

## Owerko Centre Early Career Investigator Grant For Postdoctoral Fellows and Research Associates

The purpose of this award is to enable promising early-career investigators to conduct research in areas aligned with the Owerko Centre mandate of advancing neurodevelopment and child mental health. This grant can be used to conduct studies to collect preliminary/pilot data or to extend current work where funding for exploratory or novel studies is limited. This grant is intended to provide a mechanism for fellows and research associates to launch the next independent phase of their career.

**Value:** Up to \$25,000, 4 awards total. Funds may be used for equipment, consumables, outreach activities, fieldwork, survey costs, travel, conferences, service fees (e.g., statistical support, specialized measurements) and research assistant salaries. Stipend costs or salary supplements for the fellow are not eligible expenses. Funds are only eligible for work performed while at the University of Calgary and are not transferable to another institution.

**Term:** Up to 24 months

**Anticipated start date:** November 15, 2022

**Application deadline:** October 11, 2022 at 11:59 pm

**Eligibility:** Applicants must have completed a doctoral (PhD) or equivalent degree (MD) and be a current research associate, postdoctoral fellow, or clinical fellow at the University of Calgary. The applicant must be employed within the research group of grant tenure or have an identified mentor in place for clinical fellows. At the time of application, the fellow will have at least 9 months in the current position remaining and have 50% protected research time. Candidates should be **maximum 6 years post-degree** with proven scientific excellence and high potential for innovation, transformation, and knowledge dissemination. Exceptions to this timeframe may be considered. Applicants must have an on-site mentor or senior collaborator who is supportive of the project and willing to provide access to laboratory space and equipment.

**Adjudication:** Proposals will be judged based on the following criteria:

- Scientific merit, 50%
- Applicant, 25%
- Independence, Career Objectives/Advancement, 15%
- Feasibility, 10%

**Instructions:** To apply, please submit the following to [Owerko.Centre@ucalgary.ca](mailto:Owerko.Centre@ucalgary.ca) by 11:59 pm October 11, 2022:

- Abstract (0.5 page)
- Proposal description (maximum 4 pages including figures) Please include how the grant funds would enable you to conduct research in areas aligned with the Owerko Centre mandate of advancing neurodevelopment and child mental health.
- Timeline (0.5 page GANTT chart outlining timeline and anticipated milestones)
- Research Training/Career Plans (0.5 page)
- Budget including justification for use of funds (1 page)
- Mentor Letter of Support (1.0 page, stating stipend support, protected time, use of resources, independence).
- Applicant CV (Common CV, CIHR bio-sketch format)
- References (1 page)

**Please use Times Roman 12 pt font with .75 inch margins for all documents.**

Please note: multiple applications from a research group will be accepted, but only one application will be awarded per research group/laboratory.

**The Owerko Centre at the Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute**

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