



## The Lions Sight Center Fund Award

### Guidelines and Eligibility

**A. Deadline for application:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020

To apply, please complete the application form on pg 3 and submit the complete (including attachments) application package as one Acrobat (PDF) document to:

Angela Krawetz, Director, Strategic Projects and Core Facilities

[medendow@ucalgary.ca](mailto:medendow@ucalgary.ca)

Office of the Associate Dean Research

Cumming School of Medicine

**B. Value of the Lion Sight Centre Fund award:** up to \$20,000/ year for 2 years

**C.** As part of the Lions Sight Centre Fund award, a **\$1,000 Alberta Odd Fellow Rebekah Visual Research Student** award for an MSc / PhD student is also available to support their project in basic or clinical research in the vision or related sciences.

*Please check off this box if you would like to also apply for the Rebekah funding to support a trainee and include an additional \$1,000 as part of your Lions Sight Centre Fund budget.*

**D. Purpose:** The fund will support new research initiatives, including pilot projects, minor equipment, and support of trainees, to facilitate the acquisition of preliminary results or provide bridge funding for established projects in sight research temporarily out of funding. Support for hypothesis-driven knowledge discovery will be given priority over strictly clinical studies or the development of instruments, procedures or techniques.

**E. Eligible Use of Funds:**

- Fund specific projects related to vision and related neurological health research
- Improve laboratories
- Purchase equipment
- Provide salary support for faculty (i.e. Chair Professor), Post-Doctoral Fellows, students and other trainees
- Provide funding (travel, accommodation, honoraria) to bring visiting scientists and other researchers to Calgary, or to send Calgary scientists and research trainees to other laboratories or international research forums
- Fund miscellaneous research-related costs including scholarly books and journals and other operating expenses

**F. Candidate eligibility:** Cumming School of Medicine faculty members with academic staff appointment (GFT).

**G. Award criteria:**

This application will be judged based on:

- a) How well the goals of the applications are aligned with the goals of this award
- b) Scientific merit, when applicable (is the hypothesis clearly stated, are the methods adequate? etc...)
- c) Feasibility of the project given the proposed budget and background of the applicant
- d) Overall quality of the proposal

**H. Length of award:** Funding duration will be for two years. Term extension requests can be submitted in the next competition

**I. Reporting:** Any publication or presentation resulting from this award should acknowledge the Lions Sight Centre Fund as a sponsor. The Award recipient will be required to provide a brief report (2 pages max) of the activities undertaken with the assistance of these funds, what was their impact and how the funding was used. *Please note that this report will be shared with the Fund Development office of the CSM and possibly with other stakeholders.* This report must be submitted to: [medendow@ucalgary.ca](mailto:medendow@ucalgary.ca) no later than 3 months after completion of the project, or one years from the date the award was made. Furthermore, the awardee may be contacted for further details regarding this project. We expect their full cooperation.

**LIONS SIGHT CENTRE FUND AWARD APPLICATION FORM**

**NAME:**

**DEPARTMENT:**

**PROJECT TITLE:**

**SUBJECT FIELD/DISCIPLINE:**

**PROJECT TYPE:** (please select all that is applicable)  
 Research project  
 Attendance at national / international conference  
 Lectureship or seminar series

**SPECIAL CERTIFICATION:**

|                           |                             |                              |  |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Are Human Subjects Used?  | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | Ethics in Human Research Certification |
| Are Animal Subjects Used? | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | Animal Care Certification              |
| Are Biohazards involved?  | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | Biosafety Certification                |

**BUDGET:**

| Description of Expense   | Funding required per year: |        |
|--|----------------------------|--------|
|  | Year 1                     | Year 2 |
| Personnel (salary/stipend)   |                            |        |
| Trainee (MSc/PhD) student AlbertaOddFellow award up to \$1,000<br><i>(additional funds available if requested)</i>   |                            |        |
| Equipment  |                            |        |
| Materials, supplies and services   |                            |        |
| Meeting expenses   |                            |        |
| Travel   |                            |        |
| Other  |                            |        |
| <b>Total per Year:</b>   |                            |        |
| <b>Total funding requested:</b><br><i>(Maximum LSC funding available is \$20,000/ yr for 2 years and will be adjudicated according to the type of request)</i> |                            |        |

**SIGNATURE:**

Principal Investigator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachments are mandatory and they must be submitted together with the application form as one Acrobat (pdf) document:**

1. **Project Summary** (200-250 words; ½ page)
  - Please use language suitable for non-scientists, include clinical or basic research significance and describe why the Lions Fund should support the project.
2. **Brief Research Project Description** (maximum 2 pages)
  - Statement of research issue, background/summary of relevant literature, hypothesis (-es) to be tested, specific research aims, methods, anticipated results, potential pitfalls and how they will be dealt with, significance. Two pages maximum, excluding references and figures, minimum 11-point type, recommended font Arial or Times New Roman, margins ≥0.5 in all around.
3. **Budget Justification:** (Maximum 1 page)
  - a. **Personnel** (Specify role in project as well as budget requirement)
  - b. **Trainee** Alberta Odd Fellow Rebekah Visual Research Student award (if requested)
  - c. **Equipment** (Note: All equipment purchased with this grant will be the property of the University of Calgary)
  - d. **Supplies and Services** (Itemize)
  - e. **Meeting expenses** (Honorariums for visiting speaker, conference expenses including meals/catering, room booking fees, conference registration fees, etc.)
  - f. **Travel** (Specify airfare, taxis, parking, accommodation, etc)

❖ **Note: Add other line items as required**

4. **List other current research support** and indicate budgetary overlap with present proposal. Please include:
  - Project Title
  - Agency
  - Role – PI, co-PI, collaborator
  - Amount per annum
  - Support period
5. **Have you applied elsewhere for funding**, or partial funding of this project? If yes, please provide details and how additional support from the Lions Sight Centre will be helpful.
6. **Copy of a recent Curriculum Vitae**

Submit the electronic copy of the complete application package as one PDF document to Angela Krawetz, the Office of the Associate Dean Research, Cumming School of Medicine at: [medendow@ucalgary.ca](mailto:medendow@ucalgary.ca).