

EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR PAIN RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM 2020

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 13, 2020

DESCRIPTION

The Canadian Pain Society (CPS) in partnership with Pfizer Canada is pleased to offer the **Early Career Investigator Pain Research Grant Program**. This grant will provide operating funds for early career researchers who recently entered a faculty position at a Canadian academic institution (University or Health Centre). This program aims to support operating costs of research and allow early career investigators to conduct pilot or preliminary research that can be used as the basis for a tri-council grant submission.

Three grants of \$50,000 each are available: one in basic science, one in clinical science and one in translational science. The duration of these grants is for one year, although an additional one-year extension is available upon request if needed*. These funds are to support operating costs (e.g., animal housing, participant stipends, reagents, research staff) and cannot be used towards the applicant's salary or indirect costs. The review process will be overseen by the CPS Awards Chair. Applications will be reviewed by at least two independent reviewers who will rate the quality of the applicant and the proposed work.

Applications will be considered for innovative research in either basic, clinical or translational science in any of the following areas:

- Mechanisms and management of chronic pain
- Transition from acute to chronic pain

Note: Projects covering the full range of acute pain and biopsychosocial perspectives will also be considered.

Eligible translational science submissions may include 1) "bench to bedside" projects, including both animal and human models, validation of animal research using human models (behavioural or cellular), or proposals leading to a specific treatment advance, or 2) projects focused on translating research into practice, knowledge translation, and/or implementation science projects focused on evaluating interventions in real-world settings.

AWARD

- Grant of \$50,000
- One (1) complimentary Three (3) Day Scientific Meeting registration
- One (1) Complimentary Awards Gala ticket to the annual reception and dinner on Thursday, May 21, 2020 where the award will be presented

ELIGIBILITY & GUIDELINES

Applicants must:

- Hold a PhD, MD, PharmD, DMD/DDS or DVM with advanced training in research
- Hold or have accepted an offer of a Faculty appointment at an eligible Canadian academic institution at the time of application.
- Be within 5 years of initiating their career as an independent investigator
- Be a current member of the Canadian Pain Society ([click here to join CPS today](#)).

Note: Applicants who have received a major operating grant as Principal or Co-Principal Investigator (e.g. Tri Council funding, NIH, etc), that provides yearly support equal to or greater than the CPS/Pfizer Early Career

Research Grant (i.e. \$50,000/year) are no longer eligible to apply.

Awardees will be expected to:

- Acknowledge CPS/Pfizer funding in all publications and presentations resulting from the funded research.
- Submit a written report to the awards committee upon completion of the research.
- Submit their research project(s) to the CPS as part of a symposium or poster presentation within 2 years of completion.

TO APPLY

Submissions must include:

- Completion of online form – [CLICK HERE](#)
- A cover letter (1 page maximum).
- Curriculum Vitae (CIHR Academic + 1 additional page for significant contribution)
- Research proposal (5 page maximum including figures and references; single-spaced, 11-point Arial or 12 point Times New Roman, minimum 2 cm margins)
- Budget outlining how the funds will be spent (1-page maximum).
- Two letters of support:
 - One (1) from a former mentor (e.g., PhD or fellowship supervisor)
 - One (1) from the Director/Dean of the Faculty in which the candidate is a member. For those who have accepted an offer of appointment, the Director/Dean's letter must indicate this and the official start date. The official start date must be no later than June 1, 2020.
- All documents must be combined and uploaded into one PDF file and cannot exceed 30 MB.
- Applications exceeding the page limits will not be considered.

QUESTIONS

Canadian Pain Society office (416) 642-6379 or awards@canadianpainsociety.ca

** Extension requests should be sent to the awards committee chair at awards@canadianpainsociety.ca. Should any funds remain unspent at the end of that period, they will need to be returned to the Canadian Pain Society. The award start date is June 1, 2020.*

** CPS reserves the right to award fewer than 3 grants subject to the quantity and quality of submissions.*

Funding: Canadian Pain Society and Pfizer Canada Inc.

