**INVENT Kickstarter Awards**

The network and its partners have established the INVENT Kickstarter Awards to provide funding to support international study expansion of INVENT Endorsed Studies. These funds are intended to help Principal Investigators of academic studies endorsed by the network to initiate new international sites at INVENT-member countries. The goal is to support international collaboration by providing funding to enable start-up activities that are not covered by the original primary funding for the study.

**Eligible expenses:**

* Research Ethics Board / Institutional Review Board fees
* Study insurance
* Salary for research personnel to prepare grant applications to obtain funding in the jurisdiction of the identified international collaborator (for example, but not limited to, applying for funding from the CIHR in Canada; NIH in the United States; European research funding agencies, etc.)
* Salary for personnel to prepare regulatory applications, introduce the study to local staff, liaise with local departments and prepare local study documents
* Central meeting costs
* Patient recruitment costs

**Ineligible expenses:** Salary support for investigators and travel-related costs

**Amount:** Up to $20,000 (CAD)

**Eligibility:**Principal investigators of INVENT-Endorsed Studies are eligible to apply. Both the principal investigator and a collaborating (lead) investigator at another INVENT-member country must be named on the application. During each award cycle, a principal investigator may only submit one application for a Kickstarter Award. Those who have submitted previous applications, both successful and unsuccessful, are eligible to apply to subsequent award calls.

**Have a clinical VTE study not yet endorsed by INVENT?** You are eligible to apply, though an application for [Study Endorsement](https://www.invent-vte.com/studies/study-endorsement) must be completed concurrently and sent along with the Kickstarter Award application. The Kickstarter Award application will only be considered if the study is approved for Study Endorsement.

**Relevant dates:**Applications are accepted and reviewed twice a year (Spring and Fall). The Fall 2023 submission deadline is **October 27, 2023.**

**Application and award selection process:** Please send a completed INVENT Kickstart Award Application Form (below) by email: [info@invent-vte.com](mailto:info@invent-vte.com). Applications will be reviewed by peer reviewers with no direct conflicts of interest.

**Award administration**: Kickstarter Awards will be sent directly to the collaborating (lead) investigator at the new participating site, to be applied towards expenses justified in the budget proposal of the application.

**More Information**: If you have any questions or would like more information about the INVENT Kickstarter Awards, please contact us by email: [info@invent-vte.com](mailto:info@invent-vte.com)

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| **About INVENT Kickstart Funds** | The intent of these funds is to help Principal Investigators initiate new international sites for their INVENT Endorsed Study | |
| **Eligibility** | Principal Investigators of INVENT Endorsed Studies are eligible to apply | |
| **Endorsed Study Title** |  | |
| **Study Team** | Name of Collaborating Investigator | Name of Principal Investigator of Study |
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| Primary institution, National Research Network of **Collaborating Investigator** | Primary institution, National Research Network of **Principal Investigator of Study** |
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| Collaborating Investigator Information | Mailing address | E-mail Address |
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| Proposed Budget: Up to $20,000 (CAD) |
| **Please provide a brief budget proposal:** Applicable use of funds includes Ethics Board Fees / Institutional Review, Study Insurance, Personnel salary to prepare grant applications, regulatory ethics applications, & Central Meeting costs, Patient Recruitment (maximum 1000 characters) |
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| Request Details |
| **Please provide a description of the rationale for study expansion and include the proposed new participating country** (maximum 2,500 characters) |
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