



Dear TFRI, MOHCCN and DHDP colleagues,

Forty-five years ago, Terry Fox started a marathon against cancer. Today, we are all working together – in labs, clinics and communities across the country – to FINISH IT.

To celebrate Terry’s incredible journey, we invite you to join the Terry Fox Research Institute’s annual Terry Fox Run Challenge by registering for this year’s Run on Sunday, September 14.

WHAT IS THE TERRY FOX RUN CHALLENGE?

Every year, Terry Fox-funded researchers across the country register their research teams for the Terry Fox Run and help fundraise for cancer research in Canada. The Terry Fox Run Challenge pits these teams against each other in a friendly competition to see who can raise the most money for cancer research. Over the years, this challenge has become a tradition among our research teams – alongside their families and friends – highlighting their dedication to finish what Terry started in 1980.

Over the last nine years of the Terry Fox Run Challenge, research teams have raised more than \$1 million to invest back into cancer research in Canada!

Last year alone, teams from coast to coast raised \$157,874, setting a new second-place record in the Terry Fox Run Challenge. We want to thank each and every one of you for helping us achieve Terry’s goal of ending cancer through research, both in the lab and by fundraising for the Run.

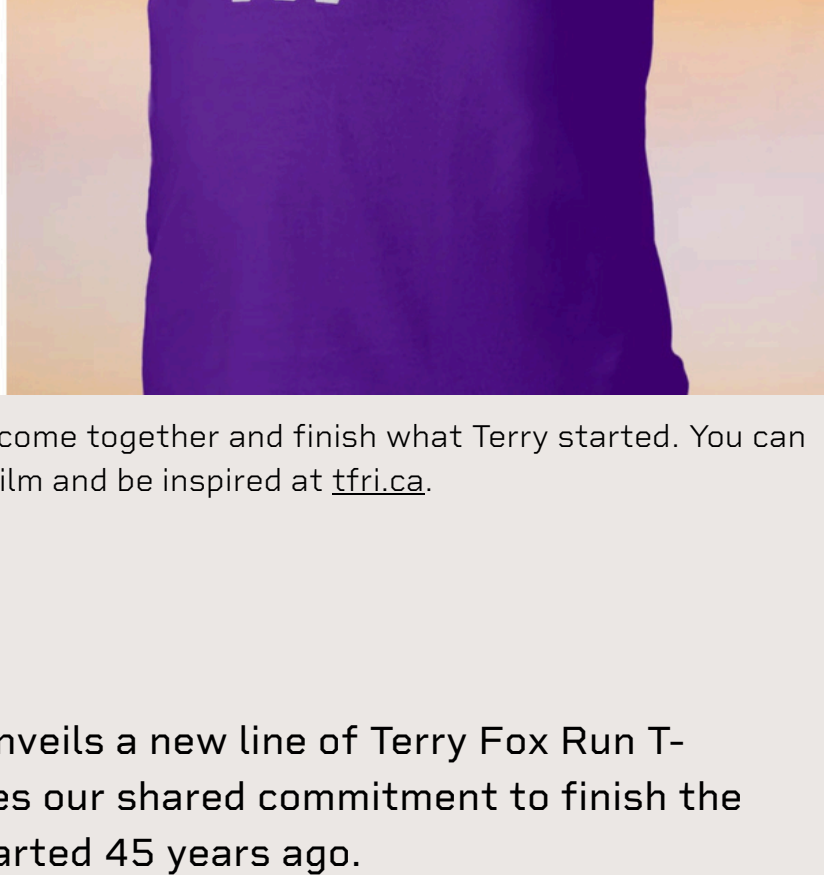
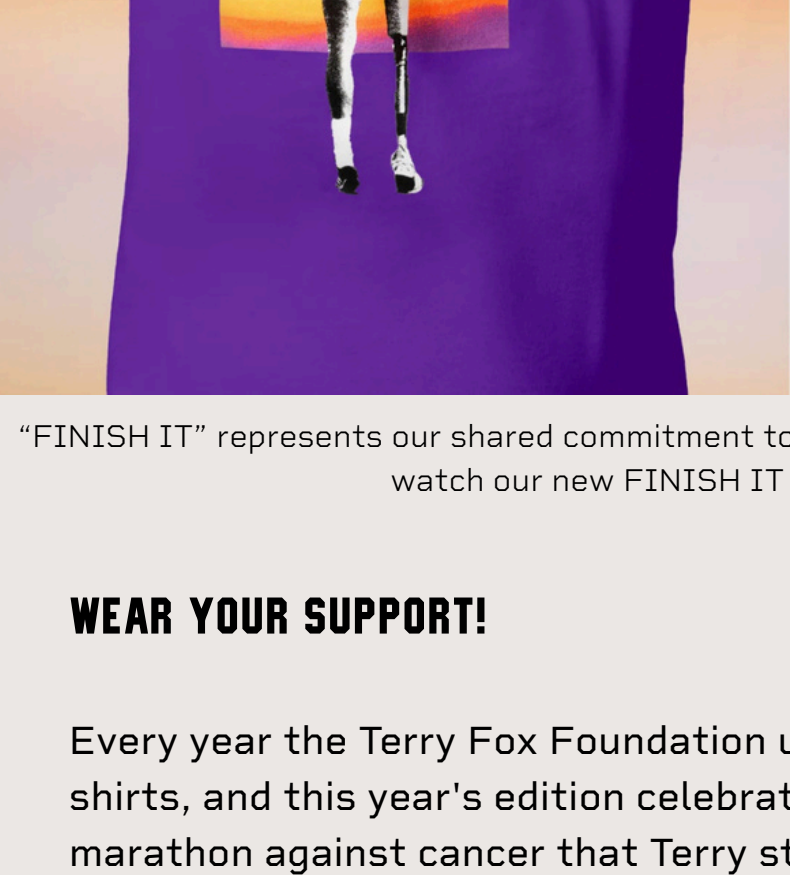
We also want to recognize last year’s research teams who made it onto the podium: The Vancouver Prostate Centre, raising \$50,161, the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute’s Cancer Research Program, raising \$24,628, and the Terry Fox Research Institute’s headquarters team, raising \$11,710.

