Canadian Cancer Society

Atlantic Research Grants

Atlantic Cancer Research Grants (ACR) supported by J.D. Irving, Limited — Excellence in Cancer Research Fund: The ACR program is a special Atlantic Canada call for operating grant applications from all areas of cancer research (e.g. biomedical, clinical, health services, and (psycho)social, cultural, environmental and population health research).

Dalhousie University:

• Dr Robin Urquhart • Dr Melanie Keats • Dr Jean Marshall • Dr David Waisman • Dr Morgan Langille • Dr Jeanette Boudreau
• Dr Paula Marignani • Dr Andrew Makrigiannis • Dr Nathalie Saint-Jacques

University of PEI:

• Dr Patrick Murphy

Université de Moncton:

• Dr Rodney Ouellette

Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute: Cancer Research Training Program scholarships supported by the J.D. Irving, Limited — Excellence in Cancer Research Fund. 15 scholarships were provided to students from Dalhousie University, University of PEI, University of New Brunswick, and Memorial University.

Awards for Excellence: Since 1993, we have acknowledged some of the country's best researchers with our Canadian Cancer Society Awards for Excellence. We are proud to honour these talented individuals who have played a key role in the advancement of cancer research. These individuals have made rich and meaningful contributions, whether in advancing biomedical cancer research or conducting research that has made a major impact on cancer control in Canada.

• Dr Robin Urquhart, Dalhousie University

Research Training Grants: Support growth and innovation in the next generation of diverse cancer researchers across Canada at the master's, doctoral and postdoctoral levels; support projects conducting cancer-related research while fostering long-term connections with Canada's cancer research ecosystem through a combination of exposures to other disciplines, knowledge translation, engagement and mentorship opportunities. Listen to these funded grantees.

• Safyha Bryan, Dalhousie University (Master's) • Krista Greely, Memorial University (Master's)
• Dr Emily Drake, Dalhousie University (PhD)

Emerging Scholar Grants: Establish and advance promising early-career investigators from across Canada with a focused commitment to undertaking cancer research.

• Dr Arlinda Ruco, St Francis Xavier • Dr Patrick Murphy, University of PEI • Dr Shashi Gujar, Dalhousie University
• Dr Marya Ahmed, University of PEI • Dr Sheila Garland, Memorial University

New Brunswick Cancer Research Chair: In 2011, the CCS New Brunswick chapter made a long-term investment to help advance cancer research in this province by establishing two CCS Research Chairs. The purpose of the two Research Chairs is to leverage and advance cancer research capacity in this province, and better position our researchers to successfully compete in nationwide grant competitions. Our total investment into the Research Chairs is $3.1M over 14 years ($220K annually).

• Dr Tony Reiman, University of New Brunswick • Dr Sandra Turcott, Université de Moncton

Health Equity Grants: Support research projects that seek to advance cancer-related health equity. Projects must be collaborative, co-created by people both affected by cancer and by structural marginalization, and designed to address the systemic, structural, and institutional factors that sustain health disparities in Canada.

- Dr David Busolo, University of New Brunswick

Innovation Grants: Support the highest quality creative problem solving in cancer research.

- Dr Michael Ha, Dalhousie University • Dr Scott Grandy, Nova Scotia Health Authority

Innovation to Impact Grants: Support the next phase following a productive Innovation or CBCF research grant, with the goal of working towards or achieving a significant impact on cancer.

- Dr Kensuke (Ken) Hirasawa, Memorial University

Spark Grants: Novel Technology Applications in Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Competition - to "spark" and accelerate new activity in the development and/or application of truly novel approaches to cancer prevention and early detection.

- Dr James Bentley, Nova Scotia Health Authority

Action Grants: To motivate Canadians to take "action" to avoid known modifiable risk factors for cancer and to encourage the research and end-user communities to take "action" towards harnessing new ideas, platforms and technologies from within and outside the cancer field to test out bold, novel interventions with the potential to prevent cancer.

- Dr Patrick McGrath, IWK • Dr Peizhong Wang, Memorial University • Dr Rachel Prowse, Memorial University

Accelerator Grants: Research that will drive accelerated progress beyond academia, identifying and filling the critical gaps that exist, and applying current knowledge about what we know works.

- Dr Robin Urquhart, Dalhousie University

Challenge Grants: Support projects across the cancer continuum and disciplines, with the ultimate goal to solve or pave the way towards a solution(s) to a problem (i.e., a challenge) in cancer that is meaningful to people affected by or at risk of cancer

- Dr Michiru Hirasawa, Memorial University • Dr Gilles Robichaud, Université de Moncton

Data Transformation Grants: Support short- and mid-term projects that demonstrate potential solutions, addressing 1 or more of the pan-Canadian cancer data strategy priorities, that can be scaled and sustained to meet the vision of enhanced data collection, integration and use leading to improved cancer care and outcomes for all people in Canada. A group of leaders met for discussion on this topic at the Cancer Data Community of Practice Workshop last year.

- Dr Victor Martinez, IWK • Dr Robin Urquhart, Dalhousie University • Dr Jeff Dowden, Memorial University

Thank you.

Your generosity fuels life-saving research at the Canadian Cancer Society and helped us invest in world-class research and innovation. We can't do it alone. It takes all of us. It takes a society.