

Ted Rogers Centre for Heart Research: 2026/27 Education Fund

Application Deadline – Monday, March 30th, 2026

Background

The Ted Rogers Centre for Heart Research (TRCHR) is focused on transforming prevention and management of heart disease – in particular, heart failure. Our mission is guided by the over-arching goal of addressing heart failure across the entire lifespan. The Centre blends basic, translational, and clinical research with a focus on supporting collaborative research projects with strong potential for impact. The Education Fund plays a key role in this mission by supporting the career development of emerging cardiovascular investigators.

Award

- Awards are provided at two levels and are renewable once:
 - **Doctoral (PhD) Award - \$25,000**
 - **Post-doctoral Researcher (PDR) Award - \$40,000**
- The funding period runs from September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027.
- The number of awards funded is dependent on the quality of applications received during the cycle.
- Upon completion of the funding period, trainees are required to:
 - Submit an end of term report.
 - Write a 1-page letter of thanks to the Rogers family that describes their research.
 - Complete an intake form to meet with the TRCHR's Translation & Commercialization Committee.
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Eligibility

The proposed project must:

- Focus on an aspect of heart failure. This may be broadly interpreted and include fields of science, medicine, nursing, engineering, data science, public health, etc.
- Involve collaboration among at least two of the TRCHR's three partner organizations (SickKids, University Health Network, University of Toronto).
- Include a plan for translation or commercialization of the associated research.

Trainees must:

- Be full-time doctoral or post-doctoral researchers.
- Reside in Canada at the time of receiving the award.
- Be supervised by a full-time faculty member or scientist of a partner institute: SickKids, UHN, U of T (including any U of T-affiliated teaching hospitals).

- Trainees with co-supervisors from different partner institutions and/or disciplines may be scored more favourably for the collaboration weighting as it demonstrates a greater degree of collaboration.
- **For PDR applicants only:** Applicants with a PhD are to be within 5 years of PhD completion. Exceptions to this may be possible for postdoctoral fellows with clinical training extending beyond 5 years post-MD.

The Supervisor/PI may:

- Have up to one trainee funded by this program *per level* (i.e. one PhD and one PDR) across new and renewed applicants.
- Be named as a collaborator on more than one application.

Application Process

The online application form can be accessed at <https://tedrogersresearch.grantplatform.com/>.

To assist you in completing your application, feel free to watch our workshop “[Writing a Strong Grant Application](#)”, led by a panel of former Education Fund reviewers.

- While the workshop content is helpful, please note that funding amounts and criteria weighting in the video have since changed. Please refer to the 2026/27 Education Fund notice for the most up to date details.

Please submit your completed PhD/PDR application and associated documents before the due date indicated below.

- Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

A panel of Ted Rogers Centre for Heart Research investigators will review and adjudicate all applications.

Please direct any questions you may have to Lisa Hoang (Coordinator, Planning & Operations) at lisa.hoang@uhn.ca.

Important Dates

Date	Milestone
February 2 nd , 2026	Call for applications opens on our online grants platform
March 30 th , 2026 at 5 PM EST	Application submission deadline
Week of July 27 th , 2026	Notification of funding decisions
September 1 st , 2026	Funding period commences

Application Outline & Evaluation

Section	Requirements	Weight
Applicants' Excellence	Applicant's current CV & publication list.	25%
Background and Rationale	Describe why this project is significant and innovative. (<200 words)	25%
Objectives and Research Plan	Describe the project deliverables and how they will be achieved, with consideration of scientific rigour and feasibility. Highlight the expected outcomes and anticipated impact of the project. (<800 words)	

Focus on Heart Failure & Organizational Alignment	Describe how the project addresses aspects of heart failure and aligns with the Centre's broader mission and objectives. (<200 words)	10%
Collaboration	Describe how the project benefits from collaboration between partners of the Ted Rogers Centre for Heart Research. (<200 words)	15%
Potential for Impact - Translation and/or Commercialization	Describe your plans and activities for the translation and/or commercialization of the research findings (e.g., policy or systems change, clinical practice, intellectual property). (<200 words)	15%
Inclusion	Describe how the project meaningfully incorporates the following into the proposed research design, where applicable: (a) persons with lived experience (b) diversity, equity, and accessibility. In your response, consider inclusion across the research process, including recruitment practices, mentorship, research environment, and trainee development. (<250 words)	5%
Supervisor's Experience	Supervisor's CIHR Common academic CV (<u>last five years only</u>).	5%
Project Importance for Career Goals	Describe how the project contributes to or supports your career goals. (<200 words)	0%
Letters of Support – if applicable	Letters of support from co-supervisor(s) and collaborators providing substantive resources (i.e. patient records, technological support, animal models, etc.)	0%

Award Renewal Process

Grant renewals are not guaranteed.

PhD renewal applicants must:

- Complete an abbreviated application that will be assessed separately from new applications.
 - Applicants will be assessed on the progress demonstrated during their first year of funding and their research goals for the following year.
- Apply for *at least* one other peer-reviewed funding in the same cycle (e.g. OGS, CGS, other peer-reviewed institutional funding. etc).

PDR renewal applicants must complete a full application with an additional question on progress demonstrated during their first year of funding. This will be scored alongside new applications.

Top-up Process for Award Recipients

Applicants who have received multiple awards (e.g. scholarships, grants, etc.) are eligible for top-up funding.

The top-up is dependent on the funding amount of the other awards.

- PhD awardees will be topped up to reach a total award amount of \$25,000, with a **minimum** top-up of \$5,000.
- PDR awardees will be topped up to reach a total award amount of \$40,000, with a **minimum** top-up of \$10,000.