In keeping with tradition, we’re setting an ambitious goal to beat last year’s record, and possibly even beat 2022’s all-time record of \$196,966!

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE 2024 TERRY FOX RUN CHALLENGE

1. Visit the [team sign up page on the Terry Fox Foundation website](#), choose your run location and complete the process.
2. To help identify TFRI, MOHCCN and DHDP research teams, please submit your team’s name as “TFRI - <team name>”, “MOHCCN - <team name>” or “DHDP - <team name>”.
3. Share your team’s name with potential team members and invite them to register, join and start fundraising!

If you don’t have a team, you are welcome to join ours: “Terry Fox Research Institute” (formerly TFRI HQ).



“FINISH IT” represents our shared commitment to come together and finish what Terry started. You can watch our new FINISH IT film and be inspired at [tfri.ca](#).

WEAR YOUR SUPPORT!

Every year the Terry Fox Foundation unveils a new line of Terry Fox Run T-shirts, and this year’s edition celebrates our shared commitment to finish the marathon against cancer that Terry started 45 years ago.

As always, we’re proud to offer the distinctive purple T-shirt exclusively to Terry Fox-funded researchers. But for the first time, research teams have the option to customize purple shirts with their team’s name when ordering more than five.

Click [here](#) to purchase your purple shirt before they’re gone!

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

We’re looking for researchers who can help share the story and impact of Terry Fox-funded research – whether it’s participating in the Terry Fox Run campaign, speaking at events or presenting virtually to schools.

If you’re interested, please click “Get Involved!” and fill out the short survey to let us know.

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RESEARCH NEWS

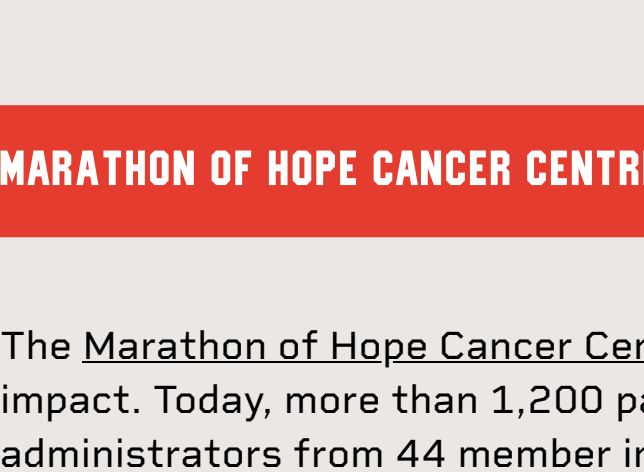
Keep reading for news and research updates from our three programs: TFRI Research Grants Programs, the Marathon of Hope Cancer Centres Network and the Digital Health and Discovery Platform.

TFRI RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAMS

TFRI Research Grants Programs include our flagship team science, early-career and translational research grants.

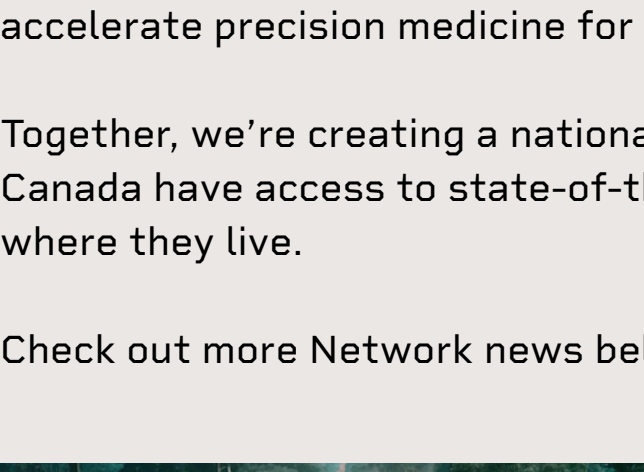
We recently opened the 2026 applications for two of our longstanding Terry Fox funding programs: The [New Investigator Awards](#) (Registrations of Intent due May 22) and [New Frontiers Program Project Grants](#) (Letters of Intent due July 7).

