



Brain Regenerative Discovery Fund Grant Guidelines 2019

Background:

The Sharon Francis Institute for Regenerative Medicine (SFIRM) is pleased to announce a call for grant proposals for our inaugural **Brain Regenerative Discovery Fund**.

SFIRM is a charity dedicated to funding key scientific research initiatives in the field of medicine and regenerative medicine. The goal is to contribute to revolutionary advances in health care and to vitally alter the path for people facing serious health conditions. SFIRM is funded by the generosity of private donors.

SFIRM has established its first research grant focused on novel studies that aim to alter the course of devastating diseases of the brain.

Description:

The **SFIRM Brain Regenerative Discovery Fund** supports innovative projects in stem cell and regenerative medicine with a focus on the brain. Projects that accelerate knowledge related to brain degenerative conditions, specifically those which aim to address an unmet need, are preferred. It supports projects with a specific purpose and a defined endpoint. Researchers at all stages of their career are welcome to apply.

Funding:

The Brain Regenerative Discovery Fund is up to **\$100,000 CDN** per year, for a **2-year funding period**, i.e. total value up to **\$200,000 CDN** per project. Projects will need to be completed (and funds spent) within the 2-year period indicated above. There will be an optional 3rd year extension of up to **\$100,000 CDN**, based on the project's success and progress.

Eligibility & Requirements

- a) Principal Investigator and all Co-Investigators requesting funds must:
 - i. have full-time primary faculty appointments at a Canadian University or affiliated Research Institute, for the duration of the funding period, and,
 - ii. have a PhD and/or MD in a scientific field appropriate to regenerative medicine or brain science.



- b) Principal Investigators can submit only one Brain Regenerative Discovery Fund application per competition.
- c) Applicants must execute an agreement (i.e. Sponsored Research and Collaboration Agreement) and take on all the associated rights and obligations before funds are released.
- d) Awardees must report their results to SFIRM during and at the end of the funding period (i.e. interim and final impact reports) and are strongly encouraged to share results with the community.
- e) Project must align with the grant focus on brain regenerative medicine. Eligibility will be determined from the submitted NOI.

Application Process:

Applicants must submit a **Notice of Intent (NOI)** which will be reviewed by a panel of scientific reviewers with expertise in the field. Applicants with high potential projects will be invited to submit a **Full Application**. Instructions for Full Application will be sent to those invited. Full Applications will be reviewed by the scientific review panel and the project with the most potential and impact will be selected to receive funding.

Timeline & Due Dates:

- NOIs are due **Friday, April 5, 2019 by 4:00 pm EST** to jill.furnival@sfirm.ca
- Applicants selected to carry on to Full Application will be notified.
- Full grant applications are due **Friday, May 31, 2019 by 4:00 pm EST** to jill.furnival@sfirm.ca
- Funding announcement is anticipated by **August 2019**
- Execution of institutional agreements (for funded applications) **August 2019**
- Start of funds **September 2019**

For any questions on these guidelines or submission process please email jill.furnival@sfirm.ca or call the SFIRM team at 416-350-5900 x2890.