

# Nurse Innovator Award Applicant Webinar Step 1

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# Introduction to the Nurse Innovator Award



- The Nurse Innovator Award (NIA) was conceived by the RNFOO **Honorary Life Members to design and build a mechanism whereby *100+ Nurses Who Care*, will enable, encourage, support and celebrate nursing innovation.** Nurses with new and original ideas and methods can find financial support and mentorship to create the changes they imagine.
- Nurse Innovators applying for this award will be using **creative thinking and idea development and be willing and prepared to embark on an initiative that will advance Nursing practice, Nursing education, Nursing Work Life and/or the patient experience from a Nursing perspective.** Nurse Innovators, turning their ideas into action, will play a key role in driving the nursing profession and health care forward, now and into the future.
- In 2019 the inaugural year 2 NIA awards were given for a total \$30,000. In 2020 RNFOO awarded \$60,000 to 3 nurse innovator teams. In 2021, \$60,000 was awarded in November. **In 2022 we have up to \$70,000 to award to nurse innovators across Ontario.**

# What is Innovation?

- To **INNOVATE** is to put new ideas into practice or existing ideas into practice in new ways. (ANA)
- **INNOVATION** is taking scientific discoveries and other ideas and developing useful products and services from them. e.g., the researcher studies thermodynamics; the innovator develops the toaster.

\*\* This is a **NURSING INNOVATION AWARD**, not a research award.

# Requirements

Applicants for a Nurse Innovator Award must be:

- **an RN, RPN, or NP**
- **currently registered in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO).**
- **living or working in Ontario.**
- **In the event of a team application, the lead professional must be an RN, RPN or NP.**
- **There is a \$25 non-refundable application fee.**
- **With the intent of capacity-building, reviewers will look favourably upon applications which include nurses (in any category including nursing students) who are new to the process of innovation.**
- **It is expected that the innovation will be carried out in the 12 months of the following year.**



# Timeline for the Application Process

There is a 2-step process for applicants:

- **Step 1:** requires a letter of intent, an abbreviated résumé, and two supporting letters submitted through **the on-line application on RNFOO.org by June 6, 2022. See details on RNFOO.org/NIA**
- **Step 2:** if short-listed, applicants will be informed by late June and asked to provide a self-made video and other information **by the August deadline.**

