Prevention Research Grants FAQ’s

How does CCSRI’s Prevention Research Grant program fit into the research funding landscape?
Prevention Research Grants have been created to support and accelerate research and the application of new knowledge with imminent application potential relevant to cancer prevention in human populations. This program will focus on research that reduces the risk of cancer. The Canadian Cancer Society recognizes that in order to change the risk profile, prevention research can be accomplished anywhere along the research continuum from identifying factors that affect the risk of cancer at an individual or population level to interventions that lead to action to reduce established risk factors.

What is the purpose of the Responsiveness Statement section of the application?
The Responsiveness Statement provides applicants with an opportunity to describe how their application aligns with the goals of this program. Reviewers will specifically review this section to assign the responsiveness score, therefore applicants should pay particular attention to this requirement.

Can an individual investigator apply for a Prevention Research Grant?
Yes, applications can be submitted by teams or individual investigators. Multidisciplinary collaboration is encouraged.

If I am a basic biomedical/translational researcher, can I apply to the Prevention Research Grants program?
Yes. Biological studies addressing questions that have imminent application relevant to cancer prevention in human populations are eligible.

Can I apply to other agencies for the same project submitted to CCSRI’s Prevention Research Grant program?
There is no restriction regarding overlap to other agencies, however, there must not be substantial overlap (more than 50%) with any pending application to any other CCSRI program as of the full application due date. Duplicate applications will not be accepted.

Are junior investigators eligible to apply for this program?
Yes. The qualifications and experience of the investigators will be considered as part of the review and the track record of new investigators will be taken into account. Junior investigators are considered those within the first 5 years of their independent career. Note that junior investigators can apply for travel funds to observe a grant panel – see the CCSRI 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 responsiveness to the funding opportunity and scientific merit therefore a specific number or % of applications going forward has not been set.

Can I apply for more than one Prevention Research Grant at a time?
Investigators can only submit one Prevention Research Grant application as PI or co-PI per competition.
Can I hold more than one Prevention Research Grant at a time as a PI or co-PI? There is no limit on the number of Prevention Research Grants an investigator can hold.

Is there a limit to the number of Prevention Research Grants that I can be listed 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.