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.

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 Full Member of the Libin Cardiovascular Institute as a primary applicant. Other team members may be from the Libin Cardiovascular Institute 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, renovation.
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**Deadline:** January 31, 2024

**Applications:**
Applicants will submit an initial application containing the following:

- 1–2-page project summary  
  - summary is inclusive of any figures;  
  - references can be added on separate pages.  
- Statement summarizing the role of each applicant.  
- Budget  
- Applicant CVs

*Applicants selected for funding will be required to participate in a Test Your Concept session to obtain feedback on their proposal.*

**Selection Process:**
The following criteria will be considered during the selection process:

- Evidence of the applicants’ commitment to research and training.  
- Focus on priority areas as defined by the Libin Cardiovascular Institute Leadership Team.  
- Focus on collaborative research.  
- Quality of applicants (grant support, publications, trainee supervision)  
- 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 Libin Cardiovascular Institute if awardees are not demonstrating progress and using funds as planned.

**Deadline for application:**

January 31, 2024

Electronic submissions should be done via the [online form](#).

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