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## Tackling Grant Proposals

Submitting grant applications is one of the most daunting tasks for both new and experienced researchers. The key is not to panic. Of course this is easier said than done. Below are some of the techniques we use in Research & Academic Development to avoid grant writing panic.



1. **Qualify the funding agency and the funding opportunity**  
Pay close attention to the objectives of the funding opportunity and the funding agency that you are interested in. Sometimes the seemingly perfect opportunity turns out to be totally wrong for your project. A good strategy is to find out the projects that the agency has previously funded. This can often be found on the funding agency's website. If you are unsure, it is best to contact the funding agency and describe your proposed project.
2. **Know and understand the funding agency's requirements**  
Funding agencies must sift through hundreds or even thousands of applications every year and each agency has developed very specific requirements to help with this process. At times these requirements seem unnecessarily complex and are difficult to understand; however not following these requirements is the easiest way for your proposal to be eliminated from the competition. If you are unsure about a funding agency's grant requirements, contact the agency for clarification. It will save you a lot of frustration.
3. **Breakdown the funding agency's requirements into manageable tasks**  
Reading through the grant requirements is intimidating. Instead create a spreadsheet by splitting up the requirements into smaller tasks. Assign a due date to each task and if working as part of a team assign different tasks to each team member. Be sure to have each team member commit to their task and its due date.
4. **Start preparing for the grant early and give yourself extra time for the unexpected**  
Ask anyone who has applied for funding, writing grant applications consumes a large quantity of time. Even if you are an expert in the field and you have experience writing grant applications, it can be a long process. Be sure to use some time management tools such as a timeline and be realistic about how long it will take you to complete each component. Finally, leave yourself enough time to gather all of the required institutional signatures at the end of the proposal. This may take up to a week.
5. **Build a team of experts for each area of the project**  
It is important to demonstrate to the funding agency that all aspects of your project are well-informed by experts. It is also important to balance novice researchers with more experienced researchers that have a strong background. Finally, the entire team should be involved in the research planning process as early as possible.

# Online Resources for Grant Writing

## **A GUIDE FOR PROPOSAL WRITING: National Science Foundation**

While some of the information is specific to the National Science Foundation, the guide is full of useful advice to lead you through the entire proposal writing process.

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/1998/nsf9891/nsf9891.htm>

## **COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROPOSALS: Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation**

Currently many funding agencies are looking to fund collaborative research teams composed of clinicians, decision-makers and researchers. The guide from the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation provides some tips specifically for collaborative teams and more general information about the proposal writing process.

<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?siteid=1&lang=1&id=1055>

## **THE ART OF GRANTSMANSHIP: Jacob Kraicer**

A detailed manual for grant writing including a 6 month timeline for grants preparation and a list of the common mistakes made by novice and experienced grant writers.

<http://www.med.uwo.ca/physiology/courses/survivalwebv3/ArtofGrantsmanship.html>

# Upcoming Conferences

## **The 7th International Symposium on Pediatric Pain**

**June 25-29, 2006  
Vancouver, BC**

The theme of the 2006 Symposium is '*Pain in Child Health*.' Pain concerns all children. It afflicts not only those typically recognized as suffering from acute or chronic pain, but also is a serious problem for children suffering from diseases in which pain remains relatively ignored as an undesirable side effect. As well, the development of healthy children in family, school and social settings can be adversely affected by pain. The program will address the current status and recent scientific advances in understanding and controlling all children's pain.

<http://www.meet-ics.com/ispp2006/>

## **The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on the Reduction of Drug-Related Harm**

**April 30–May 04, 2006  
Vancouver, BC**

This conference will provide an environment where consumers, health care workers, companies, advocates, programs, and governments can collaboratively develop realistic, responsive and effective harm reduction strategies that save lives.

<http://www.harmreduction2006.ca>

## **10th BC Annual Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Conference**

**May 28- 31, 2006  
Cranbrook, BC**

The conference invites Aboriginal people living with HIV/AIDS, leaders, health care workers to address the inputs of HIV/AIDS in Aboriginal communities through research, prevention and treatment, care and support.

<http://healingourspirit.org/>

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**Upcoming Funding Opportunities**

