



Dr. Keith MacCannell Rising Researcher Scholar Award Guidelines

Background: Dr. Keith MacCannell, MD, PhD, played an integral role in the founding of Calgary's medical school in his roles as Head of the Department of Pharmacology & Therapeutics, and Associate Dean of Research. He was also Calgary's Chief of Gastroenterology from 1996 to 2000. We are incredibly grateful for all of Dr. MacCannell's contributions that led to our growth and where we stand today. This award was established as a tribute to his trailblazing legacy as a basic and clinical scientist, teacher and mentor.

Deadline for application: October 5, 2026

To apply, please complete the application form and forward the completed electronic copy and attachments to (click): [Office of the Associate Dean Research SharePoint site - you will be prompted to SharePoint and will need to enter your UCID username and password.](#)

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Purpose: To encourage research within the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology for early career fellows, clinician-researchers and basic-science researchers, particularly those that combine curiosity and innovative thinking in their approaches.

Value of the award: 1 award at \$13,900

Eligible Use of Funds:

- For Basic Science research projects – allowable expenses could include support for personnel, materials, sample collection
- For Clinical research projects – allowable expenses could include support for an analyst, research coordinator, statistician
- Additional expenses related to research, as approved by the Head, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology

Eligible applicants:

The award is open to members of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology who are:

- Fellows that are newly entering the program or advanced fellows. These applicants are required to append to their application, a letter of support and acknowledgement of submission from their supervisor.
- Junior faculty members – defined as three years since hiring date. Eligible leaves (e.g. maternity, parental) will extend junior faculty status (i.e. will not be counted towards the maximum).

Eligible types of projects:

- Individual research projects
- Joint applications from two or more investigators or research groups that foster collaboration will be considered
- Start-up research projects that have potential to grow to larger projects
- Smaller projects that can add value to existing projects

Award Criteria:

This application will be judged based on:

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

Length of award: 1 year

Reporting: The recipients of funding from the Award will be responsible for, upon request, providing a report to the Selection Committee and should acknowledge the donor when appropriate.

Questions? Please submit them to medendow@ucalgary.ca for Patty Beug-Jang's attention.

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Application Form

Applicant's first name, surname:		
Job title:		
Department:		
Academic appointment start date:		
Parental leave start date & end date:		
Supervisor's name (for fellows' applicants)		
Indicate if the proposed project is Basic Science research OR is Clinical research project		
Project title:		
Budget: (if a budget item is not applicable, please enter 0)		
Description of Expense	Amount required	
Personnel		
Materials		
Sample collection		
Other		
Other		
Total funding requested: <i>Maximum allowed is \$13,900</i>	0.00	
Applicant signature	Date	

1. Description of project (maximum 250 words)

Provide a statement that highlights how the proposed project encourages research within the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, in particular, how you combine curiosity and innovative thinking in your approach.

2. Research Proposal (maxim 2 pages)

Provide a description of the research project, elaborating on its innovative thinking; on how it aligns with the purpose of this award; References, Tables and Figures, Letters of support, Equipment quotes, Bibliography can be appended as a PDF file no larger than 10 pgs (OR 10Mgb)

3. Budget Justification - 1 pg

4. Recent Curriculum Vitae (max 5 pages) - please attach to the application as one PDF file. References, Tables and Figures, Letters of support, Equipment quotes, Bibliography can be appended as a PDF file no larger than 10 pgs (OR 10Mgb)