

## **CCS-Quebec Division/Mont Gabriel Summit Research Fund (Cole Foundation) Grant**

This grant program is fully funded by the Mont Gabriel Summit Research Fund\* initiated by the Cole Foundation and CCS Quebec Division. The CCSRI will administer the competition on their behalf as per CCSRI processes.

Please see the CCSRI [eligibility and requirements](#) section prior to creating an application.

### **Deadline dates**

Abstract registration due date: March 15, 2017

Full application deadline: April 13, 2017

Anticipated start date: August 1, 2017

Application guides can be found on the [Cole Foundation website](#).

**Abstract registration must be completed in order to submit a full application.**

### **Program description**

The Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute is pleased to support the partnership between the CCS Quebec Division, and the [Cole Foundation](#) and its partners, to fund research grants in the area of pediatric and young adult leukemia and lymphoma research. This fund of a minimum of \$2.75 million will support teams that:

- are proposing research in leukemia or lymphoma to impact children and/or young adults;
- include investigators at 2 or more Montreal-based institutions;
- include at least one principal investigator or co-principal investigator based in Montreal (additional investigators from across Canada are welcome to join these teams); and
- include at least 1 clinician.

The initiative aims to break down barriers, encourage closer collaboration between institutions, develop new research teams and promote new ideas to impact cancer. Projects from new inter-institutional research teams and new ideas are strongly encouraged.

Grants for research will be awarded to projects deemed worthy of support, provided that the basic equipment and research facilities are available in the host institution(s) that it will also provide the necessary administrative services.

These grants do not provide support for personal salaries of the Principal Investigator (PI) and/or Co-applicants, or for institutional overhead costs.

## **Funds available**

It is anticipated that 4 grants will be awarded.

Budgets awarded will not exceed \$250,000 per year, to a maximum of \$750,000 per grant. The grant term is up to 3 years. Grants are not renewable.

Funding will be provided to support the direct costs of research. Eligible expenses for these grants include: the purchase and maintenance of animals; expendable supplies; graduate student, postdoctoral fellow and technical and professional assistant salaries; open access publication costs; research travel and permanent equipment. Indirect costs will not be considered eligible expenses. Equipment requests of up to \$75,000 can be included within the proposed budget.

## **Peer review**

There will be a two stage application process. Applicants will be required to submit an abstract registration. The abstract submission will be administratively reviewed for appropriateness to this funding opportunity and facilitate panel recruitment. One peer review committee will be assembled to review the full applications. The peer review committee will consist of scientific experts along with community representatives to provide patient/survivor/caregiver perspectives. Members of The Cole Foundation will observe the panel meeting.

## **Abstract registration**

A maximum of one application per Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator will be permitted in the competition.

Registration is mandatory and will require applicant details (Principal Investigator/Co-Principal Investigator(s)/Co-Applicants/ Additional Authors), scientific abstract, keywords, suggested reviewers and research tracking information.

Any significant changes to the proposed project or applicant team after the abstract registration deadline should be communicated to the CCSRI ([research@cancer.ca](mailto:research@cancer.ca)) as soon as they are known. Substantive changes that significantly alter the overall goals and aims of the proposal relative to the Abstract Registration are not permitted.

## **Full application**

When preparing the full application, the following will be required. Specific guidelines for the [online application](#) are available.

1. As part of the public (non-scientific) summary, a cancer relevance statement clearly describing the potential of this project to impact cancer in pediatric and young adult leukemia and/or lymphoma patients
2. A scientific abstract (the abstract can be updated from the abstract registration submission – see above)
3. A scientific proposal clearly stating the aims of the project including any previous work done in the area, experimental design, methods and analysis.

Details of the investigator(s) including which members of the research team will be responsible for which aspect of the project and a rationale for their inclusion in the project are required, as well as a description of the research environment where the work will take place.

The proposal will contain no more than 10 pages of single spaced text. In addition, 5 pages of data figures/tables/charts plus 3 pages of supporting non-data schematics/flow diagrams (e.g. to depict signalling pathways, etc.) and their associated legends are allowed.

4. A budget justification related to the supplies, equipment and personnel associated with the research project. This must include the number of personnel required to complete the work and a description of their experience and/or education level and their commitment to the project.

### **Review criteria**

The review criteria will include, but not be limited to, four assessment categories: Research Strategy, Investigator(s), Environment and Cancer Relevance. The CCSRI's [scientific merit rating scale](#) will be used for this competition.

### **Research strategy**

- Scientific merit and convincing rationale that considers critical review and analysis of preliminary data and/or published literature, as appropriate
- Identification of potential problems and how they will be addressed, including alternative approaches
- Appropriateness of the term and amount of support requested given the research proposed

### **Investigator(s)**

- Appropriate leadership
- Qualifications and appropriate expertise of the investigators
- If project is multidisciplinary, evidence of complementary and integrated expertise and appropriate resources

### **Environment**

- Quality of the research environment in which the work will take place

### **Cancer relevance**

- Potential impact on cancer control in leukemia/lymphoma in children and/or young adults
- Degree to which the proposed research aims to reduce cancer incidence, reduce cancer mortality, or improve the quality of life for Canadians living with and beyond cancer

Research Grants are not intended to support incremental scientific advances but to promote significant advancement in research programs that will impact the field of leukemia or lymphoma, whether at the fundamental discovery stage or in more applied research.

### **Multiple applications/multiple sources of funding**

Applicants may not submit the same application to the concurrent CCSRI 2018 Impact grant competition. The onus is on the applicant to indicate the extent (or absence) of overlap with submissions to other agencies. Grantees can accept funds from other sources, up to the CCSRI panel recommended amount.

Applicants are reminded to review the [eligibility and requirements](#) section for details on scientific and financial reporting, funder acknowledgement, Canadian Cancer Society policies on open access and tobacco related funding.

### **Partners description**

The [Cole Foundation](#) was created in 1980 as a private initiative in Montreal to promote research and patient care in the area of pediatric and young adult leukemia and lymphoma. The vision of the Cole Foundation is to develop Montreal as the centre of expertise in Canada for this disease area. Following a research summit in Mont Gabriel at the end of November 2015, the Canadian Cancer Society – Quebec Division and the Cole Foundation unveiled a unique partnership to implement this significant research fund to support pediatric and young adult leukemia and lymphoma research.

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