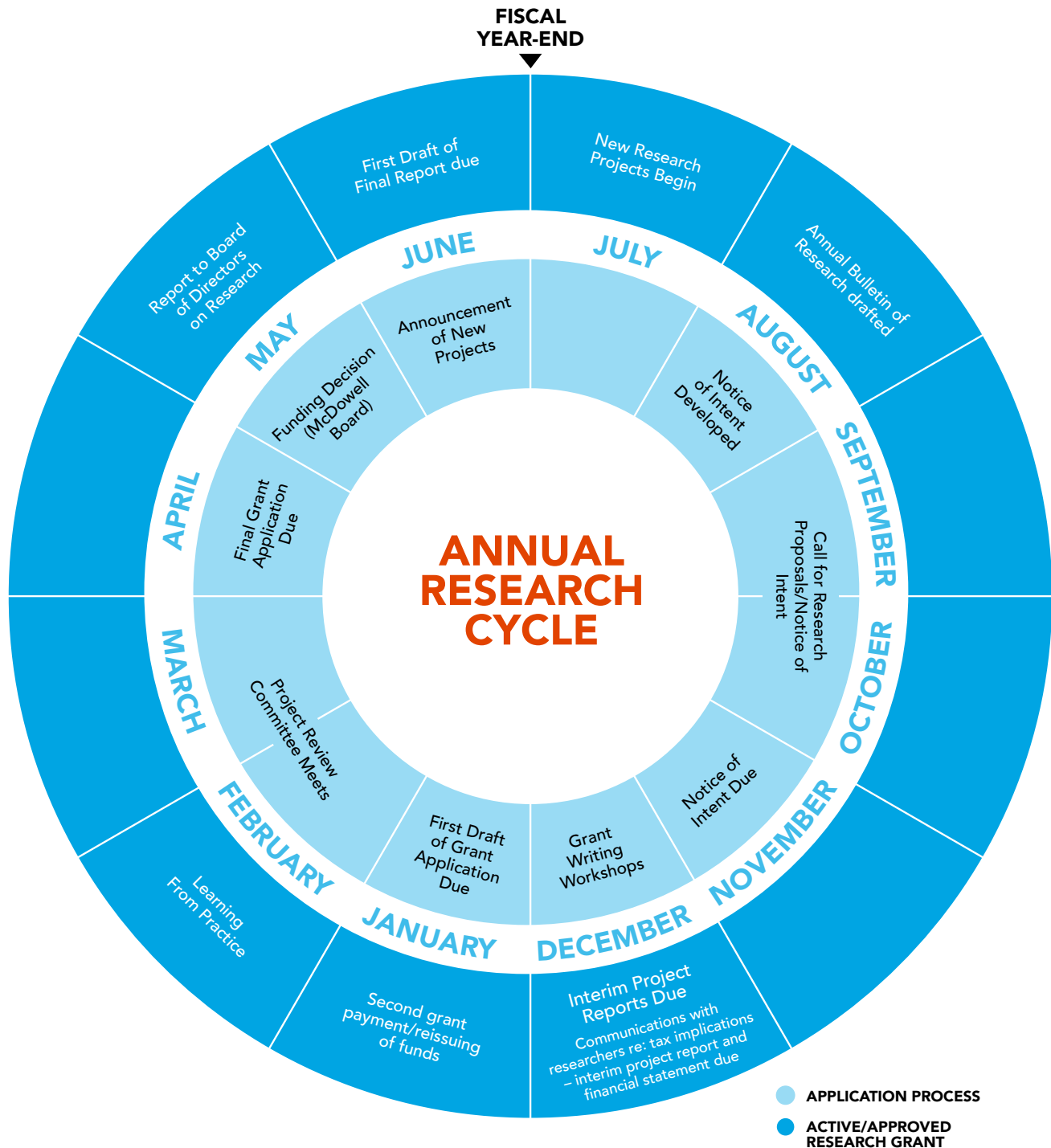


Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research into Teaching





McDowell Research Application Process FAQ

1. Do I need to have previous research experience to apply for funding from the Foundation?

In short no. The Foundation exists to provide funding for research that will directly benefit teaching and learning in the province. Classroom teachers are encouraged to apply and will receive grant-writing support and research development support from Foundation staff.

2. What is a Notice of Intent and why is it mandatory

The Notice of Intent process was started to ensure all applicants had the opportunity to receive supports from Foundation staff and to receive feedback directly from the Project Review Committee prior to the final application submission. The Notice of Intent is not used as part of the adjudication process but rather is an administrative tool that allows the Foundation to provide supports to the researcher or research team. The Notice of Intent is mandatory to ensure the best possible applications are developed for consideration by the Project Review Committee.

3. Can I apply to the Foundation to help fund my graduate work?

The Foundation does not fund tuition, books for courses, education leave or other direct costs associated with graduate work. However, the Foundation could potentially fund research carried out as part of graduate work if it is directly applicable to teaching and learning in the province.

4. Who decides if my project receives funding?

The Project Review Committee adjudicates all research applications. This arms length committee consists of teachers currently working within the province as well as a representative from both the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina. The committee makes funding recommendations to the McDowell Board of Directors who ultimately award funding each year.

5. I want to get started right away or I missed the application deadline. Can I still apply?

Unfortunately, because the Project Review Committee adjudicates all projects, the board only makes funding decisions once a year. If you have missed this years Notice of Intent deadline please consider applying the following year.

For more information about the application process, please visit the McDowell Foundation website at www.mcdowellfoundation.ca or contact the Foundation.

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