



**Prostate Cancer  
Foundation Canada**

## **2026 Prostate Cancer Foundation Canada**

### **Grant-in-Aid Program Request for Applications**

#### **Directive**

Prostate Cancer Foundation Canada (PCFC) Grant-in-Aid Program is designed to promote and support innovative studies for improving diagnosis, treatment, management, and decision-making strategies for prostate cancer patients by Canada-based investigators. The Grant-in-Aid Program provides financial support for graduate students and clinical/postdoctoral fellows engaged in novel projects into basic research, diagnostics, treatment, palliative/end-of-life care, survivorship and prevention for prostate cancer. Programs with the potential to offer near-term benefits for patients with early-stage and recurrent prostate cancer, and those addressing quality of life and disease management issues are encouraged.

#### **Eligibility and Funding**

PCFC welcomes applications from graduate students and clinical/post-doctoral fellows training with, and sponsored by, Principal Investigators holding appointments at recognized Canadian academic institutions and Allied Health Care Professionals as Grant-in-Aid applicants. Applicants involving interdisciplinary and multi-institutional projects with interprovincial or international collaborations are also acceptable so long as the Grant-in-Aid applicant and Principal Investigator are full-time members at the aforementioned recognized Canadian institutions. Prior experience in prostate cancer research is not a prerequisite for applying. Applications from individuals employed by for-profit organizations will not be considered. Each Principal Investigator or Allied Health Care Professional may only be a sponsor or co-sponsor on one application. Applications will be accepted for one year awards. One renewal application will be considered subject to review of a new application and review of progress report. Graduate Student-led Grant-in-Aid awards will be awarded for a maximum of \$35,000 per year, Clinical/Post-doctoral-led Grant-in-Aid awards will be awarded for a maximum of \$60,000 per year. PCFC will not pay any overhead costs to any institution or company that the applicant works for, attends, or is associated with.

#### **Applications**

2026 PCFC Grant-in-Aid Awards Program applications will be accepted starting at 12:01 am PDT April 1, 2026. The deadline for receipt of applications is 11:59 pm PDT June 30, 2026. Applications time stamped after this date will not be considered. All components of the application must be formatted using a font no smaller than 12 point Times New Roman and with margins no less than 2 cm (0.8 in.), and submitted as a PDF file to The Foundation Office; Grant and Scholarship Committee via email ([austin@prostatecanada.ca](mailto:austin@prostatecanada.ca)) and cc to Ian Wilshaw ([idwilshaw@kpmg.ca](mailto:idwilshaw@kpmg.ca)). The subject line must



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contain the text “2026 PCFC Grant-in-Aid Application”. If you do not get a confirmation email by July 8, 2026 that your application has been received please call 604-574-4012. Hard copy applications, incomplete applications, or applications that do not otherwise comply with the application guidelines will not be considered.

Applications must contain the following six components:

1. A face sheet addressed to The PCFC Research Awards Program indicating: (a) proposal title; (b) total amount of funding requested (c) names, positions, addresses, institutional affiliations, and contact information for Scholarship Applicant, Sponsoring Principal Investigator or Allied Health Care Professional and all Co-Investigators.
2. An Abstract Page containing a 250 word scientific abstract of the Research Proposal, a 250 word lay abstract suitable for a general public audience and a 5 x 7.5 cm (2 x 3 inch) portrait photograph of the applicant.
3. Biographical sketches for all research personnel named in the Application of no more than 4 pages. M.Sc candidates must provide a copy of transcripts for last 2 academic years.
4. Two letters of reference for the Grant-in Aid Applicant with one being from the Sponsor.
5. A Research Proposal narrative no longer than 4 pages in length. The Proposal should contain a brief description of background and significance, hypothesis, a concise description of the aims and design of the work, and a summary of expected measurable results or outcomes from the proposed project. Appendices are restricted to: 1) a reference list with no page limit, that includes all authors, full titles, and complete bibliographic information for work cited, 2) 1 page of figures, or if appropriate, 1 relevant survey document, and 3) no more than 1 peer-reviewed publication by the investigators directly pertinent to the Research Proposal.
6. A Budget Summary and descriptive narrative no longer than 4 pages in length detailing the cost of the entire project including salaries, costs for supplies and materials, contracted services, etc. All concurrent sources of support for any aspect of the project must be included and must include complete titles of the awards or grants, amount, and period of funding, and role of the Sponsoring Principal Investigator or Allied Health Care Professional and Co Investigators - in those awards. If the project is to be supported by multiple funding sources, elements of the project to be funded by the PCFC, and how PCFC funding will advance the overall project must be explicitly described. The PCFC cannot pay for institutional overhead, indirect costs, or other institutional levies.

### Review

A panel of independent research scientists and Prostate Cancer Support Group members selected by the PCFC will review all of the applications. All review panel members will enter a Confidential Disclosure Agreement with the PCFC to ensure that award applications remain confidential. Graduate Student and postdoctoral applicants will be reviewed as separate categories. The proposals will be ranked based upon scientific merit (Rubric: 50% Proposal Score, 30% Applicant Score,



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10% Mentor/Environment Score, 10% PCFC Mission and Priorities Score). Projects will be awarded based on the highest ranking, and the availability of funding. PCFC will provide a scientific officer's report of the evaluation of the applications to the applicants.

### **Award Distribution Guidelines**

Acceptance of the award by the Scholarship Applicant and Sponsor will be acknowledged by signing an award letter indicating acceptance of PCFC's funding guidelines. Once project commences, certification of Human Subjects/Animal Care Assurance/Biosafety protocols must be submitted, as applicable. For multi-institutional projects, the Sponsoring Investigator and all Co-Investigators must verify in the budget justification that the funds can be transferred from the Sponsor Investigator's institution to the institutions of the Co-Investigators. Award recipients will be notified by September 30, 2026.

### **Research Results**

Award recipients are required to submit an Annual Research Summary by August 2, 2027. Renewal applications will not be considered without review of the Annual Research Summary. The Annual Research Summary narrative should be no longer than 3 pages in length using the aforementioned formatting guidelines. It must be signed by the applicant and the Sponsor. Publications, abstracts, and/or other disseminations or summaries of the data from the research project should be appended to the Research Summary. Award recipients are required to cite PCFC support in all publications of the data from the research project. Awardees may be requested to present an oral summary report to the PCFC board or affiliated Prostate Cancer Support Groups.

### **Questions**

Email questions to Austin Zimmer ([austin@prostatecanada.ca](mailto:austin@prostatecanada.ca))

### **About Prostate Cancer Foundation Canada**

The Foundation was formed in 1998 by prostate cancer support group members and is dedicated to the fight against prostate cancer. Its corporate office is in Surrey, BC. It is a registered charity devoted to promoting prostate health and prostate cancer awareness, prostate cancer support and supporting research dedicated to improved treatment and to finding a cure for prostate cancer. [www.prostatecanada.ca](http://www.prostatecanada.ca)