



CLEAR

CANADIANS
FOR LEADING
EDGE ALZHEIMER
RESEARCH



2026 CLEAR Operating Grants Submission Guide

www.clearalzheimers.ca



ABOUT US

Who we are

Canadians for Leading Edge Alzheimer's Research (CLEAR) is a charitable foundation funding biomedical research into Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in Canada.

Through bold ideas, collaboration, and sustained investment in leading-edge research, CLEAR is accelerating discoveries that move us closer to preventing and treating Alzheimer's disease, improving lives today and bringing hope for tomorrow.

Our vision

A future where Alzheimer's disease and related dementias are preventable, treatable, and curable.

Our mission

CLEAR Foundation is dedicated to addressing the growing crisis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in Canada.

We bring hope to affected people and communities by funding high-impact biomedical research that drives prevention, improves treatment and may ultimately lead to a cure.

Impact by the numbers



Our impact reflects the commitment of our donors, people who believe in science as a catalyst for change.

Through sustained investment and strategic partnerships, CLEAR empowers scientists to pursue ambitious questions, scale promising ideas, and advance research with the greatest potential for impact.

This work is made possible by a community of supporters who believe in the potential of research to change lives.

We support dementia research through several key funding channels: our annual Operating Grant(s), Trainee and Scholar Awards co-funded with Health Research BC and in 2026, a national funding initiative through the Canada Brain Research Fund.

Our funding decisions are guided by a rigorous, peer-reviewed selection process led by experts in neuroscience, strengthened through partnerships with leading organizations.

We remain focused on advancing research that pushes boundaries, shortens the path from insight to application, and strengthens Canada's leadership in dementia science.

Operating Grant overview

Advancing leading-edge dementia research

CLEAR Foundation is pleased to offer two 2026 Operating Grants, supporting high-impact biomedical research focused on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD).

These grants are designed to accelerate innovative research with strong translational potential and a clear pathway toward meaningful therapeutic or clinical impact.

Objectives

CLEAR Foundation's Operating Grant objectives support collaborative scientific initiatives, strengthening Canada's leadership in neurodegenerative research.

01

Fund science

Support biomedical research generating new knowledge and discoveries in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

02

Advance translation

Enable translational research with promising pathways toward target discovery, therapeutic development, and/or clinical application.

03

Drive innovation

Accelerate progress toward improved prevention, detection, treatment, and ultimately a cure for all forms of dementia.

Key dates and submission links

Important dates

2026 Call for Proposals opens	June 25, 2026
2026 Call for Proposals closes	September 25, 2026
2026 CLEAR Operating Grants recipients announced	Mid November 2026
Funding made available	Early December 2026

Submission links

[Funding Webpage](#)

[Submission Form](#)

[Submission Portal](#)

CLEAR Foundation thanks all applicants for their interest in advancing biomedical research for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.



Call for Proposals criteria

Please note the deadline for submissions is September 25, 2026 at 11:59 PM PST.

Proposal requirements

- All proposals should address a critical aspect of AD/ADRD pathophysiology, with an emphasis on understanding mechanisms that lead to core pathologies.
- Proposals should demonstrate translational relevance through a clear connection to human Alzheimer's disease and a potential pathway toward target discovery and/or drug development.
- Proposals should demonstrate collaboration and synergy with at least one additional researcher.
- For re-submissions, please summarize how peer review feedback has been addressed. An additional page may be included.

Applicant eligibility

- Principal Investigators must be at the level of assistant professor or higher at an academic institution in British Columbia.
- Co-Principal Investigators and Collaborators can be from other jurisdictions.
- Previous CLEAR Operating Grant recipients are ineligible to apply as Principal Investigators for two calendar years following the end of their funding term. Please note this restriction does not apply to Co-Principal Investigators, collaborators, or recipients of CLEAR Foundation and Health Research BC Scholar or Trainee Awards.

Please Note

Two Operating Grants will be awarded through the 2026 competition. Applicants are not required to submit separate applications, as all eligible submissions will be considered for both funding opportunities.

Submission instructions

Submission checklist

Submission form	Completed 2026 CLEAR Operating Grants Submission Form, available on our website.
Project information	Project title, disclosure of any Co-Principal Investigator(s) and Collaborator(s), scientific abstract, and lay abstract written in plain language for a non-scientific audience (maximum 200 words each).
Research proposal	Outline of the proposed research, including objectives, methodology, and alignment with Operating Grant objectives (maximum 6 pages).
Supporting documents	1. CVs for PI, Co-PI(s), and Collaborators in CCV, CIHR Biosketch, CIHR Academic, Tri-Agency narrative, or NIH Biosketch format. 2. A summary list of relevant published scientific articles authored by the Principal Investigator (maximum 1 page). 3. A detailed budget allocation and justification. Indirect research costs are not eligible for funding.

01

Review

Review CLEAR's 2026 Operating Grant criteria to confirm your eligibility before applying.

For eligibility questions, please contact us by clicking [here](#).

02

Complete

Complete all items listed in the submission checklist.

Combine all files into a single PDF titled: [Last Name, First Name – 2026 CLEAR Operating Grants]

03

Submit

Upload your completed application through our online submission portal by clicking [here](#).

Follow us on social media for research updates and future announcements.

Our funded scientists

Past CLEAR Operating Grant Recipients

CLEAR Foundation's previous Operating Grant recipients are driving innovation across prevention, early detection, treatment, and translational neuroscience.

Through scientific inquiry and high-impact collaboration, these scientists are helping accelerate discoveries with the potential to improve lives and shape the future of dementia research.



Dr. Anne Marie Craig
2025 Operating Grant Recipient



Dr. Terrance Snutch
2024 Operating Grant Recipient



Dr. Ging-Yuek Robin Hsiung
2024 Operating Grant Recipient



Dr. Anthony Phillips
2023 Operating Grant Recipient

Explore our impact

Explore CLEAR Foundation's currently funded dementia research projects.

[Learn More](#)



CLEAR

CANADIANS
FOR LEADING
EDGE ALZHEIMER
RESEARCH



Research. Understand. Cure.

www.clearalzheimers.ca