

2022 Prostate Cancer Foundation, BC Grant-in-Aid Program Request for Applications

Directive

Prostate Cancer Foundation, BC Research Awards Program is designed to promote and support innovative studies for improving diagnosis, treatment, management, and decision-making strategies for prostate cancer patients by British Columbia investigators. The Grant-in-Aid Program provides financial support for graduate students and clinical/post-doctoral fellows engaged in novel projects into basic research, diagnostics, treatment, palliative/end-of-life care, survivorship and prevention for prostate cancer. Programs with the potential to offer near-term benefits for patients with early-stage and recurrent prostate cancer, and those addressing quality of life and disease management issues are encouraged.

Eligibility and Funding

PCFBC welcomes applications from graduate students and clinical/post-doctoral fellows training with, and sponsored by, Principal Investigators holding appointments at recognized academic institutions and Allied Health Care Professionals in British Columbia as Grant-in-Aid applicants. Applicants involving interdisciplinary and multi-institutional projects with interprovincial or international collaborations are also acceptable so long as the Grant-in-Aid applicant and Principal Investigator are full-time members at the aforementioned recognized BC institutions. Prior experience in prostate cancer research is not a prerequisite for applying. Applications from individuals employed by for-profit organizations will not be considered. Each Principal Investigator or Allied Health Care Professional may only be a sponsor or co-sponsor on one application. Applications will be accepted for one year awards. Renewal applications will be considered subject to review of a new application and review of progress report. Graduate Student-led Grant-in-Aid awards will be awarded for a maximum of \$35,000 per year, Clinical/Post-doctoral-led Grant-in-Aid awards will be awarded for a maximum of \$60,000 per year. PCFBC will not pay any overhead costs to any institution or company that the applicant works for, attends, or is associated with.

Application

Deadline for receipt of applications for the PCFBC Research Awards Program is 11:59 pm Pacific time July 8, 2022. Applications time stamped after this date will not be considered. All components of the application must be formatted using a font no smaller than 12 point Times New Roman and with margins no less than 2 cm (0.8 in.), and submitted as a PDF file to The Foundation Office; Grant and Scholarship Committee via email (leah@prostatecancerbc.ca) and cc to Ian Wilshaw

(idwilshaw@kpmg.ca). The subject line must contain the text “2022 PCFBC Grant-in-Aid Application”. If you do not get a confirmation email by July 13, 2022 that your application has been received please call 604-574-4012. Hard copy applications, incomplete applications, or applications that do not otherwise comply with the application guidelines will not be considered.

Applications must contain the following six components:

1. A face sheet addressed to The PCFBC Research Awards Program indicating: (a) proposal title; (b) total amount of funding requested (c) names, positions, addresses, institutional affiliations, and contact information for Scholarship Applicant, Sponsoring Principal Investigator or Allied Health Care Professional and all Co-Investigators.
2. An Abstract Page containing a 250-word scientific abstract of the Research Proposal, a 250 word lay abstract suitable for a general public audience, and a 5 x 7.5 cm (2 x 3 inch) portrait photograph of the applicant.
3. Biographical sketches for all research personnel named in the Application of no more than 4 pages. M.Sc candidates must provide a copy of transcripts for last 2 academic years.
4. Two letters of reference for the Grant-in Aid Applicant with one being from the Sponsor.
5. A Research Proposal narrative no longer than 4 pages in length. Appendices are restricted to 1 page of figures, or if appropriate, 1 relevant survey documents and no more than 1 publication by the investigators directly pertinent to the Research Proposal. The Proposal should contain a brief description of background and significance, a hypothesis, a concise description of the aims and design of the work, and a summary of expected measurable results or outcomes from the proposed project.
6. A Budget Summary and descriptive narrative should detail the cost of the entire project including salaries, costs for laboratory materials, contracted services, etc. All concurrent sources of support for any aspect of the project must be included and must include complete titles of the awards or grants, amount, and period of funding, and role of the Sponsoring Principle Investigator or Allied Health Care Professional and Co Investigators in those awards. If the project is to be supported by multiple funding sources, elements of the project to be funded by the PCFBC and how PCFBC funding will advance the overall project must be explicitly described. The PCFBC cannot pay for institutional overhead, indirect costs, or other institutional levies.

Review

A panel of independent research scientists and BC Prostate Cancer Support Group members selected by the PCFBC will review all of the applications. The proposals will be ranked based upon scientific merit and upon how well the proposed project is aligned with PCFBC’s mission and scientific priorities.

Projects will be awarded based on the highest ranking and the availability of funding. All review panel members will enter a Confidential Disclosure Agreement with the PCFBC to ensure that award applications remain confidential. PCFBC will provide a scientific officer's report of the evaluation of the applications.

Award Distribution Guidelines

Acceptance of the award by the Scholarship Applicant and Sponsor will be acknowledged by signing an award letter indicating acceptance of PCFBC's funding guidelines. Once project commences, certification of Human Subjects/Animal Care Assurance/Biosafety protocols must be submitted, as applicable. For multi-institutional projects, the Sponsoring Investigator and all Co-Investigators must verify in the budget justification that the funds can be transferred from the Sponsor Investigator's institution to the institutions of the Co-Investigators. Award recipients will be notified by September, 2022. Health regulations allowing, an in-person award presentation ceremony will be held in the fall of 2022 in Vancouver where Awardees will present a 5 min, 1 slide summary of their research proposal.

Research Results

Award recipients are required to submit an Annual Research Summary by Aug. 31, 2023 of the year following award acceptance. Renewal applications will not be considered without review of the Annual Research Summary. The Annual Research Summary narrative should be no longer than 3 pages in length using the aforementioned formatting guidelines. It must be signed by the applicant and the Sponsor. Publications, abstracts, and/or other disseminations or summaries of the data from the research project should be appended to the Research Summary. Award recipients are required to cite PCFBC support in all publications of the data from the research project. Awardees may be requested to present an oral summary report to the PCFBC board or affiliated BC Prostate Cancer Support Groups.

About Prostate Cancer Foundation, BC

The Foundation was formed by Lower Mainland prostate cancer support group members, and is dedicated to the fight against prostate cancer. Its corporate office is in Surrey B.C. It is a non-profit organization under the Society Act devoted to promoting prostate health and prostate cancer awareness, prostate cancer support groups and supporting research dedicated to improved treatment and to finding a cure for prostate cancer. www.prostatecancerbc.ca.

Questions

Email questions to Leah Lariviere (leah@prostatecancerbc.ca)