Funding Agency	Name of Grant	Description	Length of funding (years)	Total Funding	Registration/ Letter of Intent due	Full Application due	Web site
BC Medical Services Foundation	Development	Development grants of up to \$5000 are occasionally provided to researchers in a college, clinical or community-based setting to help them a) develop a full research proposal or b) conduct a small pilot to test the efficacy of a research project (e.g.. recruitment, methods, instruments, etc.). A recipient of a development grant is eligible to reapply for the full research project.	Not specified	\$ 5,000	9 weeks before full grant application	First Friday in January, April and September	<a href="http://www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca/GrantInformation/BC%20Medical/BCMResearchFund.shtml">http://www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca/GrantInformation/BC%20Medical/BCMResearchFund.shtml</a>
BC Medical Services Foundation	Research	Funding is directed towards projects that will have a direct impact on health and health care in BC with a particular interest in rural and remote health and health care and value submissions from all regions of the province. Studies/projects/investigations that apply research methodology to health, the provision of health care and current practical clinical problems, population health, or health systems or services will be considered.	5	\$ 50,000	8 weeks before full grant application	First Friday in January, April and September	<a href="http://www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca/GrantInformation/BC%20Medical/BCMResearchFund.shtml">http://www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca/GrantInformation/BC%20Medical/BCMResearchFund.shtml</a>
Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)	Infrastructure Operating Fund	The Infrastructure Operating Fund (IOF) is designed to contribute to the incremental operating and maintenance costs of infrastructure projects funded by the CFI.	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	June 15 (annually)	<a href="http://www.innovation.ca/programs/index.cfm?websiteid=59">http://www.innovation.ca/programs/index.cfm?websiteid=59</a>
Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)	National Platform Fund	The National Platforms Fund provides generic research infrastructure, resources, services, and facilities that serve the needs of many research subjects and disciplines, and that require periodic reinvestments because of the nature of the technologies. The Fund is being established to fund High Performance Computing infrastructure, and may prove to be the best vehicle to fund other types of generic infrastructure at a later date.	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	To be decided	<a href="http://www.innovation.ca/programs/index.cfm?websiteid=403">http://www.innovation.ca/programs/index.cfm?websiteid=403</a>
Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)	Research Hospital Fund	To address today's and tomorrow's health challenges, support is needed for research that will lead to groundbreaking discoveries and knowledge that can be translated quickly and effectively into improved health for Canadians, more effective health services and products, and a better health care system. Research hospitals are meeting these transformative challenges by forming new multidisciplinary and problem-oriented structures. To tackle research that is increasingly multidisciplinary and sophisticated, to translate research results in a timely fashion and to compete at the forefront in this area, Canada's research-hospital community requires, among other things, access to state-of-the-art research infrastructure. The Research Hospital Fund (RHF) is designed to meet these infrastructure needs.	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	To be decided	<a href="http://www.innovation.ca/programs/index.cfm?websiteid=274">http://www.innovation.ca/programs/index.cfm?websiteid=274</a>
Canadian Breast Cancer Research Alliance (CBCRA)	Knowledge Translation Linkage Grants	The KT-linkage Grants focus on the developmental phase of a research project. They are intended to facilitate linkage with relevant stakeholders(s) in order to define the research questions and methodology in such a way that is most relevant to the potential users of the research results.	1	\$ 10,000	Not required	April 1, November 1 (annually)	<a href="http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcraresearchprogram/for_applicants/program_description/default.asp?load=program_other#KTA">http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcraresearchprogram/for_applicants/program_description/default.asp?load=program_other#KTA</a>

Canadian Breast Cancer Research Alliance (CBCRA)	DEVELOPMENTAL AND EXPLORATORY (DEX) GRANTS	The DEX research grants will support innovative exploratory projects or pilot studies in the areas of behavioural, health services, legal/ethical/social/policy and psychosocial research that has the potential to improve breast cancer control or quality of life. Applications are invited from all sectors of the breast cancer care or research continuum, from community-based groups to established researchers. DEX research grants will support small-scale short-term pilot studies or investigation of concepts to permit the investigator to explore or test out new ideas or research methods.	2	\$ 100,000	Not required	April 1, November 1 (annually)	<a href="http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcraresearchprogram/for_applicants/program_description/default.asp?load=program_other&amp;language=English">http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcraresearchprogram/for_applicants/program_description/default.asp?load=program_other&amp;language=English</a>
Canadian Breast Cancer Research Alliance (CBCRA)	IDEA GRANTS	CBCRA's IDEA grants support innovative, new research ideas that are speculative, but have the potential for advancing scientific knowledge. They will support small-scale pilot studies or investigations of concepts to permit the investigator to test out new ideas, which, although based on good science, are outside of existing conventional research paradigms and could be deemed speculative.	2	\$ 200,000	Not required	April 1, November 1 (annually)	<a href="http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcraresearchprogram/for_applicants/program_description/default.asp?load=program_other&amp;language=English">http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcraresearchprogram/for_applicants/program_description/default.asp?load=program_other&amp;language=English</a>
Canadian Breast Cancer Research Alliance (CBCRA)	Knowledge Translation Supplement Grants	KT-supplement grants focus on the end of the research project when it is appropriate to disseminate the results of the research to the potential users beyond the traditional scientific community and using methods supplementary and in addition to publication in standard scientific journals	1	\$ 10,000	Not required	April 1, November 1 (annually)	<a href="http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcraresearchprogram/for_applicants/program_description/default.asp?load=program_other&amp;language=English">http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcraresearchprogram/for_applicants/program_description/default.asp?load=program_other&amp;language=English</a>
Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	Conference Grants	Grants to support small conferences that focus on subjects of direct relevance to cystic fibrosis. These grants typically supplement other funding sources.	Not specified	Not specified	Not required	Not specified	<a href="http://www.ccff.ca/page.asp?id=87">http://www.ccff.ca/page.asp?id=87</a>
Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	Inter-clinic exchanges	Grants to assist the exchange of special expertise between larger, university-based CF clinics and smaller, more remote clinics. Requests of this type will involve fewer individuals than a medical/scientific conference	Not specified	Not specified	Not required	Not specified	<a href="http://www.ccff.ca/page.asp?id=87">http://www.ccff.ca/page.asp?id=87</a>
Canadian Hypertension Society	Solvay/CHS travel award	Aids CHS investigators in acquiring new techniques/expertise by visiting host laboratories	Not specified	Not specified	Not required	April 15 and December 15, 2006.	<a href="http://www.hypertension.ca/index_Research_va.html">http://www.hypertension.ca/index_Research_va.html</a>
Canadian Institutes for Health Research	Operating Grant	The objective of the CIHR Operating Grants program is to contribute to the creation, dissemination and use of health-related knowledge, and to help develop and maintain Canadian health research capacity, by supporting original, high quality projects proposed and conducted by individual researchers or groups of researchers, in all areas of health research.	up to 5 years	Not specified	15-Aug-06	September 15, 2006	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/</a>

Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR)/Canadian Breast Cancer Research Alliance (CBCRA)	Operating Grants	The objective of the CIHR/CBCRA Operating Grant is to fund research that has relevance for prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and palliation for people impacted by breast cancer.	Not specified	Not specified	15-Aug-06	September 15, 2006	<a href="http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcra_research_program/for_applicants/program_description/default.asp?load=program_grants#grants">http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcra_research_program/for_applicants/program_description/default.asp?load=program_grants#grants</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Aboriginal Community-Based Research - Operating Grants	The CIHR-IAPH will support research programs that demonstrate partnerships between health research organizations and the aboriginal community, and involve the community members in all stages of the research process including definition of the research question; in the carrying out of the research; in the analysis and interpretation of findings; and in the development and implementation of the dissemination strategy.	3	\$ 300,000	1-Apr-06	1-Jun-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29603.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29603.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Aboriginal Community-Based Research - Planning Grants	The CIHR-IAPH will support research programs that demonstrate partnerships between health research organizations and the aboriginal community, and involve the community members in all stages of the research process including definition of the research question; in the carrying out of the research; in the analysis and interpretation of findings; and in the development and implementation of the dissemination strategy.	1	\$ 50,000	1-Apr-06	1-Jun-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29598.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29598.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Advancing the Science to Reduce Tobacco Abuse and Nicotine Addiction Initiative - Researcher Travel Grants	It is important that researchers attend scientific meetings and conferences in order to increase research capacity, learning and collaboration. For this reason, CTCRI offers funding for travel to relevant meetings and conferences where students and non-traditional researchers are presenting findings on tobacco abuse and nicotine addiction	N/A	\$ 3,000	Not required	30 days prior to start of meeting	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/27510.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/27510.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Advancing the Science to Reduce Tobacco Abuse and Nicotine Addiction Initiative - Workshop & Learning Opportunity Grants	Researchers and research end-users benefit greatly from opportunities to learn about current research and to work together. For this reason, the CTCRI's Workshop and Learning Opportunity Grants support workshops, meetings and events which focus on building research capacity by bringing together individuals from different disciplines and sectors. Strong preference will be given to projects focusing on regions or populations in which there has been a historic lack of capacity for research.	N/A	\$ 15,000	Not required	90 days prior to meeting	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/27512.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/27512.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Analysis of the World Health Survey Data	The purpose of this initiative is to provide an enhanced opportunity for expert analysis of the WHS data by Canadian researchers, together with international research collaborators.	1	\$ 40,000	1-Apr-06	1-May-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/30085.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/30085.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	China-Canada Joint Health Research Initiative - Grants Program	Its aim is to promote the development of Canadian-Chinese scientific co-operation between universities, hospitals, research institutes or affiliated research organizations in Canada and China through the support of collaborative research grants. Area include: neurosciences, diabetes and obesity, cardiovascular system, genetics, infection and immunity and child and youth health.	3	\$ 90,000	1-Mar-06	15-Mar-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/30130.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/30130.html</a>

