

THE PETER LOUGHEED RESEARCH AWARD

The Cumming School of Medicine welcomes applications for The Peter Lougheed Research Award. The competition is open to junior investigators at or coming to the Cumming School of Medicine at the time of the application deadline.

Junior Investigator as defined by Tri-Council (CIHR) is “a researcher who has held a full-time research appointment for a period up to 60 months from their initial faculty appointment (excluding maternity leave).”

Funds will benefit excellence in health research in Alberta, by providing salary and research support to exceptional young researchers thereby encouraging them to continue their career in the province.

Award criteria:

- Proposals that support novel research project aligned with CSM research priorities (see Strategic Priority Areas) available at:
<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/sites/default/files/teams/19/policies-forms/stratplan1-9-15.pdf>
- Preference will be given to proposals that foster collaboration across multiple CSM priorities. Proposals will be assessed on the quality of the applicant, including publications, grants and students in the research program being proposed for funding.

The funds can be utilized to cover salary and research activities such as support for research activities including consumables, travel, equipment and other relevant costs.

The funds awarded can be applied towards the salary of a new researcher as a salary recovery only. This award cannot be used as a salary top-up.

Postdoctoral fellows or graduate students are not eligible to apply for this award. Eligible applicants must have their primary academic appointment (or be recruited to a primary appointment) in Cumming School of Medicine.

Applicants can request up to **\$ 43,781**

Please refer to the application form for additional details and to the Frequently Asked Questions list below.

Complete applications must include **Application form**, Description of project (200-250 words), Research proposal (max 2 pages), Budget justification (max 1 page) and a recent Curriculum Vitae (max 5 pages).

Deadline for application submission **Thursday, September 2nd, 2021**

Applications and questions about this competition must be submitted to: medendow@ucalgary.ca for the attention of Patty Beug-Jang.

These guidelines and application can be found at: **Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) website**, under **Research & Institutes Overview – Funding Opportunities - Endowments:**
<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/research-institutes/funding-opportunities/endowments>

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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: Is a Clinical Assistant Professor rank considered eligible for this competition as per CHIR definition of “Independent researcher”?

A: CIHR does not have any specific restrictions surrounding the link between titles and eligibility. So as long as you meet CIHR’s definition of an independent researcher, they would be considered to have an eligible appointment. That is they are:

- autonomous regarding their research activities; and
- have an academic or research appointment which:
 - must commence by the effective date of funding; and
 - allows the individual to pursue the proposed research project, to engage in independent research activities for the entire duration of the funding, to supervise trainees (if applicable, as per their institution’s policy), and to publish the research results; and
 - obliges the individual to conform to institutional regulations concerning the conduct of research, the supervision of trainees, and the employment conditions of staff paid with CIHR funding.

The appointment as a Clinical Assistant Professor meets the above criteria and so, you are eligible.

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, combine them into **one document**, append them to your application.

Q: Are figures acceptable in addition to the application?

A: Yes, you may append figures to the application as **one PDF document** attached to your application.

*** Additional documents (letter of reference/ collaboration, figures, tables) cannot exceed 10 pages.

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 Lougheed Research Award Competition has been already supported through another funding mechanism, for example 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**.

Mac users can also use Google Chrome when accessing the PDF by going to settings (three dots on the top right of window), click Settings > Site Settings > Additional Content Settings > PDF Documents > Download PDF Files instead of automatically opening them (Make sure this is turned off). The PDF viewer should open within the browser when they click on the file and they should be able to fill.