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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

THE TERRY FOX FOUNDATION NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD (2010)

Purpose

To provide outstanding young researchers with support as they develop their career as independent research scientists or clinician scientists and to undertake high-quality research into cancer in close collaboration with established research teams.

Scope

Support under this RFA is targeted at high-quality biomedical, clinical and translational research providing information which may form the basis of innovative cancer prevention, diagnosis and/or treatment.

Support offered

Awards of up to \$150,000 per annum are tenable for **three years** and provide:

- Research expenses, including research staff and equipment¹
- Travel and accommodation for scientifically justified visits².

Funding Envelope

The Terry Fox Foundation has committed \$1.8 million to this particular RFA which will fund up to four (4) awards. Subject to availability of funds this competition will be run annually. The Terry Fox Research Institute will manage this program on behalf of the Terry Fox Foundation (TFF).

Eligibility

To apply you should:

- Hold either a PhD, a MD, or an MD PhD qualification, and

¹ A maximum of \$70,000 is permitted for equipment purchases as part of this RFA. Details of allowable costs are included in the *Notes to complete a Full Application*.

² A maximum of \$5,000 per year is allowed for scientific travel, including participation in the TFRI Annual Scientific Meeting

- Have made intellectual contributions to research that are published in leading journals, and be able to demonstrate your potential to carry out independent research, and
- Are about to start or have started - within the past five years - your first faculty-level appointment at an eligible Canadian research institution.

Sponsorship

For your application to be eligible for consideration:

1. The research team of an existing Terry Fox Foundation New Frontiers Program Project or Terry Fox Research Institute (TFRI) funded project must support and sponsor your application.
 - a. The TFF/TFRI funded program can be a home to only one New Investigator at a time.
 - b. A letter should accompany your application from the project leader of that program outlining how your project when funded would be included and would contribute to that program, as well as your development as an independent researcher.
 - c. Normally, funding for the sponsoring program should cover the period of support the applicant is applying for.
2. An eligible Canadian research institution must sponsor your application and:
 - a. Guarantee that you have, or will have a contract of employment with the institution.
 - b. Guarantee that you will have adequate space and time for research, and resources for the tenure of the award.
 - c. Have completed a memorandum of understanding with the Terry Fox Research Institute on conditions of funding.

How to Apply

1. An *Application Summary* is required electronically or by fax by Monday May 31st, 2010 (11.59 pm Pacific)
2. A *Full Application* is required electronically or by mail by Monday July 5, 2010 (11.59 pm Pacific)
3. Peer review Committee meeting – September 2010
4. Funding Announcement – October 2010.

Notes to complete a Full Application (to be posted shortly) will provide detailed guidance to assist applicants prepare their proposal.

Application Advice

Reviewers normally assess:

- The potential impact of the research and fit to the scope of the RFA
- The caliber and potential of the applicant
- The excellence and scientific merit of the proposed research
- The suitability and support of the sponsors (research environment and institutional support).

Applicants may only apply for one New Investigator award at a time. Please contact TFRI for advice before resubmitting an application. Awards are not renewable.

Sponsors are encouraged to offer support and mentorship as part of a longer-term commitment to help the applicant realize his/her career development in research.

Certificates

Before funding is made available, the applicant must obtain from the sponsoring Institution all applicable certificates, including:

1. *Biohazards*. For projects involving use of biological material, a certificate guaranteeing that the project will be conducted under conditions which satisfy the Public Health Agency of Canada's 'Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines' 3rd edition (2004) (www.phac-aspc.gc.ca).
2. *Animal Care*. For projects involving use of experimental animals, a certificate guaranteeing that all animals will be cared for and studied under conditions meeting the standards set forth in the Canadian Council on Animal Care's "Guide to the Care and Use of Experimental Animals" Vol 1 (1993). (www.ccac.ca).
3. *Human Studies*. For projects involving human subjects, a certificate stating that the protocols and methods have been reviewed by the Institutional Research Ethics Board and found to be acceptable in accordance with current edition of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada: 'Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans' 1998 (with 2000, 2002 and 2005 amendments) (www.pre.ethics.gc.ca). If studies use investigational compounds, regulatory approval from Canada's Health Protection Branch is also required.
4. *Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research*. Applicants are required to approach TFRI before submitting an application for support of research including human embryonic stem cells. TFRI endorses the guidelines set forward by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research 'Human Pluripotent Stem Cell Research (June 29, 2007) (www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/34460.html).

Questions

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