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Terms of Reference

Edmonton & District Dental Society (EDDS) Oral Health Community Engagement Fund

The Edmonton & District Dental Society (EDDS) has provided a generous donation in celebration of their 100th year anniversary. In keeping with the EDDS Mission to “promote dentistry as a profession contributing to the community”, the purpose of the donation is to support the involvement of University of Alberta Dentistry students in scholarship and research directed at the provision of oral health care to vulnerable and underserved populations, and to provide those students with meaningful community engagement experiences. Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Supporting student involvement in research initiatives for the improvement of the oral health of disadvantaged, vulnerable or underserved communities. Communities may be defined as a particular population group such as elderly, chronically ill, mobility challenged, new immigrants, or inner city poor. Communities may also be defined as geographic region such as rural, aboriginal or third world. Initiatives may include development, implementation and evaluation of new models for oral health care delivery for these communities.
- Developing leadership in social responsiveness to the priority oral health care needs and challenges of communities. This may include engaging in “service learning”, which prepares students to serve as change agents.
- Supporting student engagement in public health research for improved quality, equity, relevance and effectiveness in oral health care delivery.

The endowment and annual expenditures will be approved and administered by the School of Dentistry, in accordance with the spending and financial policies of the University of Alberta.

The School of Dentistry will report to the EDDS Executive annually by June 30, regarding use of funds.

The purpose, or purposes, to which the annual spending allocation is utilized will be reviewed by the School of Dentistry every three (3) years, with a view to modifying utilization of the spending allocation as per the needs of the School. An annual work plan and budget will be required and subject to the approval of the Chair. Any modifications to utilization of the spending allocation will remain consistent with the original intent. The Chair of the School of Dentistry will have final decision making authority.

These Terms represent the way the University of Alberta, as Trustee, intends to describe, publish, and administer this fund. If in the future it becomes necessary, advisable, or preferable for changes to be made to this description, in doing so the University will remain governed by the original intent as expressed at the time of the creation of the fund (e.g. Donation Agreement, Statement of Trust, or Will).