

Michael and Terry Wilson Cardiovascular Research Innovation Fund

Deadline: Thursday, May 15, 2025

Purpose of funding:

To support multi-investigator teams proposing collaborative, innovative, translational projects in the areas of cardiovascular health and disease and/or projects focused on emerging priority areas within the Libin Cardiovascular Institute (LCI).

The primary purpose of this funding opportunity is to facilitate the creation of new collaborative teams that will develop new research projects. It is expected that this funding will enable these teams to subsequently apply for new external operating grants.

Eligibility:

Applications must include a Principal Member of the LCI as a primary applicant. Other team members may be from the LCI or from other areas as necessary for the success of the proposed project.

Available funds:

Teams may request support up to \$250K.

Eligible expenses:

Seed/catalyst funding may be used to support the operational expenses of initiating and maintaining new research projects. Funds may be used for personnel salaries (trainees, staff), operational expenses (consumables, materials, supplies), and services (core facilities, statistical services).

Some funding for new equipment may also be possible, to a maximum of 25% of the total budget, if required for a new project. Equipment requests exceeding 25% will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and would require strong justification.

Ineligible expenses:

Funds cannot be used as bridge funding or to supplement existing externally funded grants.

Funds cannot be used for office furniture, office computers and peripherals, general computer software, construction, or renovation.



Applications:

Applicants will submit an initial application containing the following:

- Project Summary (1-2 pages)
 - Summary is inclusive of any figures
 - References can be added on separate pages
- Statement summarizing the role of each applicant
- Budget
- Applicant CCV Biosketches

Applicants selected for funding will be required to participate in a Test Your Concept session to obtain additional feedback on their proposal prior to receiving project funds.

Selection Process:

The following criteria will be considered during the selection process:

- Evidence of the applicants' commitment to research and training.
- Focus on collaborative research.
- Quality of applicants (grant support, publications, trainee supervision)
- Focus on priority areas as defined by the LCI Leadership Team.
- Project's fit with the mandates of the program.
- Likelihood of securing external funding in the future.

Post award administration:

Successful applicants will be required to submit yearly progress reports and a final report upon completion of funding provided.

Successful applicants will be expected to submit applications to external funding agencies within 2 years in order to leverage the funding provided.

Funds may be taken back by the LCI if awardees are not demonstrating progress and using funds as planned.

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Electronic submissions should be done via the application form.

For questions or additional information please contact libin@ucalgary.ca.