

Innovation Fund – Seed Grant Research Opportunities – 2018/2019

Letter of Intent - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. *Who is eligible for these grants?*

- a. Principal applicant has one of the following: a) a full time appointment at SickKids; b) a full time appointment at UHN; c) a primary (typically campus-based) appointment at UofT; or d) a full time appointment at a UofT affiliated academic health sciences centre (TAHSN), hospital or research centre.
- b. The proposed project involves collaboration with at least 2 of 3 TRCHR partner organizations: SickKids, UHN, UofT - typically campus-based departments.
- c. The project must focus on the Centre's stated objective of making an impact on heart failure.
- d. The project is innovative, and ideally a new, unfunded initiative.
- e. Projects may encompass the full spectrum of biomedical research, from basic science discovery, clinical interventions to health services or population health research.
- f. Principal applicant is not already a principal applicant on a Ted Rogers Innovation Fund Strategic Grant. Collaborators or co-investigators on existing grants remain eligible for the new competition.

2. *I am a co-applicant on a Ted Rogers Innovation Fund Strategic Grant, can I apply?*

Yes. Only principal applicants currently funded on Innovation Fund Strategic Grants are excluded from applying for a seed grant.

3. *Is a full-time appointment at a TAHSN hospital considered a primary UofT appointment?* No

4. *How is collaboration defined?*

A key objective of the Ted Rogers Centre is for its three founding partners to collaborate with each other on their research projects, to leverage each partner's knowledge and expertise. Projects will be assessed as to the strength of collaboration among the Centre's partners involved in the project. As noted projects are to involve collaboration between at least 2 of 3 partner institutions (SickKids, UHN, UofT). UofT in this instance refers to investigators with a primary (typically campus-based) appointment at UofT.

Collaboration will be scored as part of the evaluation process. You may apply without having collaboration between 2 of 3 partner institutions, but your collaboration score (10% of total) may be reduced.

5. *Can you provide some examples of what would be/would not be a collaboration of at least 2 of 3 partners?*

- a. A UofT IHPME scientist (ie campus-based) collaborating with a UHN clinician would be (UofT, UHN)
- b. A SickKids scientist collaborating with a UofT campus-based scientist would be (SickKids, UofT)
- c. A Sunnybrook investigator collaborating with a UHN investigator would not be (UHN only)
- d. A Sunnybrook investigator collaborating with a UHN investigator and a SickKids investigator would be (UHN, SickKids)
- e. A St. Michael's investigator collaborating with a UofT campus-based investigator would not be (UofT only)
- f. A St. Michael's investigator collaborating with a UofT campus-based investigator and a SickKids investigator would be (UofT, SickKids)
- g. An IC/ES based epidemiologist collaborating with a campus-based IHPME economist would not be (UofT only)
- h. An IC/ES based epidemiologist collaborating with a campus-based IHPME economist and a UHN investigator (eg a Health Services Researcher) would be (UofT, UHN)

6. *What do you mean by a bona fide collaboration?*

A collaboration that involves investigators from the different partners, working together to complete the proposed project, where their combined knowledge and expertise is pooled or leveraged to generate novel/breakthrough thinking/ideas/methods. Non bona fide collaborations could involve use of a piece of equipment at the collaborator's lab, provision of specific supplies, provision of a specific type of lab animal, ie limited interaction between the investigators and limited leveraging of their combined scientific knowledge. Another example of a non bona fide collaboration would be when the named collaborator is unaware of the collaboration described in the submission.

7. *As principal applicant, do I need to include my CV?*

Yes, please include your CIHR Common CV (restricted to last 5 years [2013-2018]) with your LOI.

8. *Are co-applicants' CVs required or permitted?* No

9. *Are letters of support required or permitted?* No

10. *Are additional attachments or materials allowed?* No

11. *My proposed project is currently funded, but the funding is inadequate/expiring. Is this project eligible?* No

12. *I as principal applicant do not have a primary appointment at UofT, but at another university. My collaborators do have appointments at UofT. Would I be eligible?* No

13. *How many grants will be provided?* Up to 3 seed grants will be funded.

14. *How much funding is available?*

The Ted Rogers Innovation Fund seed grants provide up to \$100,000 per grant award. Applicants receiving a seed grant can apply for 1 renewal award of up to \$100,000 by completing the renewal application form. Renewal applications will be reviewed and depending on progress achieved during the first year, applicants may be approved for 1 renewal award.

15. *How will I know my LOI was approved and I can apply for the grant?*

All applicants who complete the LOI stage will be notified as to whether their submission has been selected to move forward to the application stage. Only those applicants selected for the next stage will be invited to submit a full application.