

## 2024 Elaine and Michael Davies Award for Innovation



The **Elaine and Michael Davies Award for Innovation** is funded by an endowment established in 1989 by Michael L. Davies, former Chair of the Board and Life Governor of Kingston General Hospital, and his wife Elaine.

Michael Davies was born in Kingston and met the love of his life and future wife, Elaine Stephens, in high school; they were married in 1960. He joined the family newspaper business, The Kingston Whig-Standard, becoming the publisher in 1969 and sole proprietor in 1976. In 1990, Michael sold the newspaper but continued to be very active in the Kingston community. He joined with others to create the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area, which now has endowment funds of over \$25 million. Michael received many accolades for his volunteerism and philanthropy, including the Order of Canada, the Order of Ontario and an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Queen's University.

Michael created the Davies Charitable Foundation in 1990 to support Arts and Culture, Health Care, Athletics and Education. To date, the Davies Charitable Foundation has helped over 600 charities in their efforts to build a better Kingston. Michael's legacy of philanthropy continues through the foundation, which is now managed by his children and grandchildren.

### **Purpose of Fund**

The income from the Elaine and Michael Davies endowment fund is to be used to foster hospital-based innovation.

The purpose of the fund is intended to measurably improve patient care experiences or outcomes in Kingston and beyond, by providing an annual award or awards to fund the design and implementation of:

- Process changes or improvements
- Technical advancements
- New business models
- New positioning of projects or programs
- Changes in perception or approach

### **Eligibility**

The award will be available exclusively to paid employees and affiliated physicians of Kingston Health Sciences Centre and Providence Care and will be granted through your respective departments following a process outlined in Schedule A (next page).

## **2024 Award Calendar and Schedule**

- June: announcement and application shared with Kingston Health Sciences Centre/Providence Care staff and physicians
- July/August: reminder shared with Kingston Health Sciences Centre/Providence Care staff and physicians
- September 13: deadline for submissions
- September 30: adjudication by a panel of judges and award winners announced
- October: award ceremonies at Kingston Health Sciences Centre and Providence Care

## **Key Questions to Be Considered in Evaluating Applications**

- Is the application innovative?
- Is the implementation of the idea reasonable and feasible?
- Are the intended outcomes measurable?
- Does the idea have a reasonable value base (i.e. cost versus impact)?
- Is the idea sustainable and scalable after initial funding?

## **Projects That Do Not Qualify for Funding**

- Applications without practical innovations for care or care models will not be considered. This award is not meant for research purposes.

## **Schedule A – Criteria for Selection of Recipients for Elaine and Michael Davies Endowment Fund**

- Applicants for grants shall apply in writing to the Award Committee, following the process outlined on the application form. The written application will require a description of the proposed project, the intended outcomes, budget, timeline and evaluation criteria for the project.
- Grant applications will be accepted from any affiliated physicians and non-physician employees who have a satisfactory record of employment with the health-care organizations of University Hospitals Kingston Foundation (UHKF).
- Individual applicants must be employed at one of the hospital corporate members of UHKF. Part-time staff members are eligible to apply.
- Group and department applications are encouraged.
- The project or program must be in a field that is expected to have a direct beneficial impact on care for patients, residents or clients at one or more of the health-care organizations of UHKF.
- A letter from the applicant's director, agreeing to proceed with the project if funding is awarded, must accompany the submission. Any matching funds from the department would strengthen the grant application.

# Elaine and Michael Davies Award for Innovation 2024 Application Form



**Deadline: September 13, 2024**

Applicants are to review the Terms of Reference before completing the application. Applicants must be physicians or staff at either KHSC or Providence Care and be continuously employed at one of the hospital organizations supported through UHKF. They must submit an application to be eligible to apply. The applications can be from individuals or departments or a team and be a mix of staff and/or physicians. **Applicants are limited to a maximum of two submissions.** The application must be written in such a way as to allow assessment by individuals not experts in their field. **Applicants are to keep each answer to approximately 250 words and are asked to use the boxes provided or be disqualified. Submission instructions are outlined at the end of the application form.**

Note that applicants are asked for information that includes the following:

- The innovative nature of the proposal
- A maximum of three proposed metrics used to evaluate the success of the idea/project

<b>Date</b>	
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Applicant #1	
<b>Name</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Department</b>	

Applicant #2 (if applicable)	
<b>Name</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Department</b>	

**Provide the names of the remaining team members, if applicable, including email address and department or affiliation.**

**1. Briefly explain your initiative and how it is innovative.**

**2. Which pillar does the idea/initiative align with? Briefly explain. (process changes or improvement, technical advancements, new business model, new positioning of a project or program, a change in perception or approach)**

**3. How will you implement the idea?**

**4. How will the idea/initiative improve patient care experiences or outcomes?**

**5. Budget:**

- **Include a brief summary of the proposed use for the initial funding. Awards can range in amounts from \$500 up to \$50,000.**

- **Include a bullet that addresses sustainability (after initial funding) or scalability (grow to other programs/departments etc.)**

6. How will you measure the impact on patient care outcomes or the patient care experience?

**Note: Successful applicants will be required to report back to the committee 12 months after the award. Are you prepared to provide an update on the progress and impact?**

Yes

### **Application Signatures and Approvals**

**Applicant(s) Signature:**

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**Please attach a letter from your director agreeing to proceed with the project if funding is awarded.**

**Please send application by email to: [awards@uhkf.ca](mailto:awards@uhkf.ca) Subject line: Davies Award for Innovation**