

# Schroeder Arthritis Institute Education Fund (Helga and Anthony DeGasperis Fund) Grants for Education–Related Projects and Endeavours

## ABBREVIATED REQUEST FOR AMOUNTS UNDER \$5000 CAD

### Preamble

The Schroeder Arthritis Institute has, as its vision, the achievement of a healthier world through earlier diagnosis, innovative treatment and prevention of musculoskeletal diseases, including autoimmune, rheumatic, bone, joint and spine conditions. A strategic plan for education was developed in 2022 with the mission to promote the advancement and integration of education to link science, clinical care and patient outcomes in the delivery of education for patients, providers, learners and researchers. This strategic plan aims to prepare SAI members to optimize care, collaborate to share SAI knowledge, optimize learning opportunities, and support SAI education as a priority area (see figure below).

**SAI Education Fund (Helga and Anthony DeGasperis Fund)** provides funding to support education proposals aligned with the SAI Education Strategic Plan with the objective to promote the advancement and integration of education to link science, clinical care and patient outcomes in the delivery of education for patients, providers, learners and researchers. This is an open grant opportunity available for application throughout the year.

The SAI Education funds will be awarded based on initial review by the SAI Education Lead and Associated Lead (Lori Albert and Laura Passalent) and final approval by the SAI Executive Committee.

### Criteria for Eligibility for Abbreviated Requests

The SAI Education abbreviated request are open to SAI faculty and staff.

The maximum amount per abbreviated award will be **\$5,000**. Applicants will be eligible to submit one full project submission (maximum amount \$25,000) within the same year.

Examples for abbreviated requests include purchasing of capital equipment needed for educational purposes, hosting small scale educational meetings, attendance at educational conferences, etc.

### Grant Conditions

Grant recipients must acknowledge The Helga and Anthony DeGasperis Fund in any communication, materials or publications related to the funded request.

## Adjudication Process

The adjudication process will be conducted by the SAI Education Lead (Lori Albert) and Associate Lead (Laura Passalent). Priority will be given to requests that are aligned with SAI Education Strategic Plan 2022-2027.

## Application Process

A brief description of the request, how it is related to education at SAI, expected education related outcomes and a budget. This should be stated within 2-3 paragraphs (one-page maximum).

## Funding Process

Award notifications will be released to successful applicants within 2 weeks of submission.

A Funds Transfer Agreement (FTA) will be processed between SAI– the University Health Network (UHN) and the recipient(s). This process may take 4-6 weeks to complete.

**Applications should be sent via email to: Dr. Lori Albert and Ms. Laura Passalent**

Email: [lori.albert@uhn.ca](mailto:lori.albert@uhn.ca) and [laura.passalent@uhn.ca](mailto:laura.passalent@uhn.ca)

**SAI VISION:** A healthier world through earlier diagnosis, innovative treatment and prevention of musculoskeletal diseases including autoimmune, rheumatic, bone, joint and spine conditions.

### SAI Education

- ❖ Build opportunities for cross fertilization of knowledge and ideas within and beyond SAI.
- ❖ Promote mentorship and equitable opportunities for sharing expertise.
- ❖ Advance relationships with key partners, agencies, industry, academic institutions, and patient advocacy groups to develop innovative learner opportunities.



- ❖ Champion integrated learning opportunities that leverage expertise in foundational science, clinical care and lived experience with arthritis.
- ❖ Support continuous learning that contributes to evidence-based practice in all domains.
- ❖ Foster a culture of critical thinking to support future problem-solving in clinical care and research.

- Invest in:
- ❖ Education capacity
  - ❖ Teaching and learning infrastructure
  - ❖ Promotion of innovation

