EDMONTON CIVIC EMPLOYEES RESEARCH AWARDS

Department of Surgery, University of Alberta

The Department of Surgery has established research awards through generous funding of the Edmonton Civic Employees. The awards, in the amount of up to $15,000.00 annually, will be awarded to support the operating funds of surgeons working on original research in the Department.

Eligibility

Applicants must be staff members of the Department of Surgery and demonstrate a significant commitment to research. Research activities may be in the area of basic science, clinical studies, outcomes research or surgical education. Research Associates, Surgical Residents and Graduate Students within the Department of Surgery are encouraged to apply as Co-Investigators with a surgeon or scientist in the department as Principal Investigator.

Priority will be given to applicants who are new investigators (<10 years on faculty) and have less than $75,000 in current research funding; all sources of funding must be disclosed, including local and non-peer reviewed support. Applicants meeting the above criteria will still need to receive a minimum score of 3.5 to be eligible for funding. Applications scoring 3.5 or higher from applicants who do not meet the above criteria (e.g. senior investigators) will be considered if funds remain.

Criteria

Grants must fall into at least one of the following criteria, with priority given to new investigators:

- The application is for seed money in support of a new Investigator;
- The subject of research is a new avenue or pilot project in an established lab;
- The results of the study will be used in a major grant application;
- The field is an emerging area adding to the department’s research diversity.

Restrictions

- Only one application may be submitted per laboratory;
- Funding must be used for operating costs, not for salary, tuition or travel. The purchase of computers is not permitted. The purchase of equipment up to $2,500 is permitted if significant justification is provided as to why the equipment is not available or accessible at the university;
- Funds not utilized within 6 months after the end date will be returned to the departmental ECE general account. Under special circumstances, an extension can be obtained with appropriate justification;
- Researchers who have not submitted an annual report for a prior ECE grant are not eligible to apply;
- Required ethics approvals pertaining to the project awarded must be completed by December 31 of the award year or the award will be rescinded.

Application Process

Applications consist of the following:

- A cover letter clearly justifying application, identifying if alternate funding is possible or if the research is following a new direction for an established investigator;
- Using the application form: A 200 word abstract and a 1000 word research proposal. The proposal proper should include an introduction, rationale, experimental protocol and statement of significance;
- A detailed operating budget;
- Curriculum vitae for each applicant;

Applications must be submitted in a SINGLE Portable Document Format (filename.pdf) document via email the surgrsch@ualberta.ca. Applications consisting of multiple files will NOT be accepted.

Selection Process

The Research Committee, of the Department of Surgery, will review all eligible applications. An announcement of the final decision will be made at the Surgical Awards Dinner on May 11, 2018.

The award is available on July 1 of the award year and once established; will be available for a 15 month period. The successful applicant will be expected to submit a progress report in March of the following year and may be asked to provide a brief oral presentation outlining results of their research at a meeting attended by the trustees of the Edmonton Civic Employees’ Charitable Assistance Fund and members of the Division of Surgical Research.

Please address any questions and completed applications electronically to:

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Deadline for submission of complete grant applications (including signatures) is March 31, 2018.

Late applications will not be accepted.