

Pancreas Centre BC: IDEAS Grant Program (2023)

Request for Proposals

IDEAS grants are intended to support investigators in British Columbia, Canada interested in extending their research and expertise to pancreatic cancer and join a growing list of collaborating scientists and clinicians at Pancreas Centre BC, a multidisciplinary research centre dedicated to improving the outcomes of pancreatic cancer. Proposed projects should be high-impact and innovative and may be in basic science, translational research, and/or clinical research.

Pancreas Centre BC is able to leverage multiple resources including a biobank of both pancreatic patient derived biospecimens and organoid lines (see application requirements for more details).

Submission Deadline: June 30th, 2023

A maximum funding envelope of \$300,000 is available and a total of 3-5 grants are anticipated to be funded. Eligible applicants may submit an application meeting the requirements outlined below. Complete applications will be reviewed and assigned a score by the Research Advisory Committee. Funding decisions will be made by the Steering Committee.

Eligibility

IDEAS grants are open to researchers interested in engaging in basic, translational, and/or clinical pancreatic cancer research. Researchers include any individual with a M.D. and/or Ph.D. degree. The principal investigator must be an independent researcher with an academic or research appointment at a university in British Columbia, Canada. Co-applicant(s) may be trainees such as post-doctoral fellow, research associate, clinical fellow, or medical residents. Previous holders of an IDEAS grant are not eligible to apply. Applications will be assigned a score and ranked by the Research Advisory based on the following categories: innovation, collaboration, research team, and potential impact for patients with pancreatic cancer. A minimum score for successful funding will be set.

Funding Details

Proposal budgets may include a maximum total of \$100,000 in funding over a maximum period of two years. Budgets may include consumables in addition to salaries for trainees, students, technicians, and assistants. The following expenses are ineligible for funding: salaries for the principal investigator, travel, meetings/events, direct patient care expenses, equipment over \$5,000, and computer equipment/accessories (research software is eligible for funding).



IDEAS 2023 Application Requirements

Applications which do not adhere to the following requirements may be withdrawn.

- Applications must be formatted using: Times New Roman size 11 font, single spaced, minimum of 2 cm margins.
- Applications must include the FIRST and LAST of the principal investigator header of every page (top-right).
- Applications must include the LAST of the principal investigator in the title of the submitted document.
- Applications must be submitted electronically as a single document in PDF format.
- Complete applications must be submitted to Maya Kevorkova via email (mdegrood@bccrc.ca) by the application deadline. Extensions will not be granted and late applications will not be considered.
- Proposals must include the following sections:
 1. Title Page (see attached template)
 2. Abstract (maximum of 250 words)
 3. Research proposal (maximum of 4 pages including figures and tables)
 - i. Rationale
 - ii. Hypothesis
 - iii. Specific objectives/aims
 - iv. Experimental design
 - v. Expected outcomes and potential pitfalls
 - vi. Impact and significance
 4. References
 5. Description of team and research environment (maximum of half a page)
 6. Budget and timeline: total amount requested, justification for each budget item, and proposed duration of the project (maximum of 1 page)
 7. CV of the Principal investigator (validated CIHR academic CV from Common CV)
- Proposals intending to utilize Pancreas Centre BC resources such as tissue microarrays, biobanked biospecimens, and/or organoid lines are encouraged to contact Maya Kevorkova and/or Dr. David Schaeffer (David.Schaeffer@vch.ca) well in advance of the submission deadline in order to ensure the feasibility and proper coordination of the resources.

Contact

For more information and/or application submission, please contact Maya Kevorkova with “IDEAS grant” in the subject line.

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Academic Institution:		
Department(s):		
ADDRESS:		PHONE NUMBER:
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CO-INVESTIGATORS: (Name; Position; Affiliation)		
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PROJECT TITLE:		
BUDGET REQUESTED:		
Year 1:	Year 2:	Total:
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Principal Investigator		
Co-Investigator		
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