

The Cumming School of Medicine invites applications for

2025 The Koopmans Memorial Research Fund Competition

This endowment was set up to honour the late Henry S. Koopmans. It provides funds for innovative research into the **mechanisms of food intake, energy balance or integrative GI physiology**. Funds are awarded on the basis of a brief innovative research proposal.

Eligibility

The allocation made available from the Fund will be awarded annually to a junior faculty member with a preference for the Gastrointestinal Research Group of the Snyder Institute for Chronic Diseases, but awards can be made to any junior faculty member with a full-time appointment in the Cumming School of Medicine or a cross-appointment in the Cumming School of Medicine (preference will be given to highly ranked applications of those with a primary appointment).

Please note the Early Career Researcher (ECR / junior investigator) is a “researcher within five years of the date of their first independent research-related appointment”: <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/53113.html>
Additional clarifications regarding CIHR Early Career Researcher below:

ECR cohort	Status
Progressed out of ECR status <i>before</i> Mar. 1, 2020	Standard 60-month window applies
Held ECR status between Mar. 1, 2020, and Sep. 15, 2022	ECR status extended to 84 months (no further extensions to ECR window)
New ECRs entering system	Standard 60-month window applies

As of September 15, 2022, CIHR will no longer extend the time window for new ECRs entering the system. If an [eligible leave](#) occurred any time during the ECR window, it counts as double.

Amount available: One award up to **\$22,500 for one year**

Deadline for application submission: **November 13th, 2025**

Application

Your complete application must include:

- Research Proposal** describing an innovative project in one of the three areas noted above (1-2 pgs max)
- Budget Justification** (1 pg max)
- Curriculum Vitae** (4 pgs max)

Please submit your complete application package to Office of the Associate Dean (Research) at: medendow@ucalgary.ca as **one PDF document**.

Allowable expenses:

Funds can be used to support trainee salary, research expenses and travel expenses/ conference presentations resulting from the research.

Responsibilities of the successful applicant:

The donor would appreciate receiving a 1 page report 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 the Office of the Associate Dean Research at: medendow@ucalgary.ca no later than three (3) months after completion of the project or when required. The recipient will also meet all

stewardship responsibilities. Every effort should be made to document the recipient's contribution in the form of a publication. All publications and research resulting from this funding should acknowledge the support of the *Koopmans Memorial Research Fund*.

Questions? Inquiries can be made to Dr. Shan Liao at liaos@ucalgary.ca or to medendow@ucalgary.ca