## TERMS OF REFERENCE

## Todd Anderson Cardiovascular Research Award

Background: The fund was created through generous donations from multiple donors with the intention of creating an endowed research award to honor Dr. Todd Anderson's contribution to the leadership of the Libin Cardiovascular Institute. The fund will remain open to contributions from future donors.

Purpose of Award: The purpose of the award is to support research in the areas of Cardiovascular Health and Disease.

Award Value: The value of the award available will be determined annually by the Universityestablished rate of disbursement from the endowment.

## Duration of Award: One year

Allowable expenditures: Allowable expenditures include the following:

- Salary support - support for graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, trainees and, if appropriate, faculty salary support to expand capacity in cardiovascular health and disease research
- Research - support for research projects related to cardiology and cardiac sciences. This includes consumables, travel, equipment and other relevant costs
- Travel - to support conference travel
- Other reasonable expenses as approved by the Libin Cardiovascular Institute's Grant Review Committee

Administration of Award: The award will be overseen by the Libin Cardiovascular Institute. Award winners will be adjudicated by a Grant Review Committee.

Award Criteria/Eligibility: The award competition is open to early career researchers (MD and PhD) with a primary appointment within the Libin Cardiovascular Institute. Early career is defined as within ten years of first faculty appointment; however, preference will be given to investigators within the first 5 years.

- Evidence of commitment to research in the area of cardiovascular health and disease
- Quality of candidate: academic excellence, research experience, awards
- Significance and quality of the proposed project

Application and Adjudication Process: Calls for proposals will be administered annually per the following suggested schedule:

- Early January - call for applicants issued by the Research Committee/Delegate
- Mid-February - call for applications application deadline
- Late March - Standing committee meeting to select award winner
- April - June - Award winner announced at the Tine Haworth Research Day

The cycle may be changed in the future in response to current needs.

The Grant Review Committee will be responsible for maintaining meeting minutes, as well as circulating calls for proposals and selecting recipients in alignment with the selection criteria outlined above.

In the event that no suitable proposals are identified in a particular budget cycle, the committee may determine to either recapitalize the unspent funds or transfer unspent funds to the related spend-down project if a specific use of funds has been identified.

Responsibilities of recipients: Upon request, the recipient of funding from the Todd Anderson Cardiovascular Research Award will be responsible for providing a report on the use of the funds to the Grant Review Committee and/or the Advancement Office.

## Agreed:

For the Cumming School of Medicine



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