



**CLEAR**

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RESEARCH

# **CLEAR 2025 OPERATING GRANT**

## **Submission Guide**





# WHO WE ARE

CLEAR's mission is funding transformative dementia research to advance the understanding, prevention and eradication of Alzheimer disease and related dementias.

By supporting leading scientists, we help drive innovative breakthroughs that bring hope to individuals and families affected by memory loss.

Like so many of our supporters, our mission is deeply personal. Inspired by lived experiences and personal connections, we are dedicated to uncovering knowledge, accelerating treatments and improving quality of life for those impacted today from memory loss disease—and for future generations.

**All donations made by our supporters exclusively fund dementia research, accelerating discoveries toward prevention, treatment and a cure.\***

\*CLEAR Foundation operating costs are covered by donations from the Board of Directors and investment income.

## 48

Total Funded  
Research Projects

## \$17M

Dementia Research  
Funding

## \$26M

Research Funding  
Through Partnerships

# CLEAR 2025 Operating Grant Criteria

## GRANT OVERVIEW:

CLEAR is committed to supporting innovative research projects that address critical questions related to the causes, prevention, and treatment of Alzheimer disease and related dementias (ADRD). We invite submissions from researchers in British Columbia with a focus on demonstrating a strong potential for significant impact in this field.

## RESEARCH BACKGROUND:

The major challenge in Alzheimer disease (AD) 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 re-engage the appropriate target as a therapeutic strategy. For example, instead of focusing on removing amyloid in AD, the focus of research can be discovering why amyloid is present in the first place and how it causes toxicity. Another example implicated by recent genetic studies is how do risk genes cause AD and whether there are subtypes of AD based on genetic risk. Can they be modelled and are there correlations with biomarker profiles?

## ELIGIBILITY:

Principal Investigators and Co Principal Investigators at the level of assistant professor or higher at an academic institution in British Columbia. Collaborators may be from other jurisdictions.

Please Note: Researchers who have been successful recipients of the CLEAR Operating Grant are ineligible to apply again as a Principal Investigator for two calendar years following the completion of their funding term. This rest period applies specifically to recipients of the CLEAR Operating Grant and does not extend to co-investigators or collaborators, nor to those who have received funding through the joint MSHRBC/CLEAR Scholar or Trainee Awards.

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## PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Proposals should address a key aspect of AD/ADRD pathophysiology, with an emphasis on understanding mechanisms that lead to the principal pathologies.
- 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.
- Proposals may define disease subgroups through biomarker testing.
- Proposals should demonstrate collaboration and synergy with at least one other researcher.

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS (submitted in a single combined PDF document):

- Completed 2025 Operating Grant Submission Form available on our website [here](#).
- Title of Proposal & Abstract for Proposal (up to 200 words) & Lay Abstract of Proposal (up to 200 words).
- Outline of Proposal including Objectives, Methodology and Approach and how it conforms to Proposal Requirements (up to 5 pages, single spaced, with 2cm margins, including references and figures/tables, if required, and 12 pt font, no condensed fonts eg. Arial narrow).
- Detailed budget allocation and justification (please note we do NOT fund indirect research costs).
- Identify Principal Investigator(s) and Collaborators.
- Enclose common academic CIHR CVs for all Principals, Investigators and collaborators.

# Submission Instructions

Please direct any submission questions to [admin@clearalzheimers.ca](mailto:admin@clearalzheimers.ca) using the subject line of [CLEAR Grant Submission Inquiry].

## 1. REVIEW

- Read this guide and our full eligibility criteria to ensure your research aligns with CLEAR's 2025 Operating Grant priorities.

## 2. COMPLETE

- Complete all submission requirements along with the [CLEAR 2025 Operating Grant Submission form](#).
- Merge all files into a single PDF document using the file naming convention format [Last Name, First Name - 2025 CLEAR Grant Submission].

## 3. SUBMIT

- Upload your completed submission package to our online [submission portal here](#).

## 4. STAY CONNECTED

- Follow us on social media for updates and announcements.
- Be sure to stay aligned with all key submission dates.

### KEY SUBMISSION DATES

2025 Operating Grant Call for Proposals opens	Tuesday, May 27, 2025
2025 Operating Grant Call for Proposals closes	Friday, October 3, 2025
Grant recipient announced	Late November 2025
Grant funding available	Early December 2025



# Your Proposal Matters

Your commitment to advancing dementia research in Canada inspires progress and hope.

To learn how CLEAR allocates funding to research please [click here](#).

To learn about CLEAR's current and past research [click here](#).



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