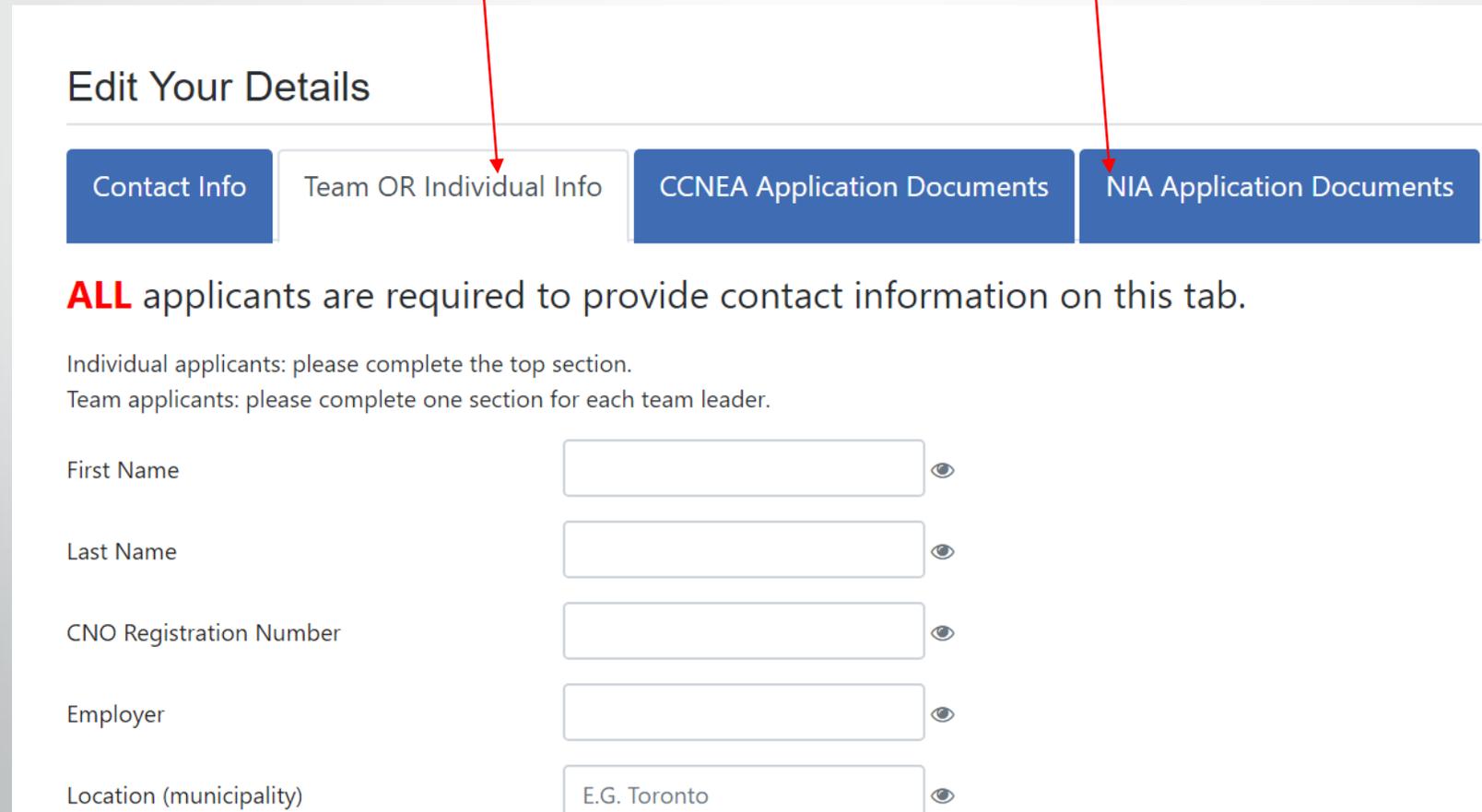


# Step 1

Applicants must register *using the NIA Applicant login box on the nia.RNFOO.org page*, pay the \$25 application fee, provide all information requested through the on-line form by June 6.

The application has 4 tabs.

You need to complete 2 of them: Team OR Individual Info and NIA Application Documents



**Edit Your Details**

Contact Info    Team OR Individual Info    CCNEA Application Documents    NIA Application Documents

**ALL** applicants are required to provide contact information on this tab.

Individual applicants: please complete the top section.  
Team applicants: please complete one section for each team leader.

