Impact Grant FAQ’s

How does CCS’s Impact Grant program fit into the research funding landscape?
Impact Grants are designed to support large, well-developed programs of research that have the potential to make a significant impact on cancer. They aim to support the progression of the most promising research programs and ideas emerging from CCS Innovation grants, Innovation to Impact grants, traditional operating grants and other funding mechanisms. As such they are large, longer-term grants (up to $1.25M over 5 years) and represent a significant portion of the Canadian Cancer Society’s research investment.

What is the purpose of the Impact Statement section of the application?
The Impact Statement provides applicants with an opportunity to describe the potential impact of the proposed work and it will factor heavily in the peer review and triage of applications. This section is one single-spaced page.

Are basic biomedical research projects eligible for support through the CCS’s Impact Grant program?
Yes. CCS is very committed to biomedical research. Basic research has been, still is, and will continue to be the mainstay of the research that the Canadian Cancer Society funds. The Impact Grant program provides a mechanism to support Canada’s mature biomedical research community. We also encourage applications from prevention, health services, social and population health researchers.

Can an individual investigator apply for an Impact Grant?
Applications can be submitted by either an individual investigator or a group of investigators, however we encourage teams that include early career investigators, to provide mentorship and development opportunities for Canada’s future cancer researchers.

What does the continuum from “basic high impact discovery to translational work” mean?
Applications are welcome from investigators working anywhere in this continuum but does not require an application to encompass all areas.

If I am a quality of life or risk reduction/prevention researcher, can I apply to the Impact Grant program?
Yes. Applications from all areas and disciplines of cancer research including multidisciplinary applications that fit the program criteria will be considered.

The program description refers to accelerating and focusing the knowledge gained from scientific findings, in the short or long term. What does “short or long term” mean?
Applications anywhere in the spectrum from high impact basic discovery research to more translational or population-based studies are eligible for this competition provided that there is a clear articulation of how the research has the potential to make a significant impact on the burden of cancer. The potential impact may be immediate or years away, but it must be clearly outlined and justified within the application.

Can I apply to other agencies for the same project submitted to CCS’s Impact Grant program?
There is no restriction regarding overlap to other agencies, however, there must not be substantive overlap (more than 50%) with any pending application (including those at the abstract or Letter of Intent submission stage) to any other CCS program as of the due date. Duplicate applications will not be accepted. The onus is on
the applicant to indicate the extent (or absence) of overlap. Grantees can accept funds for a project from other sources, up to the CCS panel recommended amount.

**Are junior investigators eligible to apply for this program?**
These grants have been created to support large, well-developed programs in cancer research and the qualifications and experience of the investigators will be considered during the review process. However, new investigators are eligible to apply, on their own or as part of a team. Junior investigators are considered to be those who have less than 5 years of experience as an independent investigator. Note that junior investigators can apply for travel funds to observe a grant panel – see our [website](#) for more details.

**How significant will the triage be for this program?**
Only the strongest Letters of Intent (LOIs) will be invited to submit full applications. The LOI review will be based on scientific merit therefore a specific number or proportion of applications going forward has not been set.

**Can I apply for more than one Impact Grant at a time?**
Investigators can only submit one Impact Grant application as PI or co-PI per competition.

**Can I hold more than one Impact Grant at a time as a PI or co-PI?**
Investigators can only hold one Impact Grant at a time as PI or co-PI.

**Is there a limit to the number of Impact Grants that I can be listed on as a co-applicant?**
There is no limit for co-applicants.

**When are the Host Institution Executive Authority approvals required?**
Executive Authority approvals are needed at the full application submission stage. They are not required for the LOI.

**Do I have to create a user profile in the online system (EGrAMS) to create an application?**
The Applicant must have a user profile in EGrAMS to create an application. Please visit [EGrAMS](#) for instructions on creating a user profile.

**How are applications submitted?**
All applications must be submitted via our online system ([EGrAMS](#)) by 5:00 p.m. Eastern on the given deadline date for a competition.

**What if the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday?**
When a deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the next business day will be considered the deadline date.

**What if I have additional questions that are not addressed here?**
As always, if you have any feedback, questions or concerns, email us at [research@cancer.ca](mailto:research@cancer.ca).