



Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute

Heart and Stroke Foundation Research Leadership Fund 2017

Purpose: The Heart and Stroke Foundation Leadership Fund (the Fund) was established by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta, NWT & Nunavat (HSFA) to help emerging junior faculty members develop productive cardiovascular research programs that focus on increased cardiovascular disease awareness, and reduce cardiovascular morbidity and mortality through disease prevention and/or recovery. The Fund is intended to aid remove some of the financial barriers that prevent young investigators from achieving their goals.

Program Details: The Fund was established via a \$500,000 investment from the HSFA to the University of Alberta to be used at the discretion of the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute (MAZ) Director. Funding is provided in a rapid manner to junior faculty members who require financial assistance to help move their research program forward after a careful but expedited review of their applications. A number of projects have already been supported via the Fund.

Eligibility Requirements - Scope of Applications: Submissions are to be in the range of \$5,000 to \$50,000. Funds must be fully expended within two years of receipt.

Applications must be directly relevant to heart disease or stroke or a related aspect of cardiovascular disease. Applications are accepted for any field of cardiovascular medicine.

Applications in all areas of research will be accepted (i.e. basic science, clinical research, health services research and population health research). Eligibility for funding includes but is not limited to:

- Seed grants to develop data for subsequent applications to the HSFA, CIHR or other granting agencies.
- Small-scale projects that can be completed with a maximum of \$50,000 in funding.
- Bridge grants for highly rated but unsuccessful applications to agencies such as the HSFA and CIHR.
- Grant applications that require matching support.
- Applications that do not require matching support but for which extra funding may improve the chances of success in a competition. Areas of support could include funding for a graduate student or other trainees, research staff, etc.

- Planning workshops for team grant applications and other such initiatives that require input from multiple individuals (and where such planning meetings cannot be accomplished via teleconference, Skype, etc.).
- Research equipment acquisition or repair (less than \$10,000).
- Travel/accommodation to other institutions to learn new research techniques (maximum \$5,000).

Eligibility Requirements - Applicants: Applicants must have a full-time faculty appointment at the University of Alberta. The Fund is targeted to new investigators and thus no more than 7 years will have passed since the date of the applicant's first faculty appointment (at the University of Alberta or elsewhere) at the time of application.

How to Apply: An application form describing the need for the funds, amount requested and applicant(s) CV (in Common CV format) is to be submitted via email in PDF format to the MAZ Academic Director (see contact information below). This application will require the standard university signatures (principal investigator, co-investigator(s), department chair, FoMD vice-dean, research and Research Services Office). The form can be accessed at <http://www.med.ualberta.ca/research/fundingopportunities>.

The deadline for submission is the **second and fourth Friday of each month**. The applications will be reviewed by a small committee chaired by the MAZ Academic Director. The funding decision will usually be communicated within four weeks of submission.

Other Considerations:

1. All grants awarded through this program will be managed via the University of Alberta Research Services Office and all University of Alberta policies will apply.
2. All recipients of a MAZ HSFA Research Leadership Fund grant will be required to submit a final report that describes the output and outcome of their grant.

Contact Information

Please submit any questions and applications to:

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