

ACHRI Catalyst Award 2026 Competition

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the difference between the seedling project and the branch project, aside from the funding amount?

Answer: Two funding streams were created to allow for projects with different resource needs across diverse research fields, stages and methodologies.

- *Seedling* Projects are generally meant to support early-stage work, often used to generate preliminary data, test feasibility, establish collaborations, or develop innovative ideas that may later support larger grant applications.
- *Branch* Projects are usually expected to advance, expand, or scale existing work toward more measurable outcomes, implementation, or sustained research programs.

2. Is there a limit on the number of grant applications a PI can be on?

Answer: As a nominated Principal Applicant (NPA), you can submit only 1 LOI; however, you can be a Co-Applicant on more than 1 LOI.

3. How many seedlings and how many branch awards will be awarded?

Answer: The number of Seedling versus Branch awards will be determined by the application pool and the overall quality of submitted proposals in each award stream. While we anticipate funding projects in each category, if the strongest applications are all in the Seedling category, we would fund 8 Seedling projects and if the strongest applications are all in the Branch category, we would fund 4 Branch projects.

4. Are co-applicants required to be an ACHRI member?

Answer: No, co-applicants are not required to be an ACHRI member.

5. Are EDIA principles expected to be addressed in the LOI sections?

Answer: Incorporation of EDIA principles will not be directly evaluated at the LOI phase; therefore, while you may certainly describe any of these principles at the LOI stage, it is not required.

6. What are the format requirements for the CV attachment?

Answer: Any short format (e.g. 2–5 pages) CV is acceptable, including the narrative-style tri-agency CV.

7. In Good Grants, how do I fill in the “Application name” field?

Answer: This is a system-generated field that does not need to be filled in.

8. I have a Good Grants account as a reviewer, but I receive an error when I try to submit my Catalyst LOI application. What should I do?

Answer: Please email achri.awards@ucalgary. If your Good Grants access is set to reviewer-only, the applicant role must be added to your profile by our team.