

Astra Zeneca Impact Challenge Grant – Cardiovascular/Diabetes

Application Details	<p>Application Deadline: March 27, 2015, 4:00pm Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.</p> <p>Completed applications should be submitted to the Heart & Stroke/Richard Lewar Centre of Excellence. Click here for a link to the application.</p> <p>All applicants will be notified on May 31, 2015.</p>
Funding Details	<p>One non-renewable award will be provided per year for the next three years. Each award provided will be up to \$250,000 (\$125,000 annually for 2 years, to be spent over a maximum of 3 years). Awards will begin July 1, 2015</p>
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal applicants and all co-applicants must hold a full-time faculty appointment with the University of Toronto. Principal applicants must also be registered members of either the Banting & Best Diabetes Centre and/or the Heart & Stroke/Richard Lewar Centre of Excellence. (For information on BBDC membership, please see http://www.bbdcc.org/membership/membership-overview. For more information on HSRLCE membership, please see http://hsrlce.utoronto.ca/get-involved/become-a-member/) Projects must be collaborative and translational programs that span across both sponsoring Centres and must include co-applicants from both centres. Preference may be given to projects that span disciplines and institutions. Faculty can only submit one application as the principal applicant. Preference will be given to applications that represent a new unfunded initiative for the applicants. Preference will be given to principal applicants who are within the first 10 years of their first academic appointment.
Description	<p>The BBDC and HSRLCE in conjunction with the Vice-Dean, Research and International Relations, Faculty of Medicine, are pleased to announce the Astra Zeneca Impact Challenge Grant in Cardiovascular/Diabetes Research. The total grant amount is \$750,000. Guidelines are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects focusing on, but not limited to, the association between Diabetes and atherosclerotic heart disease and/or the association between Diabetes and cardiovascular function will be given priority Proposals must include both a basic science and a clinical research component It is encouraged to include a bio-banking component It is expected that funded projects will lead to a peer-reviewed grant application <p>The purpose of this funding program is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To foster bench to bedside translational research with a focus on innovation and first-in man clinical trials To foster the training of graduate students across disciplines research institutes Establish the University of Toronto as an international leader in the study of Diabetes and Heart Disease To encourage collaborations between the BBDC and the HSRLCE

Eligible expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All supplies and services relating to the research project are considered eligible • Funds for trainee support (i.e. postdoctoral and graduate) are considered eligible • Purchases of equipment up to \$10,000 are eligible if clearly justified in the budget • Funds for conferences, travel or investigator salaries are <u>NOT</u> considered eligible
Evaluation Criteria	<p>The selection committee will be comprised of external reviewers from the cardiovascular and diabetes community chosen by the BBDC and HSRLCE steering committees. Applications will be reviewed on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Approach (Clarity of research proposal, rationale for approach and methodology and feasibility of research) • Originality of Proposal • Applicants (Qualifications, experience and expertise of all applicants, clarity of roles and contributions of team members and clarity of collaboration research program across research team) • See description for specific priorities
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants are required to inform the HSRLCE of any related support currently held or applied for from other funding sources and to what extent such support overlaps with the submitted application • Funds will not be released to successful applicants until all appropriate ethics approvals have been obtained by the applicants Research Ethics Board and forwarded to the HSRLCE • Support from “<i>Astra Zeneca Impact Challenge Grant – Cardiovascular/Diabetes</i>” must be acknowledged in all publications and presentations that arise from this funding.
Reporting Requirements	<p>Successful applicants are required to provide a financial statement from the institution’s finance department itemizing all expenses and showing the balance at the end of each funding year.</p> <p>Successful applicants are required to provide a detailed written report within 3 months of the end of the funding period. The report must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A description of the project and results to date • A list of publications resulting from research related to the project • A copy of all manuscripts published and submitted attached to the written report • Details on new grants/funding for this project, either received or applied for
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