**OIRM and Boehringer-Ingelheim Pitch Day Application 2019**

**Event Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 1pm-5pm**

**Location: MaRS Discovery District, Toronto**

OIRM is happy to partner with Boehringer-Ingelheim to host a Pitch Day where investigators will have the opportunity to present their research to members of their Research Beyond Borders team which focuses on exploring emerging science and technologies through collaborations and partnership, and start building a relationship around promising technologies.

Family-owned since it was established in 1885, Boehringer-Ingelheim is one of the pharmaceutical industries top 20 companies, with a focus on improving the health and quality of life for patients and doing so on diseases for which no satisfactory treatment options exist to date. The company achieves this through organic growth from their own resources with simultaneous openness to partnerships and strategic alliances in research. More information on how Boehringer-Ingelheim is partnering on innovation can be found on their [website](https://www.boehringer-ingelheim.com/partnering).

For this 2019 Pitch Day, Boehringer-Ingelheim is interested in new pathways, targets and ultimately molecular entities (small molecule or biologics) that modulate/stimulate human endogenous cells for tissues regeneration and restoration of organs physiological functions. This includes but is not limited to indications for:

* Diabetes
* Age-related hearing loss
* Sarcopenia
* Retinitis Pigmentosa and age-related macular degeneration
* Osteoarthritis

A few examples of technologies of interested to Boehringer-Ingelheim include, but are not limited to, exploring beta cell regeneration for type 2 diabetes complete remission this can be through 1) the replication/proliferation of fully mature β-cells; 2) the reversion of immature β-cells into fully functional insulin producing β-cells and 3) the transdifferentiation/reprogramming of α or δ cells into β-cells. Other examples include looking into Age Related Hearing Loss through Cochlea hair cells regeneration including stimulate of the proliferation and differentiation of Lgr5+ cells in the cochlear into fully functional hair cells.

Application Guidelines:

Applications must be submitted by the principle investigator, however, other team members (investigators only) are permitted to present alongside network investigators where applicable.

**Apply by Friday February 20, 2019** to [jodi.garner@oirm.ca](mailto:jodi.garner@oirm.ca) to be considered for an opportunity to participate in this day.

Selected applicants will be notified with next steps and to book an individual meeting time. We ask applicants to hold this date and time, as confirmation of meeting times will only be sent one-week prior to this date.

All presentations will take place in person in Toronto, selected applicants will be responsible for covering their own transportations costs (if this is an issue, please contact Jodi). Presentations should be 10-15 mins in length and use a non-confidential Power Point deck, additional presentations details will be provided to selected applicants.

Pitch sessions will be closed and neither social media nor photography will be allowed during this time.

Additionally, Boehringer-Ingelheim is under no contractual obligation or otherwise to select any application that may be submitted during any event during or in connection with 2019 Pitch Day.

**OIRM-Versant Ventures Pitch Application:**

Investigators name:

Institution:

Project title:

Collaborators and co-presenters (if applicable):

Please answer the following questions:

1. At present, where do you see this technology?

Discovery Translational Pre-clinical Clinical

1. Do you think you have an identified product?

Yes No Not sure

1. Does the project have a potential disease application? If so, please indicate.

Yes No

Disease application:

1. Provide a 1-page summary of your technology.