
- Award applications in French are available upon request.

Judging Criteria

Each submission will be processed and evaluated by the CSMLS Grants, Scholarships and Awards committee.

Each submission will be awarded points according to the formula contained in the application, to a maximum score of 25. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Submission Deadlines

All submissions are due May 1

Results will be announced within 60 days of award deadline, via email to the applicant.

Questions: Should you have any questions regarding the application or submission process, please contact awards@csmls.org

**The deadline for submission is May 1st.
Results will be announced via email to the applicant**

BD Quality Assurance Project Award: Application Form

Part I: Primary Applicant Contact Information

First Name	Last Name	Job Title	CSMLS ID#

Department / Organization *	Phone	Email

Mailing Address

** Award funds will be allocated to the employer- based on information in this section (organization).
Cheques will not be awarded to individuals.*

Part II: Additional Applicant Contact Information

Full Name	Organization	Role in Project

Part III: Project and Research Description

1. Provide a summary of the quality assurance project/research (200 words; 2 points)

2. Relevant Background (300 words; 2 points)

3. Quality Assurance Project/Research Description, including methodology (300 words; 5 points)

4. Describe how the project relates to the Award's intent (300 words; 5 points)

5. How will you ensure that the project outcomes are relevant and sustainable? (100 words; 2 points)

6. Describe your communication plan upon completion of your project. (100 words; 2 points) *Please include at least two avenues of communication that extend beyond your local organization.*

7. How will the award funding be used? (200 words; 5 points)

9. Please attached a copy of your proposed timeline to the application submission. (2 points)

Part IV: Employer Endorsement

As the employer of _____ (primary contact), I endorse this application. Our organization is supportive of her/his commitment and time to complete the tasks described therein.

Printed Name

Signature

Job Title
(e.g., Department Chair, Director, VP)

Date

Name of Organization

Part V: Primary Contact Declaration

By submitting this application, you are acknowledging that all persons listed within the contact sections have provided their permission for the dissemination of a final report that is required by finalists. Products or services produced by receiving the grant funds are otherwise owned by the respective organization(s).

This application has been reviewed by and submitted on behalf of all individuals listed in the contact sections. I acknowledge that any funding awarded to my organization is required to be used by December 31st 2018. In the event that the funding is not used or is used for payment beyond the scope of the project described in this application, the Primary Applicant accepts responsibility on behalf of the organization to ensure any funds are refunded to the Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science.

Printed Name

Signature

Job Title

Date

Mailing Instructions

Stop and double-check!

- Application Signed
- All sections complete
- Supporting documents attached (Timeline)
- Employer Endorsement

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:
May 1st**

Mail to:

Grants, Scholarships & Awards Committee
33 Wellington Street North
Hamilton, Ontario L8R 1M7

Or Email to:

awards@csmls.org

*A BD Quality Assurance Project Award may be taxable. A T4A Income Tax Slip will be issued in the year an award is paid. Please refer to Canada Revenue Agency (www.cra.gc.ca). Any tax implication is the responsibility of the recipient.