Canadian Institutes of Health Research	CIHR President's Fund	CIHR uses the President's Fund to provide grants that are used to: support organizations and initiatives whose goal is consistent with CIHR's vision, mandate and strategic directions; provide financial assistance for conferences, workshops, seminars, education programs and other research related events that are hosted by research, knowledge translation or educational organizations where the objectives of the event align with the interests of CIHR overall and not individual Institutes; and, to provide special, one-time grants or awards in aid of research where the circumstances fall outside CIHR's other programs.	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/28109.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/28109.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Diabetes Surveillance System - Operating Grants	The objectives of this request for applications are to (i) enhance our understanding of the impact of diabetes on the health care system and on the health of Canadians and (ii) encourage linkage and/or comparison of the National Diabetes Surveillance System (NDSS) data with clinical, other administrative or survey data. Note that a portion of the funding will be targeted for projects that focus on the prevalence and incidence of diabetes and its complications in Aboriginal Canadians.	2	\$ 300,000	1-May-06	1-Jun-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/30114.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/30114.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Grants for Short Term Research Visits	Grants are intended to enable developing or established researchers to spend up to three months in a specific location focusing on the acquisition of new concepts, knowledge or techniques to broaden their research perspectives and skills. Applications are welcome from all areas of the Institute mandate - which is to support research on the human and model genomes and on all aspects of genetics, basic biochemistry and cell biology related to health and disease, including the translation of knowledge into health policy and practice, and the societal implications of genetic discoveries.	N/A	\$ 11,000	Not required	1-Jun-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/28103.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/28103.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	HIV/AIDS Research Program - Priority Announcement - Randomized Controlled Trials	The purpose of this Priority Announcement is to strengthen HIV/AIDS treatment and interventions by funding randomized controlled trials as a tool to provide high quality evidence on the efficacy and effectiveness of interventions in HIV/AIDS related health and health services.	Not specified	Not specified	Outline may be required prior to registration: March 1, 2006	1-Apr-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/28159.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/28159.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Knowledge Translation - Research Syntheses	The purpose of this Request for Applications is to further strengthen knowledge translation by funding research syntheses across CIHR's four pillars: biomedical, clinical, health systems and services and the health of populations, societal and cultural dimensions of health and environmental influences on health, in order to support evidence-informed decision-making. It is expected that this targeted investment will lead to more syntheses of knowledge in selected, high priority, eligible thematic research areas related to health and health care.	1	\$ 100,000	1-Apr-06	June 1, 2006	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29911.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29911.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	New Discoveries - High-Risk, High-Benefit Grants	The purpose of this program is to support high-risk, high-benefit health research. Successful applications will be unique, original, and /or extraordinary but of excellent quality and potential.	2	\$ 150,000	1-Apr-06	May 1, 2006	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29759.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29759.html</a>

Canadian Institutes of Health Research	New Emerging Team Grants - Access to Quality Cancer Care: Part of CIHR's Initiative on Access to Care	The purpose of this RFA is to fund outstanding research that, through an integral requirement for knowledge translation, will provide the evidence that will lead directly to improved access to quality cancer care, from prevention to palliation.	5	\$ 1,500,000	1-Apr-06	1-Nov-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/30021.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/30021.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	New Emerging Team Grants - Clinical Autoimmunity	The program is intended to promote the formation of new and previously non-existent research teams or the growth of small existing teams of researchers in the area of Clinical Autoimmunity Research.	5	\$ 2,500,000	1-Mar-06	1-Aug-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29753.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29753.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	New Emerging Team Grants - New Research Teams to Enhance the Quality of Life	Ultimately, the goal is to create several outstanding self-sustaining research centres and outstanding national and international Networks of researchers who are collectively achieving the mission of CIHR in each of the IMHA's three strategic research priorities.	5	\$ 1,500,000	1-Apr-06	1-Jun-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29954.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29954.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Operating Grants - Industry-Partnered	CIHR Industry-Partnered Operating Grants provide support for research projects by an individual or small group of investigators. The applicant must secure the sponsorship of an eligible company before a registration can be submitted.	Not specified	Not specified	May 15; July 1; Sept 1; Dec 15	July 15; Sept 1; Nov 1; Feb 15	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22488.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22488.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Opportunity for New Researchers in Aboriginal Health - Operating Grants	The purpose of this strategic initiative is to provide funding for new researchers in aboriginal health. Applicants should have no prior operating grants as the Nominated Principal Applicant from any national health research funding agencies	3	\$ 300,000	1-Apr-06	1-Jun-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29597.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29597.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Pilot Project Grants - Aging	The purpose of this Request for Applications is to encourage innovative investigations within IA's priority research areas by providing one-year pilot project grants. It is expected that this targeted investment will enable researchers to generate preliminary data, validate methodology or tools, and/or explore novel (high risk) research ideas towards enhancing the success of subsequent applications to the CIHR open and strategic competitions.	1	\$ 50,000	1-Apr-06	1-Jun-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29757.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29757.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Pilot Project Grants - Ethics	The purpose of this Request for Applications is to encourage applications from new investigators entering the field of ethics and mid-career investigators interested in making a transition into ethics research, by providing one or two-year pilot project grants.	2	\$ 50,000	1-Apr-06	1-Jun-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/30014.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/30014.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Planning and Development Grants - Mobility in Aging and Physical Activity, Mobility and Health	The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to provide opportunities for the support of planning and/or development activities that normally precede complex, multi-stakeholder and/or team research programs. The aim is to address two independent themes, as well as the important issues common to both: 1) The range of intrinsic and extrinsic challenges (from biological to environmental) associated with Mobility in Aging; and 2) Physical Activity, Mobility and Health in Aging and across the lifespan.	1	\$ 100,000	1-Apr-06	1-Jun-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29955.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29955.html</a>

Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Randomized Controlled Trials	Randomized controlled trial (RCT) is an experiment in which investigators randomly assign eligible subjects (or other units of study, e.g. classrooms, clinics, playgrounds) into groups to receive or not receive one or more interventions that are being compared. The results are analysed by comparing outcomes in the groups.	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	April 1, Sept 1, Nov 1 (annually)	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22388.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22388.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Randomized Controlled Trials - Industry-Partnered	Randomized controlled trial (RCT) is an experiment in which investigators randomly assign eligible subjects (or other units of study, e.g. classrooms, clinics, playgrounds) into groups to receive or not receive one or more interventions that are being compared. The results are analysed by comparing outcomes in the groups.	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	April 1, Sept 1, Nov 1 (annually)	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22494.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22494.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Regenerative Medicine and Nanomedicine - New Discoveries: High-Risk Seed Grants	The purpose of the New Discoveries: High-Risk Seed Grants program is to encourage novel, innovative, and inventive research in the areas of regenerative medicine and nanomedicine. Successful applications will be unique, original, and /or extraordinary but of excellent quality and potential. Nanomedicine, Gene Therapy, Stem Cells, Tissue Engineering, and Rehabilitation Sciences	Not specified	Not specified	3-Apr-06	1-May-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/28207.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/28207.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Research Syntheses in Mobility in Aging	In line with the goal of the Mobility in Aging Initiative, the purpose of this Request for Applications - Research Syntheses in Mobility in Aging - is to identify research and knowledge translation gaps and further strengthen knowledge translation by supporting research synthesis in order to provide for evidence-informed decision-making. It is expected that this targeted investment will lead to more synthesis of knowledge as well as identify and address gaps in research and knowledge translation within the range of intrinsic and extrinsic challenges (from biological to environmental) associated with Mobility in Aging.	1	\$ 100,000	1-Apr-06	1-Jun-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/30009.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/30009.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Team Planning and Development Grants - Developing New Team to Enhance the Quality of Life	The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to provide opportunities for the support of planning and/or development activities of multidisciplinary and/or cross pillar research teams to address two of IMHA's three research priorities: Tissue Injury, Repair and Replacement; and Pain, Disability and Chronic Diseases.	1	\$ 100,000	1-Apr-06	May 1, 2006	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29765.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29765.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Workshop Support - Research Development and Knowledge Exchange (2005-2006) - Institute of Nutrition Metabolism and Diabetes	The purpose of this initiative is to support workshops, consensus conferences, opportunities for research collaboration and similar activities that will contribute to the advancement of the INMD mandate.	1	15,000	Not required	1-Apr-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29751.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29751.html</a>
Canadian Liver Foundation	Operating	Operating Grants provide funding to hepatobiliary research investigators to pursue major research projects. As the most senior award, it is offered to researchers who hold academic appointments in Canadian universities or affiliated institutions. Clinical investigators and basic scientists will be considered	2	\$ 120,000	Not required	March 31 (annually)	<a href="http://www.liver.ca/Research/Grant_Program/How_to_Apply.aspx">http://www.liver.ca/Research/Grant_Program/How_to_Apply.aspx</a>

