

## OIRM NEW IDEAS GRANT GUIDELINES

The Ontario Institute for Regenerative Medicine (OIRM) is a non-profit stem cell institute funded by the Ontario government and dedicated to transforming discoveries into clinical trials and cures. Through our commitment to collaboration and partnerships, we leverage our resources to fund and support promising advances. OIRM is a passionate champion for investigators and their patients as we build a healthier future for Ontario, Canada, and the world. OIRM is funded by the Province of Ontario; Ministry of Research, Innovation and Science.

OIRM is pleased to announce a call for grant proposals related to the application of stem cell research to regenerative medicine and improved health outcomes. To apply, the Principal Investigator and all Co-Investigators requesting funds must be OIRM members (investigators must have a full-time, primary faculty appointment in Ontario for the duration of the funding period). If you are interested in becoming an OIRM member, please see our membership criteria page (<http://oirm.ca/oirm-research/membership>) for more information. You must receive approval of OIRM membership prior to applying.

The New Ideas Grants are up to **\$75,000 CDN** in value for a 12-month period (**April 1/19 to Mar 31/20**). Projects will need to be completed (and funds spent) within the 12-month period indicated above.

The New Ideas Grant will support projects at the discovery level in the area of stem cell and regenerative medicine research with a goal to foster cutting-edge research in stem cell biology and/or technology. The project can target: basic molecular and cellular mechanisms underlying stem cell properties and behaviours; stem cell or reprogrammed cell-based in vitro models to gain insight into disease mechanisms; or stem cell or reprogrammed cell studies leading to novel therapies. There must be clear evidence of achievable short-term goals leading to a long-term goal for clinical or commercial activities.

Indirect funds for institutional overhead are not available for this grant. PIs who are awarded funding need to address this with their institution.

### Eligibility & Requirements:

- Principal and all Co-Investigators requesting cash funding must be OIRM members with a full-time, primary faculty appointment in Ontario for the duration of the funding period
- Applicants must execute a New Ideas grant institution agreement and take on all the associated rights and obligations (i.e. reporting, presenting at OIRM's rounds and symposium etc.)
- Applicants can apply as an individual or as a member of a team
- An applicant can apply for both the New Ideas and the Disease Team grants in the same funding cycle, however the Principal Investigator can only hold one of these awards during each funding cycle.
- Principal Investigators can submit only one New Ideas application per competition
- Previous New Ideas awardees may not apply for a renewal or extension of a previously funded project; however, you are encouraged to apply with a new project during each funding cycle.
- Projects in the area of cancer stem cell therapy are not normally eligible, but projects using other stem cell-derived therapies to treat cancer may be eligible. Eligibility will be determined from submitted NOI.

Application & Review Process:

1. A **Notice of Intent** (NOI) must be submitted to OIRM by **Friday June 29, 2018 by 4:00PM EST** to [oirmgrants@oirm.ca](mailto:oirmgrants@oirm.ca). NOI will be evaluated for eligibility. **You will only be contacted if there is an issue with eligibility (by Friday August 3, 2018)**, otherwise, please proceed to the full application stage.
2. **Full grant applications** are due **Friday, November 2, 2018 by 4:00 pm EST** to [oirmgrants@oirm.ca](mailto:oirmgrants@oirm.ca).
3. Evaluation of grants by a review panel will take place **November 2018 to January 2019**.
4. Funding announcement is anticipated by the end of **March 2019**.  
Execution of institutional agreements (for funded applications) **March/April 2019**
5. Start of funds **April 1, 2019**

For any questions on these guidelines and submission process, please contact [jodi.garner@oirm.ca](mailto:jodi.garner@oirm.ca) (Jodi Garner, Senior Manager; Science and Industry Relations).