

## 2020 Peter Lougheed Research Award Competition

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#### **Eligibility**

**Q: *Is CSM adjunct appointment considered eligible for this competition?***

A: Adjunct appointments are not considered full time appointments and therefore, they are not eligible for this competition.

**Q: *I am just starting my fulltime position as an AMHSP with the Department of..... but am currently a Clinical Lecturer with the UofC. In a few months, I will be moving to a GFT academic/research role as an assistant professor. Does the role of clinical lecturer make me ineligible for this award?***

A: You would be eligible to apply for the Peter Lougheed competition if you will append a letter from your Department Head confirming your GFT recruitment and eligibility for the Peter Lougheed Research Award for you. The letter would indicate that you have been offered a GFT position in the Department of ...., pending Faculty approval in.... 2020, thus satisfying the award eligibility criteria that the applicant “will be recruited to a primary (full time research) appointment to the CSM”.

**Q: *I am an Academic, with a faculty appointment, but I do 50% research and 50% clinical work. The requirements call for a "full time researcher". Would I still be eligible to apply?***

A: Since your academic appointment is a full-time appointment and since when calculating Early Career Investigator eligibility for CIHR, the percent of time devoted to research verse other duties, such as teaching or clinical work, does not factor into the calculation of time spent in a faculty appointment, we have concluded that you would be considered to be full-time researcher by CIHR’s methods of calculation and therefore, eligible to apply for this competition.

**Q: *If I have already been successful in the past competitions for this award, am I still eligible to apply?***

A: Yes, you are eligible.

#### **Additional documents accepted**

**Q: *Can I append reference/ collaboration letters to my application?***

A: Yes, you can, provided that you pdf these documents and combine them into one PDF document together with your application.

**Q: *Are figures acceptable in addition to the application?***

A: Yes, you may append figures to the application as one PDF document included with your application, provided that your total application doesn’t get too lengthy.

## **Budget**

**Q: Is the split between research and salary recovery up to the applicant (if approved), or does the Dean have a formula that he applies, for instance for other funding agencies, the applicant faculty member will only apply if at least 70% of the total awarded goes to research.**

A: The applicant has the discretion to decide on the split. If they would like to put all of the funding towards research, they should propose this in their application. There is no specific formula or requirement on how the research and stipends are split. If the applicant is a clinician, it would make sense to direct the funding towards salary recovery as this frees up time for academic/research work. For basic science researchers, using the funding for operations is the preferred route.

**Q: Are student stipends and/or contractors/ research assistants' salaries to assist with projects (analysts, project managers) eligible?**

A: As long as the support for these positions is relevant to the project you are proposing they are eligible. They can be listed in your budget as student stipends, research assistant etc...

**Q: Is financial need a consideration for this grant? For instance, I already have large Tri-Council funding and so I am not sure if the funding currently held will help or hurt my chances of receiving this award.**

A: Financial need is not considered as part of the criteria and so, it would not impact your application.

**Q: Does the project have to be entirely new, or can we request funding to supplement ongoing work/ grants for which we do not have sufficient funds to fully complete the work?**

A: The award criteria, as provided in the TOR and as copied on pg 1 of the Application indicates: "The proposal supports novel research project aligned with the priorities of CSM (available at: <http://cumming.ucalgary.ca/files/med/stratplan1-9-15.pdf>)" Since the application that you intend to submit for Peter Loughheed Research Award Competition has been already supported through another mechanism such as CIHR, we do not think that it can still be considered "novel"/ new.

**Q: I will be taking maternity leave shortly. However, I would like to submit an application proposing work that is ongoing as part of my PhD student's doctoral program. If I were to secure this funding, I just want to confirm that my maternity leave would not prohibit spending the funding for my PhD student stipend.**

A: If you budget in your application for funding to support a student involved in the proposed research, your leave would not impact this, provided the research is still ongoing while you are in maternity leave.

## **How to save and access PDF application format for MAC users**

**Q: I am a MAC user and I am having issues filling in the PDF application form.**

A: The default viewer for PDF documents in Mac OS X is Preview. Preview will open PDF documents for viewing but it will NOT display dynamic/interactive content embedded into PDF forms such as drop down menus and calendar features. For Mac users to be able to see this content, they must tell their computer to open PDF files with Adobe Reader, or Adobe Acrobat Standard, or Adobe Acrobat Professional.

To do this:

1. **Select any PDF file and choose File > Get Info.**
2. Choose the application with which you want to open PDF files (Adobe Reader, etc.) from the **Open With** menu. The programs are normally found in the Applications folder.
3. Click **Change All**, and then click **Continue**.