

**EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR PAIN RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM 2021**  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 1, 2021**

**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.

Two grants of \$50,000 each are available: one in basic science and one in clinical science/translational science\*. The duration of these grants is for one year, although an additional one-year extension is available upon request if required\*\*. 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, equipment purchases, or indirect costs. The review process will be overseen by the CPS Awards Committee. Applications will be reviewed by at least two independent reviewers who will rate the quality of the applicant and the proposed work.

CPS is strongly committed to diversity within its membership. Diversity strengthens both research and clinical practice in pain. We encourage applications from racialized persons, Black, Indigenous and people of colour, women, LGBTQ2S+, persons with disabilities, and others who bring diverse perspectives to the field of pain.

**Applications will be considered for innovative research in basic, clinical, or translational science relevant to chronic pain.**

**AWARD**

- Unrestricted grant of \$50,000
- One (1) complimentary registration to the virtual 2021 CPS meeting

**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 as of February 1, 2021. Career interruptions will be considered when determining eligibility.
- 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, 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 their research project(s) to the CPS as part of a symposium or poster presentation within 2 years of completion
- Attend and present at the CPS/Pfizer Early Career Research Award Grant Recipients Scientific Exchange (virtual or in-person)

### TO APPLY

Submissions must include:

- Completion of online form – [CLICK HERE](#)
- A cover letter (1 page maximum)
- Curriculum Vitae (Common CV; 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., Ph.D. or fellowship supervisor)
  - One (1) from the Director/Dean of the Faculty in which the candidate is affiliated  
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, 2021
- Optional: An up to 1-page COVID impact statement outlining how COVID-19 has affected the candidate's work/productivity since the start of the pandemic (e.g. publication delays)
- All documents must be combined and uploaded into one PDF file and cannot exceed 20 MB
- Applications exceeding the page limits will not be considered.

### QUESTIONS

Canadian Pain Society Office: [office@canadianpainsociety.ca](mailto:office@canadianpainsociety.ca) or the Chair of the Awards Committee Jeffrey Mogil: [jeffrey.mogil@mcgill.ca](mailto:jeffrey.mogil@mcgill.ca).

*\* CPS reserves the right to award fewer than 2 grants subject to the quantity and quality of submissions.*

*\*\* Extension requests should be sent to the awards committee chair at [jeffrey.mogil@mcgill.ca](mailto:jeffrey.mogil@mcgill.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, 2021.*

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