

KCRNC-KCC-CUASF RESEARCH GRANT

TERMS OF REFERENCE 2022

Background

The Canadian Urological Association Scholarship Fund (CUASF) has entered into a collaboration with the Kidney Cancer Research Network of Canada (KCRNC) and Kidney Cancer Canada (KCC) to provide financial support for research within the Canadian kidney cancer research community.

Key Dates

New Application Submission Deadline: **October 7, 2022 17:00 EST.**

Tentative Notification of Finalists Date: TBD

Tentative Finalists Presentation Date (if required): October 15, 2022 - During the Canadian Kidney Cancer Forum meeting.

Submission of Research Update to KCRNC: 12 Months following receipt of first funding payment

Objectives and Scope

The objective of the KCRNC-KCC-CUASF Research Grant Program is to support peer-reviewed research that promotes excellence in kidney cancer research.

Grants will be awarded to the successful applicant(s) (or applicant's institution on behalf of the applicant, if applicable). It is anticipated that 2 grants will be awarded, for \$50,000 each, for 1 year. Up to \$100,000 in total funds (\$50,000 from CUASF and \$50,000 from Kidney Cancer Canada). Funding will be provided over a 12-month performance period. Amount per grant to be funded is dependent on the requests and the quality of the applications.

Eligibility

CUASF will receive and process the submitted proposals. Proposals will be awarded grants based on the following:

- This research award is designated to support a faculty member or trainee in Canada.
- The supervisor must be an active member of KCRNC and/or CUA.
- Agrees to provide a progress report, including publication plan, to KCRNC for dissemination of study results.
- Grant preference may be given to first time recipients.

Eligible Research Proposals

The proposals must be in the field of kidney cancer research. Basic science and clinical research projects will be accepted. Preference may be given to junior investigators and to new/pilot projects that have not been previously funded.

The study must be completed within 12 months of receipt of funding; renewals may not be considered. The proposed application should be a 'stand alone' project.

Non-eligible Research Proposals

The following types of proposals will not be eligible:

- Proposals for projects that are adequately funded from another source, including government or industry sponsors, will not be eligible unless said funding is shown by the applicant to be directed to a portion of the overall project/research that is separate and distinguishable from the portion to which the proposal relates.
- Proposals for pharmaceutical product development (including studies on non-approved indications for drugs) and/or product comparison, or product promotion will not be considered.

Review Criteria

The KCRNC-KCC-CUASF Grant proposals will be reviewed and approved by appointed CUASF grant review members. Research proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Scientific Merit:
 - a. Rationale
 - b. Originality
2. Methodology
3. Impact
 - a. Contribution to advancement of scientific knowledge in relevant therapeutic field
 - b. Clinical relevance or potential clinical value and applicability
4. Feasibility
 - a. Feasibility of study design, methodology, analysis
 - b. Adequate power and sample size
 - c. Proposed timelines
5. Budget
6. Qualifications of applicant and supporting team
7. Institutional Support and Resources

RATING SCALE:

Applications will be ranked on a scale of 1 to 10, ranking will be based on the following:

- Study Topic in Line with Grant/Award Priorities
- Proposal Synopsis (Importance of Research Question)
- Objectives/Hypotheses
- Background
- Design and Methodology (Feasibility)
- Investigator/Environment/Supervisor/Infrastructure
- Most Pertinent Strengths of Submission
- Most Pertinent Weaknesses of Submission

Application Submission Process

- The completed application form plus all supporting documents are required.
- The completed application must be submitted electronically to the CUASF office via www.cuasf.org no later than **March 31st, 2022, at 17:00 EST**. An email confirmation will be sent following the receipt of your submission.
- Documentation received after the closing date or incomplete applications may not be returned to the applicant.

Guidelines for Application Format

The following are suggestions for preparation of the research proposal.

The research proposal is not to exceed **5 pages in size 12 Times font** (not including application form, references, figures and supporting documentation). Do not use condensed/narrow font sizes or type density. Smaller text in tables, charts, figures, and graphs is acceptable, as long as it is legible when the page is viewed at 100%. Use a minimum of single line spacing. Do not use narrow line spacing. Insert a margin of 2 cm (3/4 inch) – minimum – around the page.

The headings suggested include:

- 1) Statement of Objective(s)
- 2) Lay Summary (up to 250 words)
- 3) Brief review of literature and background information
- 4) Hypothesis(es)
- 5) Design & Methodology
- 6) Analysis of Data
- 7) Proposed Budget
- 8) Summary Page

In addition, the following supporting documentation must accompany the application:

- 1) Evidence of appropriate Ethics Committee approval or application for approval must be included along with the consent forms where human subjects are involved in the study.
- 2) Letter of support and commitment from the chair of the Department/Division indicating the level of institutional and university support.
- 3) Two Letters of Recommendation, at least one from an external source.
- 4) Current curriculum vitae of the applicant and the supervisor.

Obligations for Award Recipients

- 1) Presentation of the results of their research at a future KCRNC Forum (which will be supported financially) as well as other national meetings and to submit their work for publication in peer-reviewed journals.
- 2) Acknowledgement of support from KCRNC–KCC-CUASF in all presentations and publications.
- 3) Submission of an interim progress report by and a final report by dates determined at the time of the award.
- 4) Submit a copy of any publications to the KCRNC Project Manager.

Financial Considerations

The amount of each Grant should include direct costs (labour and study costs), institutional overhead costs (if any), study drug costs (if applicable), and indirect costs (publication, software license fees, and REB fees). Each payment will be made in installments according to milestones, with a maximum of 50% of the funding delivered at the beginning of the project. Institutions are expected to waive overhead fees that might otherwise apply to industry-funded research.

Enquiries

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