

Call for Submissions



BRC Research Dissemination, Commercialization (RDC) Grant Program – 2024

Overview

The objective of the Brain Repair Centre - Research, Dissemination, and Commercialization (BRC-RDC) program is to support events/meetings that contribute to the dissemination, exchange, and commercialization of research aimed to improve brain and neurological health outcomes for Nova Scotians and Canadians.

Objectives of Funding Program

The specific objectives of this funding opportunity will be to:

- Enhance the international reputation of the neuroscience community at Dalhousie/NS Health/IWK by supporting local events/meetings that will attract international, national, and local participants
- Provide an opportunity to highlight intellectual property (IP) for potential investment opportunities
- Provide a venue for trainees to engage leaders in both business and science
- Highlight the research infrastructure at Dalhousie/NS Health/IWK to foster collaborations
- Develop an entrepreneurial culture within the neuroscience research community

Relevant Activities

Events/activities may focus on, but are not limited to, the following:

- Dissemination and/or discussion of research findings at scientific meetings, workshops, conferences, congresses, or symposia
- Education of groups such as identified business partners, health professionals, community organizations, policymakers, the general public
- Creation of business opportunities for advancing IP

Eligibility

For your application to be eligible:

- The Nominated Principal Applicant must be an independent researcher. Applications from graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, resident-physicians, and other learners/trainees will not be accepted or considered
- The Nominated Principal Applicant must be appointed at one or more of the following institutions: Dalhousie University (all faculties and schools are eligible); IWK Health Centre; Nova Scotia Health
- The focus of the event/meeting must be directly related to neuroscience
- Applicants must have an established track record of provincial, national and/or international peer-reviewed funding from recognized agencies for research in areas related to the proposed event/meeting

Allowable Costs

The full application must provide a detailed justification of all costs. The following expenditures will be considered eligible for funding received through this funding opportunity:

- Costs associated with planning, promotion, publication, translation, and/or dissemination
- Fees or honoraria for the preparation of background documents (e.g., environmental scan, market reports and analysis)
- Travel and accommodation for participants
- Meeting rooms and associated meeting costs (e.g., audio-visual equipment, videoconferences)
- Hospitality costs (non-alcoholic refreshments or meals)
- Release time funding may be used to replace part of the salary of a knowledge user to allow them to participate in the project
- Trainee support and travel awards

The following costs are not eligible for support through this funding opportunity:

- Purchase or maintenance of equipment
- Operating costs of research projects

Guidelines for Application Preparation

Application format

- One inch (2.54 cm) margins, all four edges, (8.5 x 11 inch paper)
- 12 pt font (one of Times New Roman, Arial or Calibri)
- All pages numbered, lower right corner
- Attachments supporting the application should be listed in module 1.
- Any and all additional or extraneous materials will be removed and discarded.

Application Components (adapted from CIHR Dissemination competition):

A full application will be comprised of a cover page and three modules.

Cover Page

Task: Identify Participants (1 page)

The cover page will contain the title, and the names and full addresses (including telephone number and e-mail) of the principal investigator (PI) and all co-applicants. It must be signed by the PI and all co-applicants, and by the Department Head for the department in which the PI holds his/her primary appointment. Co-applicants may be from universities, hospitals, government laboratories or industrial laboratories from any other province or country.

However, the funding requested must remain within the Dalhousie/NS Health/IWK institutional complex.

Module 1:

Project Abstract and Supporting Documents

- An abstract suitable for preparation of a press release describing the proposed activity of the meeting/event and why it is relevant to the specific objectives outlined above (0.5 pages).
- List of attachments and supporting documents
 - Letters (maximum length 2 pages) from industrial, commercial partner or government agency expressing an interest in sponsoring the event/meeting
 - Event program and/or agenda
 - List of expected participants, their affiliation and relevance/role to the event

Detailed Description of the Event/Meeting (Total: 2 pages maximum)

Description of the event/meeting should include any of the following:

- State how the event/meeting aligns with the objectives of the BRC-RDC;
- Describe the likely impact of the anticipated outcomes (e.g. strengthening research collaborations and business opportunities, improving health outcomes for Nova Scotians and Canadians)
- Describe the impact the event/meeting will have on the neuroscience community at Dalhousie/NS Health/IWK
- Inclusion of relevant stakeholders (research community, businesses, knowledge users, citizens, etc.) and sectors (private, public, charities)
- Potential to catalyze new initiatives, develop new inter- and multi-disciplinary collaborations among researchers and/or users of research
- Appropriateness and adequacy of the proposed knowledge exchange and/or dissemination plans for activity outcomes
- Ability of the project team to carry out the proposed project
- Statement of revenue from “in kind contributions from other sources”

Module 2: Budget Request and Justification

The budget module consists of a table listing allowable costs and breakdown of expenses. A brief summary of the budget justification should also be included.

Module 3: Curriculum Vitae

A Canadian Common CV (<https://ccv-cvc.ca>; FUNDING, using CIHR as funding source) must be supplied for the principal applicant; no other CV format will be accepted.

Applicants who have not prepared a Common CV in the past are advised that this document requires a substantial amount of work to prepare.

Funds Available:

Grant requests in the range of \$5,000-\$10,000 CDN will be considered.

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Evaluation Criteria:

The BRC has established an independent review panel to evaluate grant submissions. It includes an established evaluation framework and discussion amongst the reviewers to finalize decisions.

Each application will be evaluated on its own merit in relation to the objectives of the BRC-RDC Program. Items which will be considered by the selection committee will include the following:

- Clarity and alignment of the proposed objectives with that of the BRC-RDC program
- Likely impact of the anticipated outcomes

Knowledge exchange and/or dissemination:

- Inclusion of relevant stakeholders (research community, knowledge-users, citizens, etc.) and sectors (private, public, charities)
- Potential to catalyze new initiatives, develop new collaborations among researchers and/or users of research (businesses and community)
- Appropriateness and adequacy of the proposed knowledge exchange and/or dissemination plans for activity outcomes

Feasibility:

- Perceived ability of the project team to carry out the proposed project (appropriateness of project approach and team credentials)
- Appropriate budget and justification for amount requested

Submission Process:

Applicants are requested to submit two (2) paper copies of the full application (with the common CV* of the PI only) to the BRC office on or before Wednesday, January 31st, 2024. Also, by the deadline, the applicant is asked to submit the full application (PDF file) by email to Eleanor Seaman-Bolton (esb@dal.ca).

* *CV format should be Common CV – Funding format – CIHR option.