Weston Brain Institute: Rapid Response 2025 program

Sponsor

Weston Family Foundation, through the Weston Brain Institute

For More Information

Please visit the [Weston Family Foundation website](#) [1] for:

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Description

The Weston Family Foundation aims to catalyze and scale science-based approaches to significantly improve the health and well-being of Canadians. The Foundation takes a leadership role in tackling large problems that are under-addressed by supporting research that is particularly relevant to the health of Canadians, and that empowers Canadians to improve their health and well-being.

The Foundation, through its Weston Brain Institute, is pleased to announce the launch of its flagship Rapid Response program designed to provide seed funding to catalyze novel, high-risk, high-reward translational research that accelerates the development of therapeutics or tools for neurodegenerative diseases of aging (NDAs).

Eligibility

Principal Applicants must be:

- At or above the level of Assistant Professor
- Working in Canada at least 50% of the time
- Affiliated with a Canada Revenue Agency-qualified donee institution located in Canada

Eligible projects should meet the following criteria:

- Be translational research that can accelerate therapeutic or tool development for NDAs, as defined by the Institute.
  - Therapeutics should address unmet needs in the prevention, treatment and/or symptomatic management of NDAs.
  - Tools should address challenges in translational research to accelerate the development and/or clinical implementation of therapeutics for NDAs (e.g., biomarkers, drug delivery systems).
- Have preliminary data to support the hypothesis and feasibility of the project.

Maximum Project Value

Up to $300,000 over 18-24 months

Indirect Costs

0%

Special Notes

An information session is being offered on February 11, 2025 at 1pm ET - Register for the session here [2]

Deadlines

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

Type	Date	Notes
External Deadline	Tuesday, March 18, 2025 - 12:00am	LOI must be submitted directly to Weston Brain Institute through the online grants management system [3].
Internal Deadline	Tuesday, July 29, 2025 - 4:30pm	Applicants will be notified of proposal invitations in June 2025. Applicants invited to submit a full proposal after the LOI review stage will be notified by Weston Brain Institute. Applicants invited to the Full Proposal stage must submit a copy of their full

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		proposal draft, including budget and signed OR-5, to the Office of Research Services (research.services@uoguelph.ca [4]) a minimum of one-week prior to the deadline to submit a full proposal to Weston Brain Institute.
External Deadline	Tuesday, August 5, 2025 - 12:00am	Full proposals must be submitted directly to Weston Brain Institute through the online grants management system [3]. [5]

For Questions, please contact
Please send your questions to info@westonbrain.org [6] and include "Rapid Response 2025" in the title.

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