Canadian Nurses Foundation	RNAO Best Practice Guidelines	The Canadian Nurses Foundation (CNF) and the Best Practice Research Unit have formed a partnership to build additional research capacity and fund projects in the area of best practice guidelines. We are requesting full research proposals from interested and eligible health care organizations across Canada to conduct research on the uptake and impact of the RNAO nursing best practice guidelines (BPG) on practice and patient/client and/or community outcomes.	Not specified	\$ 30,000	Not required	1-Mar-06	<a href="http://www.canadiannursesfoundation.com/documents/RequestforProposals2006.doc">http://www.canadiannursesfoundation.com/documents/RequestforProposals2006.doc</a>
Canadian Stroke Network	New Discoveries: High-Risk Seed Grants	This announcement marks the third request for applications in Regenerative Medicine and Nanomedicine, now a major initiative of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). In collaboration with leading health research organizations, this announcement provides expanded research support in the areas of Nanomedicine, Gene Therapy, Stem Cells, Tissue Engineering, and Rehabilitation Sciences. Examples of supported research under this initiative could include cellular and molecular imaging, biophotonics, drug delivery and targeting, development of novel vectors for gene therapy, bioengineering and tissue replacement, and the integration of social, cultural, ethical and health services perspectives of human health within these domains, among others. Key to this initiative is a multi-disciplinary commitment to addressing the larger health issues and questions within this emerging field. The long-term goal is to develop innovative and socially validated treatment approaches based on the science of regenerative medicine and nanomedicine that will ultimately result in improved quality of life for individuals, their families, and populations.	Not specified	Not specified	3-Apr-06	1-May-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/28207.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/28207.html</a>
Canadian Tobacco Control Research Initiative	Canadian Tobacco Control Research Initiative (CTCRI)	Tobacco control policy research helps to direct decision-making and to influence implementation of policies aimed at reducing tobacco abuse and nicotine addiction. 1. To foster excellent, timely research that will influence and guide policy decisions in tobacco control. 2. To increase the involvement of policy decision-makers at all levels in the research process. SUGGESTED RESEARCH AREAS: * The full policy process from agenda-setting and decision-making through to development and implementation, enforcement, evaluation and refinement; * All areas in which policy might be used to influence tobacco use including fiscal, legislative, regulatory and educational policies; * Public and private policy at all levels of government locale	2	\$ 80,000	Not required	April 1 and October 1 of each year. * Applications for fast-track Policy Research competitions may be submitted at any time	<a href="http://www.ctcri.ca/en-pages/policy-grants.htm">http://www.ctcri.ca/en-pages/policy-grants.htm</a>
Canadian Tobacco Control Research Initiative	Idea grant	The pilot testing of research methods and/or hypotheses and the exploration of novel ideas. 1. To create opportunities for the testing of research methods or hypotheses which have the potential to have an impact on the study of tobacco control and nicotine addiction interventions. 2. To foster the development of excellent, well-grounded research proposals on tobacco control and nicotine addiction interventions.	1	\$ 50,000	Not required	April 1 and October 1 of each year.	<a href="http://www.ctcri.ca/en-pages/idea-grants.htm">http://www.ctcri.ca/en-pages/idea-grants.htm</a>
Canadian Tobacco Control Research Initiative	Symposium support	The NCIC provides contributions to especially worthy conferences or symposia. Applications for a contribution must show the details of the conference/symposium highlighting how the NCIC's contribution will further the cause of Canadian cancer research. It is expected that the NCIC contribution would be used preferentially to defray legitimate expenses of Canadian participants at the conference or symposium. Support of Canadian trainees is especially encouraged as a use for these funds.	N/A	\$ 10,000	Not required	6 months in advance of the proposed meeting date	<a href="http://www.ncic.cancer.ca/ncic/internet/standard/0_3621_84658243_523576432_langId-en_00.html">http://www.ncic.cancer.ca/ncic/internet/standard/0_3621_84658243_523576432_langId-en_00.html</a>
Canadian Tobacco Control Research Initiative	Workshop Grant	For the support of workshops, meetings and other events which aim to build research capacity. 1. To foster links between researchers or between researchers and research end-users within geographical regions or populations in Canada. 2. To build capacity for research using an innovative approach.	N/A	\$ 15,000	Not required	at least 90 days prior to the anticipated workshop or event.	<a href="http://www.ctcri.ca/en-pages/workshop-grants.htm">http://www.ctcri.ca/en-pages/workshop-grants.htm</a>

