

CLEAR 2023 OPERATING GRANT CALL FOR PROPOSALS



Application deadline: September 29th, 2023 | 11:59 PM PST

Funding amount: \$400,000 over two years

Questions & proposal submission email: admin@clearalzheimers.ca

Expected funding announcement: December 4th, 2023

Expected funding availability: December 11th, 2023

ABOUT CLEAR:

CLEAR Foundation is a Canadian non-profit organization on a mission to eradicate all forms of dementia, including Alzheimer disease, by funding research towards a cure. CLEAR has funded or committed to fund \$16 million of research, and has leveraged that funding to \$25 million through its use of partnerships.

RESEARCH BACKGROUND:

The major challenge in AD/ADRD research relates to understanding the basic biology of the disease, using available and emerging patient-related modelling platforms. This approach would encompass both basic and translational research, and clinical studies to fully address the pathophysiology of AD, how it evolves, how to detect it, and eventually how to engage the appropriate target as a therapeutic strategy. For example, instead of focusing on removing amyloid in AD, the focus would be on why amyloid is there in the first place and how it causes toxicity. Strategies could be developed to prevent its accumulation based on emerging mechanisms. Another example implicated by recent genetic studies is how do risk genes cause AD and if there are subtypes of AD based on genetic risk.

ELIGIBILITY:

Full time faculty at the level of assistant professor or higher at an academic institution in British Columbia.

Submitted proposals must fulfill the following criteria:

1. Proposals should address a key aspect of AD/ADRD pathophysiology, with an emphasis on understanding mechanisms that lead to the principal pathologies.
2. Proposals should be “translational” defined as closely related to the disease being modelled (human AD), and have a potential path towards either target discovery and or drug development.
3. Proposals may define disease subgroups through biomarker testing.
4. Proposals should demonstrate collaboration and synergy with at least one other researcher.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:

Proposals **MUST** be submitted in a single, combined PDF document for consideration.

- Identify principle investigator(s) and collaborators
- Enclose common academic CIHR CV
- Title of Proposal
- Abstract for Proposal (up to 200 words)
- Lay abstract for Proposal (up to 100 words)
- Outline of Proposal including Objectives, Methodology and Approach and how it conforms to the summary above including collaboration and synergy. This section can be up to 5 pages, single spaced, 12pt font, including references and figures/tables if required.
- Detailed budget allocation. Please note that CLEAR does NOT fund indirect research costs.



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ADMINISTRATION FORM

Principle Investigator Name:

Proposed Project Title:

Institution Name:

Faculty & Department:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Research Host Institution

Head of Department/Division:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director of Research at Institution:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The application may be signed by digital/electronic signature and transmission.

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