First Name  

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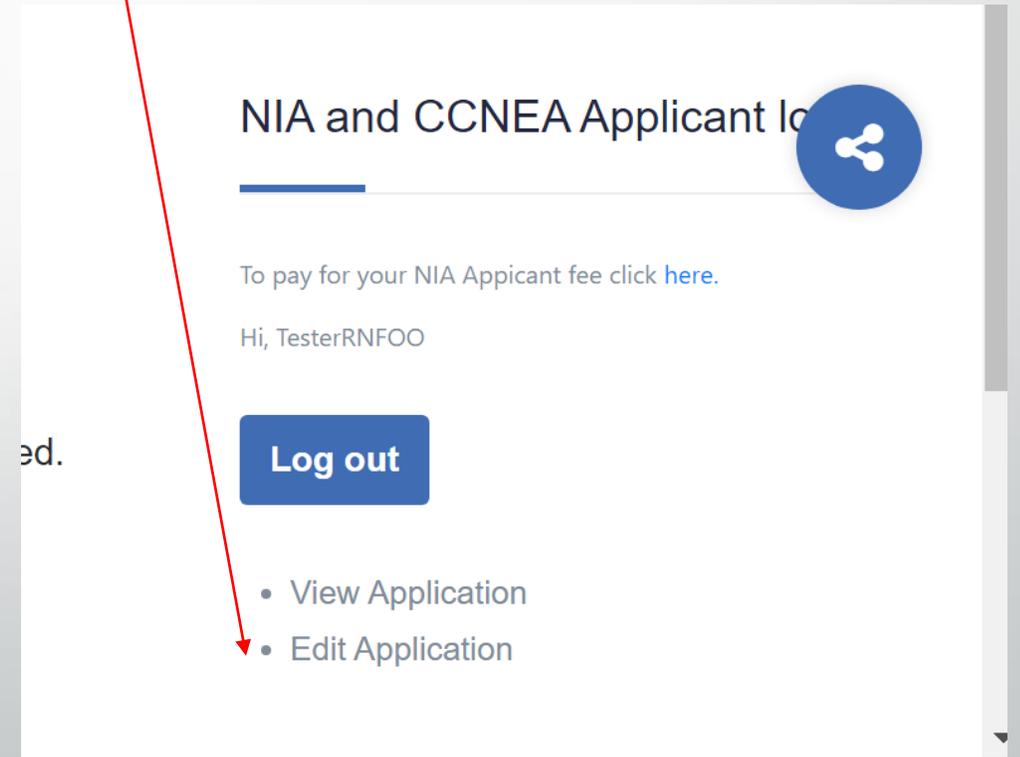
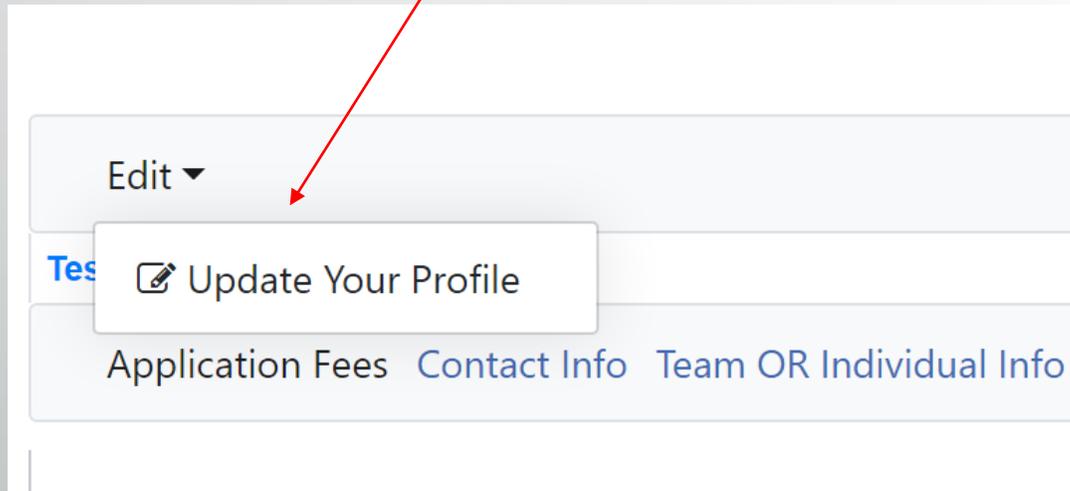
CNO Registration Number  

Employer  

Location (municipality)  

# Entering Information

When you first login to the application, the system is set to "View Your Application". In order to enter any information, you will have to select "Edit Your Application" from the login box on the left or click on the "Edit" edit drop down at the top left of the screen



# Required Documentation

1. **A *letter of intent* (3-page maximum)** providing:
  - a title that clearly defines the innovation (maximum 10 words)
  - a clear description of the innovation in the opening paragraph
  - the issue the innovation addresses including relevant background
  - anticipated impact on on nursing practice, nursing education, nursing work life, and/or the patient experience from the nursing perspective
  - target audience(s), stated aims, planned deliverables, and plan for implementation
2. An ***abbreviated résumé*** (2-page maximum) that focuses on professional experiences, positions, education and other pertinent information that is relevant to the focus of the application. In the event of a team application, a combined 2-page summary resume is required.
3. Two ***supporting letters*** from people who can attest to the value and potential of the innovation and the applicant's ability to execute the innovation.

# Team Applications

- Teams with a **single lead** – follow all requirements mentioned earlier, one combined CV with key experiences of team members, communication only with lead who will share with team.
- Teams with **multiple leads** – one lead must be a nurse (RN, RPN, NP) and follow all requirements, combined CV with pertinent information for all leads, create a single email address that all leads can access.

- Applicants may wish to review the Step 1 Scoring Tool - available on [nia.rnfoo.org](http://nia.rnfoo.org) - in order to better understand what reviewers will be looking for.
- Applications must be marked complete by the posted deadline: **June 6**. Complete applications will be reviewed, and a short-list of candidates will proceed to the second step.

# QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

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