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New Investigator Awards Guidelines

(Fall 2018 Competition)

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Alberta New Investigator Awards

The Alberta New Investigator Awards support the achievement of the Heart & Stroke Vision: Healthy lives free of heart disease and stroke. Together, we will make it happen. The initiative aims to nurture and build the capacity of Alberta's cardio and cerebrovascular research and increase impact on the Heart & Stroke mission to prevent disease, save lives and promote recovery.

1. Description

The intent of the Alberta New Investigator Awards is to foster research excellence and support retention of outstanding talent in Alberta. This initiative provides salary support to excellent Alberta applicants whose innovative research plans have demonstrated strong potential to deliver impact on the Heart & Stroke mission. The applicants are expected to demonstrate that their overall research program and plan have a cardio or cerebrovascular focus.

An applicant may not be in receipt of another major Personnel award (i.e. from another national funding agency) and a Canada Research Chair at the same time as holding the Alberta New Investigator Award. However, an awardee may accept supplemental funding (no greater than 50% of the value of the Heart & Stroke award), if it is from a local, institutional or provincial funding source, providing it is not a Heart & Stroke Provincial award.

2. Eligibility

The Alberta New Investigator Award will be awarded to Alberta-based applicants with an MD, PhD, or equivalent degree who have clearly demonstrated potential to become an independent investigator.

At the time of submission, applicants for the Alberta New Investigator Awards should be in seven (7) years or less from the start of their first faculty appointment. Alberta New Investigator applicants who fall within start – five (5) years of faculty appointment are also eligible to apply for the National New Investigator Awards Competition. Applicants (start – five (5) years) will be required to apply once, using the National New Investigator Application Form. Alberta applicants who fall within 6 - 7 years of faculty appointment are only eligible to apply for the Alberta New Investigator Competition.

If you fall within start – five (5) years of faculty appointment, please click this [link](#) for details of the National New Investigator Awards Guidelines (2019/2020).

Please review the following eligibility criteria specific to the **Alberta New Investigator Awards Competition (2019/2020)**:

1. At the time of submission, applicants should be in seven (7) years or less from the start of their first faculty appointment.
2. The applicant should clearly demonstrate the potential to become an independent investigator.
3. The applicant must hold a faculty appointment at the time of submission.
4. Alberta applicants who have completed a National New Investigator Award or are in their final year of the term are eligible to apply.
5. Applicants are not allowed to hold one new and one existing Alberta New Investigator Awards at one time.
6. Applications for this award must be supported by the university or institution at which the applicant will conduct the proposed research. The university or institution is expected to guarantee the applicant appropriate academic rank and to provide adequate space and facilities for the investigator's research, commensurate with the status of the individual's experience and level of support by Heart & Stroke.
7. The Dean and Department Head (or institutional equivalents) must guarantee at least 75% of the applicant's time allocated to research.
8. The applicant must hold an operating grant in support of the proposed research at the time of this award; such grant(s) may be from the Heart & Stroke and/or other granting agencies. The research grant support has the following additional requirements:

- a. For each year of the three (3) years of the award, the recipient must be a Principal or Co-Principal Investigator on a peer-reviewed grant originating from a national or provincial funding agency, irrespective of the amount of the grant.
- b. The recipient must have at least \$30,000 per year of research funding for which he/she can either be principal or co-investigator.

3. Value and Term

1. The Award offers \$60,000 per annum for a maximum of three (3) years which includes the employer's share of benefits. The award cannot be renewed for a second term. There are no additional allowances.
2. The Heart & Stroke does not impose any restriction on the additional income the awardee may earn, provided it is within the guidelines of the university or institution and that such activity does not impinge upon the time dedicated to the proposed research.
3. The recipient will be considered as an employee of the sponsoring university or institution and funds granted will be paid to the institution for payment to the recipient. The recipient will be a full-time member of the staff with respect to the university or institution's policies.
4. The award may be terminated at any time for good cause by the recipient, the sponsoring institution, or Heart & Stroke.

4. Review Process

All applications will undergo Heart & Stroke peer review based on the following major criteria:

- Academic, research background and future potential of the applicant;
- Research environment; and
- Proposed research plan.

5. Application Guidelines

Application Submission Deadline and Competition Results

Applications for the Alberta New Investigator Award must be received by the Heart & Stroke no later than 16:00 (EDT) on September 7, 2018. Applications received after the deadline will be considered late, even if they are courier-stamped on the deadline date. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that application packages and items arriving separately are delivered to Heart & Stroke before the deadline. Heart & Stroke reserves the right to decline late or incomplete applications. **ONE (1) USB** including a **PDF of the complete application** and accompanying signed documents (the Heart & Stroke will accept either original signatures, a scanned copy of the original signatures, or electronic signatures. Note: The expectation is that an electronic signature will hold the same weight as an original (wet) signature) from the applicant's institute must be sent to the following address:

Research Department
Heart & Stroke
110-1525 Carling Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario K1Z 8R9

Results will be posted on the Heart & Stroke Research website (www.hsf.ca/research) in September 2019. Official letters will be sent to the applicants by April 2019.

6. General

Grant recipients must abide by Heart & Stroke Grant Management Guidelines including, but not limited to, intellectual property, research integrity, ethical requirements, indirect costs, open access to research

outputs policy and others. The guidelines will be provided at the time of offer. For reference, the 2018/2019 Heart & Stroke Grant Management Guidelines can be found at:
<http://www.hsf.ca/research/en/personnel-award-programs-1>

For any questions related to the Alberta New Investigator Awards or changes to the Guidelines, please contact the Heart & Stroke at:

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