

EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR PAIN RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM 2022

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 17, 2022

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 three (3) day in-person or virtual 2022 Scientific Meeting registration
- One (1) Complimentary Awards Gala ticket to the annual reception and dinner where the CPS awards 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 6 years of initiating their career as an independent investigator as of June 1, 2022. 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) by the award start date (June 1, 2022) are no longer

eligible to receive the Award.

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, including the names of 3 suggested reviewers (5 if submitting in French) – [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 [maximum 6 pages including figures and references if submitting in French]; single-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman, minimum 2 cm margins)
- Lay abstract (maximum 1000 characters, spaces included)
- Sex, Gender, and Diversity considerations and their intersectionalities (maximum 2000 characters, spaces included) outlining whether and how:
 - Sex as a biological variable is taken into account in the design, methods, analysis, and interpretation and/or dissemination of findings
 - Gender, as a socio-cultural factor, is taken into account in the design, methods, analysis, and interpretation and/or dissemination of findings
 - Diversity considerations (e.g. but not limited to socioeconomic status, age, education, sexual orientation, immigration status, Indigenous status, race, ethnicity, language, place of origin, culture) are taken into account in the design, methods, analysis, and interpretation and/or dissemination of findings
- Budget outlining how the funds will be spent (1-page maximum; single-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman, minimum 2 cm margins)
- 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, 2022
- 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 30 MB
- Applications exceeding the page limits will not be considered.

QUESTIONS

Canadian Pain Society office cps@secretariatcentral.com or the Chair of the Awards Committee:

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* 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 lynn.gauthier@crchudequebec.ulaval.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, 2022.

***Subject to local and provincial public health safety guidelines.

Funding: Canadian Pain Society and Pfizer Canada ULC.