

## **2024 CCS-BMS HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY (HCM) RESEARCH AWARD**

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The CCS Research Fellowships and Awards program was established to foster growth of peer-reviewed Canadian cardiovascular research and researchers. With support from like-minded organizations committed to empowering clinician scientists nationally, the CCS Research Fellowships and Awards program supports topics of research that span the various areas of cardiovascular medicine. The CCS, and all program partners, encourage all eligible CCS members to apply, including women, First Nations, Inuit, and Metis people, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities.

The Canadian Cardiovascular Society and Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS) are proud to support the CCS-BMS Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) Research Award. The purpose of this award is to foster growth of peer-reviewed Canadian research in the area of HCM, with a focus on HCM diagnosis, progression monitoring, epidemiology and / or prevalence.

This Award is intended for Canadian early career researchers (within 5 years of their first faculty appointment at a Canadian academic institution) for a research project on any topic related to HCM.

All applications must be submitted electronically using the [CCS online submission system](#).

Submissions will be accepted until **May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 11:59 PM EDT**.

You will receive email confirmation of your submission within 72 hours.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Be a CCS Member. For more information about CCS Membership, visit the CCS website: <http://www.ccs.ca/en/membership>
- Applicants must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada.
- The principal investigator must be an early career independent researcher (within 5 years of their first faculty appointment at a Canadian academic institution). Co-applicants of different career stages can be included. Inclusion of at least one mid-career or senior investigator serving as mentor is strongly encouraged.
- Applicants can be principal investigators on only one application.
- Award funds are solely intended for research performed in Canada.
- The award and funds are intended for original research that is either clinical or translational with expected impact of HCM patient care. Proposal should not request supplement funding for an ongoing project.

- If the submission refers to a multicenter clinical trial, the applicant must specify their specific role in the research study.
- If the application is for a sub-study of an ongoing project or trial, the applicant must specify their role and explain how the sub-study is distinct from the main study.
- Funded research must be completed within 12 months from the start of funding.
- A research status report will be requested and should be submitted on October 1st of the ensuing year(s) that the project is running.

## **ELIGIBLE AREAS OF RESEARCH**

Eligible research includes all areas of HCM, with preferential focus on HCM diagnosis, progression monitoring, epidemiology and / or prevalence. Should the study be clinical in nature, please outline how you will emphasize equity, diversity, and inclusion in patient populations.

## **SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

Once you log on to the submission site, you will need to:

- Fill in applicant information.
- Fill in institution information.
- Complete a proof of eligibility checklist.
- Provide a lay summary - in 280 characters or less, clearly explain the proposed research program to a general audience (at a level no greater than grade 8).
- Upload your budget form (template provided) and budget justification, including details on personnel, supplies, equipment and overhead. Maximal allowable funding is \$70,000.
- Upload your full research proposal including appendices (optional) and CV(s) of principal investigator and co-investigator(s) (if applicable)
- Provide the name and contact information of the payee, both the Institution and individual who will receive the funds.
- Upload a high-resolution headshot photo (for use in promoting and recognizing the award and awardee).

## **THE FULL RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

### **Content**

The file must include the research proposal, appendices related to the research proposal (if required) and the CV(s) of the principal investigator and co-investigator(s) (if applicable).

All components (research proposal, appendices and CVs) must be submitted as a single PDF or Word file of no more than 5MB.

## **General Formatting Guidelines**

- Application should not include superfluous content (cover page, table of content, etc.).
- Arial 12pt font, single-spaced
- Margins a minimum of 2 cm
- A header indicating applicant's name and project title
- Page numbers clearly visible at the bottom of each page
- All pages including attachments must be letter size (21.25 cm x 27.5 cm / 8.5" x 11") white paper/background

## **Research Proposal**

A maximum of 10 pages (single spaced), including any figures and tables but not including references.

Please include:

- **Outline of the project.** Is the project part of a larger study or grant? If so, please explain.
- **Proposed Research** (include sample size calculation if relevant)
- **Impact on disease or patient management**
- **Feasibility** (include description of the research environment and research team)

## **Appendices related to the research proposal**

Follow general formatting guidelines for all appendices.

## **CVs of the principal investigator(s) and co-investigator(s)**

- Principle investigator's CV should be no more than four (4) pages
- Co-investigator's CV must be no longer than two (2) pages and should include only peer-reviewed publications from the last five (5) years. Do not include abstracts, presentations, conferences, lectures or non-peer-reviewed publications.

All submissions will be kept confidential according to the requirements of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society and the Personal Information Protection and Electronics Document Act (PIPEDA) (CCS privacy policy is at [www.ccs.ca](http://www.ccs.ca).)

## **PEER REVIEW PROCESS AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

All applications will be pre-screened for eligibility. Applications that are late, incomplete and/or do not meet the basic eligibility criteria will not be considered for review. Peer review of all eligible applications will be conducted by a scientific review committee comprised of CCS members. Reviewers are selected for their subject matter expertise. All eligible proposals will be reviewed by at least two members of the peer review committee.

If you have questions about submission process or require assistance with the submission system, contact [researchawards@ccs.ca](mailto:researchawards@ccs.ca).



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