You can learn more about our Research Grants Programs [here](#) and find recent news from these programs below:



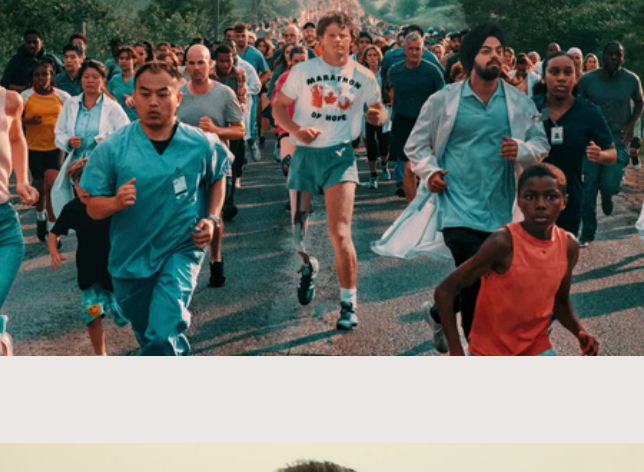
**[2025 New Investigators announced](#)**

Five early-career investigators will receive \$525,000 over the next three years to support critical studies in melanoma, lung, brain, blood and pediatric and young adult cancers.



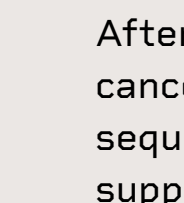
**[A Canadian cancer discovery](#)**

Terry Fox-funded researchers who discovered porphysomes – light-activated nanoparticles with the potential to revolutionize cancer care – have received Health Canada approval to being clinical trials.



**[Discovery offers new insights to understand and treat prostate cancer](#)**

A first in prostate cancer research, scientists have applied a novel technology to unpack the genetic code of tumours.

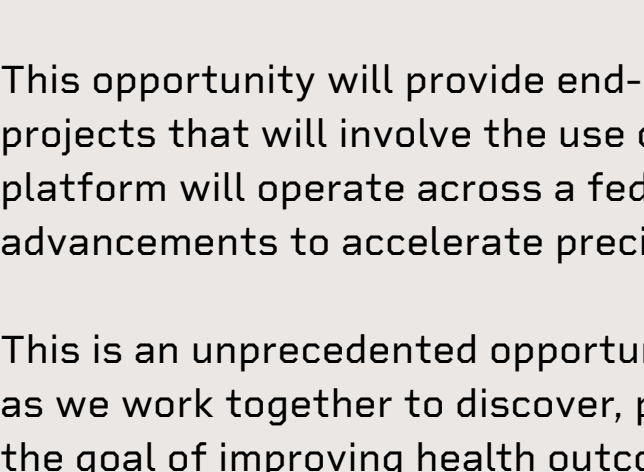


MARATHON OF HOPE CANCER CENTRES NETWORK

The [Marathon of Hope Cancer Centres Network](#) continues to grow in size and impact. Today, more than 1,200 patients, researchers, oncologists and administrators from 44 member institutions and over 100 funding and research partners are coming together in an unprecedented effort to accelerate precision medicine for cancer!

Together, we’re creating a national strategy to ensure that cancer patients in Canada have access to state-of-the-art personalized cancer care, no matter where they live.

Check out more Network news below.



**[Landmark paper in Cancer Cell](#)**

In our first Network-authored paper, we introduce ourselves to the global scientific community, highlighting how we’re working to transform precision oncology in Canada through unprecedented national collaboration.



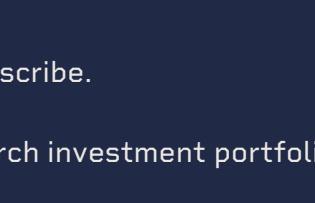
**[The gift of genetic testing](#)**

After being diagnosed with prostate cancer, Graham Knope had his tumour sequenced through a Network-supported clinical trial, allowing doctors to personalize his treatment and give his family life-saving information.



**[Precision oncology today](#)**

A new study by Network members in Ontario shows that precision oncology can bring new hope to patients with biliary tract cancers but accessing them through publicly funded health-care systems remains a challenge.



DIGITAL HEALTH AND DISCOVERY PLATFORM

The [Digital Health and Discovery Platform](#) (DHDP) has announced the launch of the Digital Health Innovation Fund!

This opportunity will provide end-users access to new funding for research projects that will involve the use of the DHDP to enable data sharing. The platform will operate across a federated network for machine-learning advancements to accelerate precision medicine.

This is an unprecedented opportunity to help develop our digital ecosystem as we work together to discover, prepare and analyze rich patient data with the goal of improving health outcomes of Canadians.

Click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

