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Banting & Best Diabetes Centre/Heart & Stroke Richard Lewar Centre of Excellence 2018 Pilot and Feasibility Grant in Cardiovascular and Diabetes Research

ABOUT THE GRANT:	
Grant Description:	The Heart & Stroke/Richard Lewar Centre of Excellence in Cardiovascular Research (HSRLCE) and the Banting & Best Diabetes Centre (BBDC) in conjunction with the Vice-Dean, Research and Innovation, Faculty of Medicine, are pleased to announce the **2018 Pilot and Feasibility Grant in Cardiovascular and Diabetes Research** competition. This competition is now open to *both* basic science and clinical research applications. All applicants and co-applicants must be members of either the BBDC or the HSRLCE. Further, principal applicants must have at least one co-applicant who is a member of a different Centre (e.g. if the PI is a member of HSRLCE, at least one co-applicant must be a member of the BBDC). The purpose of the Pilot and Feasibility Grant is: • To establish the University of Toronto as an international leader in the study of diabetes and heart disease • To foster the training of graduate students across disciplines and research institutes • To encourage collaboration between members of the BBDC and the HSRLCE The total non-renewable grant amount is $100,000 (to be spent over a maximum of 2 years). Guidelines are as follows: • This award is given to enable eligible investigators to explore **new initiatives** in the area of diabetes and cardiovascular disease • This funding is **not** to be used as bridging or emergency funding, nor is it intended as funding for ongoing studies • The application must include an explanation as to how this project constitutes a **completely new initiative in diabetes and cardiovascular research** for the applicant(s) and is not just an extension of, or related to ongoing research efforts • Studies may be of a basic science or clinical nature • This funding opportunity is specifically for projects focusing on the interaction between diabetes and cardiovascular disease • It is expected that funded projects will lead to a peer-reviewed grant application from an external funding agency.
Eligibility:	• Principal applicants and all co-applicants must hold a faculty appointment with the University of Toronto at the level of Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor. • Principal applicants and all co-applicants must be registered members of the BBDC and/or HSRLCE. (For information on BBDC membership, please click here. For information on HSRLCE membership, please click here). • Projects must be a completely new initiative in diabetes and cardiovascular research for the applicant(s). • Projects must be collaborative programs that include at least one co-applicant who is a member of the Centre (either BBDC or HSRLCE) that differs from that of the PI. • Faculty can only submit one application as the principal applicant but may be a co-applicant on more than one application.
Eligible Expenses:	• 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 $20,000 are eligible if clearly justified in the budget. • Funds for conferences, travel or investigator salaries are NOT considered eligible.

Terms:	• Applicants are required to inform 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 applicant's Research Ethics Board and forwarded to the HSRLCE. • Support from *"Banting & Best Diabetes Centre/Heart & Stroke Richard Lewar Centre of Excellence's Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Pilot and Feasibility Grant*" must be acknowledged in all publications, presentations and communications that arise from this funding.
Reporting Requirements:	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. Successful applicants are required to provide a detailed written report within 3 months of the end of the funding period. The report must include: • 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; and • Details on new grants/funding for this project, either received or applied for.
ABOUT THE 2018 COMPETITION:	
Application Details and Deadline:	**Application Deadline: May 31, 2018 at 4:00 pm** Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Completed applications should be submitted to the Heart & Stroke/Richard Lewar Centre of Excellence. Click here for a link to the application form.
Funding Details:	Funding for the 2018 competition will begin on September 1, 2018. Please note that funds will not be released to successful applicant until all appropriate ethics approvals have been obtained from the applicant's Research Ethics Board and forwarded to the HSRLCE.
Evaluation Criteria:	The selection committee will be comprised of reviewers from the cardiovascular and diabetes community chosen by the BBDC and HSRLCE steering committees. Applications will be reviewed on the following criteria: • Pilot and Feasibility Nature of the Study: Departure from the present work of the investigator/lab • Research Approach: Clarity of the research proposal, rationale for approach and methodology, and feasibility of research. • Originality and Quality of Proposal: Novelty of the hypothesis, the quality of science, and the likelihood of generating sufficient data to support a full application to a national agency. • Investigators: Qualifications, experience and expertise of all applicants; clarity of role/contribution of each team member; clarity of collaboration on the project across the research team. • Budget: Is the budget realistic and are all items justified?
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