Canadian Tobacco Control Research Initiative	Workshop support	The intent of the Cancer Workshop Program is to facilitate the sharing of knowledge about developments in various fields of cancer research. One of the principal objectives is to bring together, for a common purpose, individuals of diverse backgrounds who would not normally interact and collaborate. The focus on cancer research should be primary rather than secondary, but the objective is to provide a multi-disciplinary approach to a cancer topic which may be biomedical, clinical, epidemiological or sociological in nature. Few other restrictions have been imposed since the formula for success may vary according to circumstances	N/A	\$ 30,000	Not required	6 months in advance of the proposed workshop date	<a href="http://www.ncic.cancer.ca/ncic/internet/standard/0_3621_84658_243_52357643_0_langId-en_00.html">http://www.ncic.cancer.ca/ncic/internet/standard/0_3621_84658_243_52357643_0_langId-en_00.html</a>
Cancer Research Society	T Cell Rich B Cell Lymphoma Research Grant	The purpose of this new program is to provide funding for applications that will focus on basic research on the causes of or treatments for T-cell rich B-cell lymphoma.	2	\$ 120,000	Not required	29-Mar-06	<a href="http://src.crs.ca/main.php?lang=2&amp;id=372">http://src.crs.ca/main.php?lang=2&amp;id=372</a>
Cancer Research Society	Rob Lutterman Pancreatic Cancer Research Grant	The funding for this grant has been raised through the Rob Lutterman Memorial Fund. The fund was created in memory of Rob Lutterman, who passed away in 1999 of pancreatic cancer at the age of sixty-three. The goal of this grant is to provide targeted funding for applications to conduct basic research on the causes of or treatments for pancreatic cancer.	2	\$ 120,000	Not required	29-Mar-06	<a href="http://src.crs.ca/main.php?lang=2&amp;id=374">http://src.crs.ca/main.php?lang=2&amp;id=374</a>
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada	Conference Sponsorship	The Research Institute of the CCFC will consider applications for financial support of a limited number of requests regarding scientific meetings relevant to inflammatory bowel disease. Interested applicants should submit a one page summary providing details of the meeting, specifically addressing how the request applies to the CCFC mission of finding the cure for IBD.	N/A	\$ 5,000	Not required	Not specified	<a href="http://www.ccfcc.ca/English/research/opportunities.html">http://www.ccfcc.ca/English/research/opportunities.html</a>
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada	Innovations in IBD Research": A Special Competition	The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada invites applications for an Innovative Research Grant, to fund novel or innovative approaches to IBD research. This grant is intended to stimulate and support research which may not be encompassed within the boundaries of traditional medical research. Research proposals must conform to sound principles of research. The Foundation seeks excellence as well as innovation.	1	\$ 50,000	Not required	March 1st and September 1st.	<a href="http://www.ccfcc.ca/English/research/opportunities.html">http://www.ccfcc.ca/English/research/opportunities.html</a>
Hereditary Disease Foundation	Huntington's Disease	The focus of the Hereditary Disease Foundation is on Huntington's disease. Support will be for research projects that will contribute to identifying and understanding the basic defect in Huntington's disease. Areas of interest include trinucleotide expansions, animal models, gene therapy, neurobiology and development of the basal ganglia, cell survival and death, and intercellular signaling in striatal neurons.	1	\$ 50,000	Submit to get application	February 15, June 15 and October 15	<a href="http://www.hdfoundation.org/fundinga.htm">http://www.hdfoundation.org/fundinga.htm</a>
LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY OF CANADA	Translational Research Program	The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Translational Research Program was established to encourage and provide support for new and novel clinical research. The goal of the program is to accelerate transfer of findings from the laboratory to clinical application. The program's purpose is to fund research that shows high promise for translating basic biomedical knowledge to prevention or new treatments and, ultimately, to prolong and enhance life.	Not specified	\$ 200,000	March 1, 2006	March 15, 2006.	<a href="http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org/all_page?itemid=11620">http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org/all_page?itemid=11620</a>
Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research	Team planning awards	The Team Planning award is a one-time start-up fund, to enable groups of investigators to pursue new and emerging health research opportunities on a timely basis; to investigate and develop potential new collaborations necessary to respond quickly to exceptional opportunities; and/or to develop a plan to accelerate time-sensitive research. This award will provide a mechanism for investigators to do the due diligence required to develop a business plan which clearly outlines deliverables and timelines for team activities going forward that will result in significant advances in new and emerging areas of health research.	N/A	\$50,000	Not required	March 31; June 30; Sept 30; Dec 15	<a href="http://www.msfr.org/sub-funding-research-guidelines.htm">http://www.msfr.org/sub-funding-research-guidelines.htm</a>

Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research	Networking Program-Technology/methodology platform	For the purposes of this funding program, the key defining factor for a platform is that it is an essential technology/methodology that will support a broad range of health research applications across institutions and research groups. The intent is to support one provincial plan (development and implementation) per platform. Illustrative examples of potential platforms identified through the Forward Planning Process are listed below, but are not limited to these examples. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bioinformatics</li> <li>• Clinical Trials Community Trials</li> <li>• Data Access</li> <li>• DNA Banking</li> <li>• Ethics</li> <li>• Health Informatics</li> <li>• Medical Imaging</li> <li>• Proteomics</li> <li>• Technology Assessment</li> <li>• Others - TBD</li> </ul>	3	\$ 1,500,000	Expression of Interest; March 1, 2006	Invitation only	<a href="http://www.msfr.org/docs/Networking_Phase_II_EOI.pdf">http://www.msfr.org/docs/Networking_Phase_II_EOI.pdf</a>
Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada	Pilot Research Grants	MS Scientific Research Foundation funds small, pilot grants, which are unique among MS research approaches in Canada. They can be applied for any time a researcher has an innovative idea.	\$ 1	\$ 35,000	Not specified	April 1 - August 1	<a href="http://www.mssociety.ca/en/research/researchfunding.htm">http://www.mssociety.ca/en/research/researchfunding.htm</a>
National Cancer Institute of Canada	Program project grants	The purpose of a National Cancer Institute of Canada (NCIC) Program Project Grant is to stimulate group interaction based on the premise that high impact work in complex areas of cancer research requires complementary skills and can be best carried out through a group effort. Furthermore, the NCIC encourages the inclusion of well-justified, higher-risk projects within Program Projects, since such projects are more likely to succeed in the context of a large program that includes a range of projects and a range of investigators whose collective skills increase the probability of success of all components of the Program Project. A Program Project is thus intended to assist groups of investigators to approach a common problem in such a way that the end result will have the potential to be outstanding, to achieve more than the simple sum of the individual efforts and to provide a high quality training environment. Program Project applications are encouraged in the broader areas of cancer control research subject areas such as health services, psychosocial, supportive and palliative care.	3	Not specified	1-May-06	1-Sep-06	<a href="http://www.ncic.cancer.ca/ncic/internet/standard/0,3621,84658,243_85810071_langId-en,00.html">http://www.ncic.cancer.ca/ncic/internet/standard/0,3621,84658,243_85810071_langId-en,00.html</a>
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council	Idea to Innovation (I2I) Program	The objective of the Idea to Innovation (I2I) program is to accelerate the pre-competitive development of promising technology and promote its transfer to Canadian companies. The program supports research and development projects with recognized technology transfer potential by providing crucial assistance to university researchers in the early stages of technology validation and market connection	3	Not specified	Not required	April 10, 2006; July 3, 2006; September 29, 2006	<a href="http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&amp;lbi=b4">http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&amp;lbi=b4</a>
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council	Research Network Grants (RNG)	Research Network Grants fund large-scale, complex research programs that involve multi-sectorial collaborations on a common research topic. The topic to be investigated can be of local concern, requiring a focused local network, or of regional or national importance, requiring a larger, more complex network.	5	Not specified	Required	Anytime	<a href="http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&amp;lbi=b2">http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&amp;lbi=b2</a>

