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## **ALS Canada - Brain Canada Discovery Grants 2020**

### **Sponsor**

Brain Canada Foundation and ALS Society of Canada

### **For More Information**

For additional information, please visit the [ALS Canada-Brain Canada Discovery Grants Program 2020 website](#) [1] for:

- Program guidelines
- Application forms
- Evaluation criteria

### **Description**

The purpose of the 2020 Discovery Grants Program is to invest in the best possible projects that are:

1. novel or innovative research approaches, supported by sound rationale and a feasible experimental plan, but not necessarily preliminary data,
2. focused on identifying causes of, or treatments for ALS and/or related neurological diseases, including primary lateral sclerosis, progressive muscular atrophy, and ALS/FTLD (frontotemporal lobar dementia), or
3. research focused on avenues to maximize function, minimize disability and optimize quality of life through symptom management, and support to families and persons or families living with ALS. Examples include, but are not limited to, management of secretions and cramps, psychological interventions to address mental health issues, nutritional interventions, respiratory care, engineering applications to reduce physical limitations, and programs to address the needs of caregivers.

This program is designed to support teams of multiple investigators and especially encourages multidisciplinary teams with individuals from outside the field who can combine their expertise in novel or innovative ways.

### **Eligibility**

A minimum of two investigators are required, from different institutions (or distinct departments

within the same institution). A lead investigator must be named who will assume the administrative and financial responsibilities for the team grant. The lead investigator's institution will be deemed the host institution for the grant and will receive the funding disbursements from Brain Canada.

**For options i and ii above**, each co-investigator must be an independent researcher who has a PhD or equivalent, or a health professional degree (MD). Clinical researchers should have completed residency training which includes research experience, or the individual should have previous research experience. The PI must hold an academic position at a qualifying Canadian institution, defined according to CIHR guidelines (<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/36374.html>). [2]

**For option iii above**, the principal investigator must be a clinician with an MD or a non-physician professional with experience treating or working with people living with ALS. The PI must hold an academic position at a qualifying Canadian institution, defined according to CIHR guidelines (<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/36374.html>). [2] In the event that the PI does not hold an academic position, justification must be provided for assessment by an ad hoc sub-committee of the ALS Canada Scientific and Medical Advisory Council.

Evidence clearly shows that increasing equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in research environments enhances excellence, innovation, and creativity. ALS Canada and Brain Canada are committed to excellence through equity, and we encourage applicants of diverse backgrounds to apply to our funding opportunities.

### Funding Availability

funding for up to eight awards

### Maximum Project Value

\$125,000/grant

### Indirect Costs

0%

### Project Duration

24 months

### Special Notes

Please note that research activities carried out in the context of COVID-19 need to adhere to the University of Guelph COVID-19 research principles, policies, guidelines and processes as they may be updated from time to time and communicated on the [Office of Research web-page](#)

[3].

## Deadlines

**If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.**

Type	Date	Notes
<b>Internal Deadline</b>	Friday, September 18, 2020 - 11:59pm	Applicant to submit a copy of application along with a completed OR5 form to: <a href="mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca">research.services@uoguelph.ca</a> [4]
<b>External Deadline</b>	Friday, September 25, 2020 - 1:00pm	Applicant must submit application as a single PDF via email to the ALS Canada Research Team ( <a href="mailto:research@als.ca">research@als.ca</a> [5])  Application information can be found on <a href="#">ALS Canada-Brain Canada Discovery Grants Program 2020 website</a> [1].

For Questions, please contact  
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Health and Life Sciences

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### Source

**URL:** <https://www.uoguelph.ca/research/alerts/content/als-canada-brain-canada-discovery-grants-2020>

### Links

[1] <http://braincanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/ALS-Canada-Brain-Canada-Discovery-Grants-Program-2020-ToR-EN.pdf>

[2] <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/36374.html>

[3] <https://www.uoguelph.ca/research/>

[4] <mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca>

[5] <mailto:research@als.ca>

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