

TD Bank Financial Group Grant for Health Sciences Interdisciplinary Research Fund Awards 2025 - 2026 Award Application

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SECTION 1: APPLICANT'S PERSONAL DATA

Applicant Name: (Last Name, First Name, Initials)		Sex: (check)		Date of Birth: (yyyy-mm-dd)	
		Male ☐ Female ☐			
Canadian Social Insurance Number:		Citizenship:		Immigration Status in Canada: (check)	
				Canadian Citizen ☐ Student Visa ☐	
				Permanent Resident ☐ Work Visa ☐	
Applicant mailing address:			Applicant UAlberta Employee/Student Number: (Seven digit)		
			Applicant Phone Number:		
			Applicant Email:		

SECTION 2: SIGNATURES

The undersigned agree to, and accept, the general conditions governing any award made pursuant to the sponsorship of this application.

If your faculty does not have a Department Head/Chair, only the Faculty Dean's signature (or signature deemed acceptable by the Faculty Dean's Office) is required.

RSO signatures are not required for this application.

Signature of:	Printed Name	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
Applicant:		
Supervisor:		
Department Head/Chair:		
Faculty Dean:		

SECTION 3: APPLICANTS DETAILS OF APPLICATION

A. APPLICANT'S CURRENT PROGRAM INFORMATION

Current Program (Degree/Specialization):	Expected Program Completion Date: (YYYY-MM-DD)	Outcomes – thesis, Non-thesis paper, Portfolio, other:

B. APPLICANT'S PAST and CURRENT TRANSCRIPTS

Provide past and/or current academic transcripts of most recent academic year. Please ensure each transcript is a legible and complete document.

C. APPLICANT'S INTEREST IN INTERDISCIPLINARY HEALTH RESEARCH

Please describe your personal interest and goals concerning interdisciplinary health research, and particularly the health research area you are interested in pursuing.

Maximum limit of 4000 characters (~500 words), using Arial 11pt font size.

D. APPLICANT'S CV

Please provide a [CIHR format Biosketch](#).

SECTION 4: SUPERVISOR'S INFORMATION

A. SUPERVISOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Supervisor: (Last Name, First Name, Initial)	Period of Support to the Applicant: (YYYY-MM-DD to YYYY-MM-DD)
Supervisor's U of A Mailing Address: Please include Faculty and Department (where applicable)	Supervisor's Telephone:
	Supervisor's E-mail:

B. SUPERVISOR'S CV

Please submit a [CIHR format Biosketch](#).

SECTION 5: THE RESEARCH PROJECT (Applicant to complete)

Mandatory Content

A. Stream Designation: In the first line of this section, specify which stream you are applying (Precision Health or General Award). Please note that applicants cannot apply to both streams.

B. Project Overview: Provide a summary of the interdisciplinary health research project. This summary must include:

- The project title.
- A detailed description of the research project.
- The applicant's definition of interdisciplinary research relevant to the project.
- A description of the interdisciplinary composition of the research team.
- The applicant's specific role and responsibilities within the team and project.
- List of citations.

C. Format and Limits

- **Character Limit:** The maximum length is 12,000 characters (approximately 1500 words). The list of project citations does not count towards this character limit.
- **Font:** Use Arial 11pt font.
- **Figures:** Figures can be included; however, please note that all descriptive text accompanying figures counts toward the total character limit.

SECTION 6: LETTER OF REFERENCE (Supervisor/Referee to complete)

The letter of reference should be provided either by the Supervisor or another person who can comment on the applicant's capabilities to be involved with an interdisciplinary team and actively participating in the health research project.

The letter should provide considerable detail with examples of the applicant's relative strengths including motivation and research experience, as well as the applicant's competence/abilities in this area that support potential ongoing team-based health research scholarship.

The letter should be signed and sent to CHS Office of Research (chsoor@ualberta.ca) **from the referee and separate from the application.**

Name of Reference: (Surname, First Name & Initial)	Relationship to applicant:
Telephone:	E-mail:

PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated based on the following:

General Criteria:

1. The TD Award application form is fully completed with all applicant, program, supervisor, and referee information, required signatures, and includes the following attachments:
 - a. Applicant's past and/or current transcripts (Section 3B).
 - b. Applicant's interest in interdisciplinary health research (Section 3C).
 - c. Applicant's CIHR format [Biosketch](#) (Section 3D).
 - d. Supervisor's CIHR format [Biosketch](#) (Section 4B).
 - e. The Research Project (Section 5).
2. The complete application package (application form and its attachments as itemized above) is to be submitted electronically as **a single PDF file** to the College of Health Sciences, Office of Research (chsoor@ualberta.ca) **no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 6, 2026**.
3. As indicated in Section 6, **one (1) letter of reference signed and sent by the referee directly to the CHS Office of Research (chsoor@ualberta.ca) no later than 4 p.m. on February 6, 2026**.
4. The project is relevant to either:
 - A) **General Research Award (1 award)**: research with a health sciences interdisciplinary scholarship and collaboration.
 - B) **Precision Health Award (1 award)**: research on the emerging healthcare model that leverages a vast array of data, new technologies, and the study of factors such as genes and their expression (e.g., genomics, metabolomics), personal characteristics (e.g., diet/nutrition) and environmental exposures, to better predict, delay, understand and address diseases and disabilities of individuals, as well as the study of population data to deliver new approaches to health promotion, rehabilitation, and increased equity of health outcomes in populations.
5. The proposal is well written, and provides sufficient rationale and methodological detail.
6. If the proposal is a continuation of a current ongoing project, the applicant must provide specific details of new work that will be performed throughout the duration of the award.
7. An interdisciplinary research team identifies/describes its involvement with the applicant throughout the research project.

Specific Criteria related to the Applicant:

1. The applicant meets the minimum expectations for applicants
 - Registered full-time in a graduate, post doctoral or fellowship University of Alberta program for the full duration of the TD award (April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027).
 - Provide past and/or current transcripts (if applicable) that shows a GPA 3.5 or higher from the most recent academic year.
 - Interest in exploring opportunities to increase interdisciplinary or team-based scholarship in health research and/or collaborative practice in the healthcare system.
 - Has a Supervisor who holds an academic appointment from the University of Alberta and possesses a record of productive health-oriented research including peer reviewed grants, publications and conference presentations/abstracts.
 - Involvement in a health research project with an interdisciplinary focus and interdisciplinary team (i.e. cross-faculty or two or more health disciplines) relevant to Precision Health or another area of interdisciplinary inquiry.
2. Within the research project, the applicant includes:
 - The project title.
 - The applicant's statement of their definition of interdisciplinary research and how it applies to their project.
 - The applicant's role with the research team and the project are well described and appropriate.
 - The applicant describes interests in interdisciplinary health research that considers future opportunities.
3. The applicant's letter of reference is very positive and provides considerable detail about the applicant's relative strengths, research experience, and competence/abilities in this area.

Specific Criteria related to the Applicant's Supervisor:

1. The applicant's supervisor has a good/strong and consistent track record of publications and has funds to support the research in which the applicant is involved.

Ineligible applicants:

An applicant will be considered ineligible for the TD Award if any of the following conditions apply:

1. The **GPA** from the most recent academic year is **below 3.5**.
2. The applicant **holds equal or more than \$20,000** in total active awards or scholarships concurrent with the start date of the TD Award (April 1, 2026).
Example: if applicant received an annual scholarship of \$20,000 in Fall 2025, the applicant is considered ineligible for the TD Award 2026 competition.
3. The application package is **incomplete** or did not submit the application current version (2025-2026).