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council	Special Research Opportunity (SRO) Program	Special Research Opportunity (SRO) grants enable researchers to pursue new and emerging research opportunities at the time they become apparent, or investigate and develop potential new collaborations necessary to respond to these national and international opportunities. What distinguishes a special research opportunity is the urgency and timeliness of the opportunity.	Not specified	Not specified	Required	Not specified	<a href="http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&amp;lbi=a4">http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&amp;lbi=a4</a>
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	Aid to Research Workshops and Conferences in Canada	To support workshops and conferences in Canada	1	\$ 25,000	Not required	May 1 and November 1	<a href="http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/conferences_e.asp">http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/conferences_e.asp</a>
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	Aid to Research Workshops and Conferences in Canada	To support workshops and conferences in Canada	2	\$ 50,000	Not required	May 1 and November 1	<a href="http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/conferences_e.asp">http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/conferences_e.asp</a>
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	Canadian Initiative on Social Statistics (CISS) Access to Research Data Centres	Research Data Centres (RDC) provide researchers with access to confidential social statistics data collected by Statistics Canada	Not specified	Not specified	Not required	Applications may be submitted at any time	<a href="http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/ciss_research_data_e.asp">http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/ciss_research_data_e.asp</a>
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	Community-University Research Alliances (CURA)	To support research projects jointly developed and undertaken by university-based researchers and organizations from the community	5	\$ 1,000,000	Letter of Intent: May 5, 2006	Formal Application (by invitation only): TBD	<a href="http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/cura_e.asp">http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/cura_e.asp</a>
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	Research Development Initiatives	To support analysis of changing directions in research and in the evolution of academic disciplines	2	\$ 40,000	Not required	7-Apr-06	<a href="http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/rdi_e.asp">http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/rdi_e.asp</a>
The Stanley Medical Research Institute	Research Grants for Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder	Our priority is strongly and equally on schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, although we have also supported some research on severe depression and autism. Our priority is the causes and treatment of these diseases, not phenomenology or clinical correlations that have no obvious relevance to causation.	2	\$ 150,000	Not required	March 15, 2006.	<a href="http://www.stanleyresearch.org/application/applyrg.htm">http://www.stanleyresearch.org/application/applyrg.htm</a>
The Stanley Medical Research Institute	Treatment Trials for Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder	The purpose of this program is to facilitate the direct testing of new treatments for schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.	3	\$ 900,000	Not required	March 1 and October 1	<a href="http://www.stanleyresearch.org/application/applytt.htm">http://www.stanleyresearch.org/application/applytt.htm</a>

Work Safe BC	Development	Development projects may take the form of: * novel approaches to health and safety research * exploratory, pilot or feasibility studies * development or testing of new (or untested) techniques or measurement tools (including reliability and validity) * analyses of previously collected data (e.g., combining data from several studies to examine consistency or strength of observed associations) * preparatory work for developing a full proposal.	1	\$ 30,000	6-Mar-06	3-Apr-06	<a href="http://www.worksafebc.com/contact_us/research/research_program/development_grants/default.asp">http://www.worksafebc.com/contact_us/research/research_program/development_grants/default.asp</a>
Work Safe BC	Operating	An operating grant provides support for a research project by an individual or small group of investigators. To be eligible, the proposed research must be scientifically valid, relate to one or more of the research priorities (Occupational injury and disease prevention, * Fair compensation, * Successful rehabilitation and return-to-work), and demonstrate strong potential to positively impact workplace health and safety and/or the workers' compensation system in B.C.	2	Not specified	Not required	Not specified	<a href="http://www.worksafebc.com/contact_us/research/research_program/operating_grants/default.asp">http://www.worksafebc.com/contact_us/research/research_program/operating_grants/default.asp</a>