Frequently Asked Questions: Research Funding Applications

Q: What is the deadline time to apply?

A: Deadline is 11:59pm EST on the stated deadline date.

Q: Are the certificates required at the time of application required for just the Principal Applicant, or all applicants?

A: The required certificates are only required for the Principal Applicant.

Q: Are CVs required for just the Principal Applicant, or all applicants?

A: An updated abbreviated CV is required for the Principal Applicant and Co-Applicants (CIHR Biosketch CV, or equivalent, is acceptable). Those CVs are excluded from the application page count. More information can be found on pg. 4-5 (Research Team section) and 6 (CV Section) of our Application Instructions.

Q: Can individuals who hold an Adjunct Research Professor position be considered eligible as Principal Applicants, or must they be tenure tracked (Assistant/Associate/Full Professor)?

A: Principal Applicants must be able to independently hold research funds (e.g., like a CIHR grant) at their institutions. Such allowances are institution dependent. Please confirm this status with your institution.

Q: Is it permitted for Principal Applicants to apply to multiple awards simultaneously?

A: Principal Applicants can only apply to one funding opportunity per competition. Principal Applicants are not permitted to apply to multiple funding opportunities within the same competition. Note: it is the responsibility of the Principal Applicant to identify which funding opportunity they are applying to.

Q: Are Principal Investigator salaries permitted in the budget?

A: Similar to Tri-Agency funding, Investigator salary is not an eligible expense for CPCoE funding. CPCoE funding may be used for operating costs, including remuneration for research professionals, trainees, or consultants.

Q: Can additional appendices be included? Is there a limit to the number of files that can be included as an appendix?

A: To maintain equality across applications, any additional, non-required appendices that are included in the submission will not be considered during the formal adjudication process.

Q: Is there a maximum allowable dollar amount that can be applied for?

A: Please apply with the budget that best fits your project. The alignment of the budget with the proposed research processes will be a part of the adjudication process. Final funding amounts for successful proposals will be based on review feedback and available funds at the time of contracting.

Q: Are non-Canadian Principal Applicants eligible to apply? Are there specific requirements for non-Canadian Principal Applicants?

A: Yes, non-Canadian Principal Applicants and Co-Applicants are eligible to apply. All applications must be relevant to the health and well-being of Canadian Veterans living with chronic pain. The level of relevance to Canadian Veterans suffering from chronic pain will be considered a determining criterion in the assessment of the proposal. Ultimately, the final decision on the relevance to the Canadian context

will be left to the judgement of CPCoE's Scientific Advisory Board, whose members independently adjudicate CPCoE's applications.

There are variety of ways in which a research proposal lead by a non-Canadian Principal Applicant could be of direct relevance to Canadian Veterans living with chronic pain. These include:

- The study carried out in another country clearly identifies an issue that is recognized as a priority for Canadian Veterans suffering from chronic pain and would have an identical impact in Canada;
- There is a clear demonstration that the anticipated results of the study will apply to a population of Canadian Veterans;
- The proposal draws on published data related to studies of Canadian Veterans, or is a continuation of the results of a previous study of Canadian Veterans.

While CPCoE cannot provide specific examples from non-Canadian applicants, we recommend that you consider examining the "Foreign Justification" sections of successful submissions to funding bodies, such as the National Institutes of Health. Such justifications are often required to be eligible for public research funds and should provide good examples of how to capture the relevance of work being proposed by an Investigator foreign to the funding agency.

Note: For all applications, it is expected that at least one Investigator and one Veteran Partner be Canadian to help ensure Canadian relevance and support building Canadian research capacity for all CPCoE funded projects.