

Faculty Research Grant Criteria

Timeline:

November 1, 2025 Proposal Submission (jessica@craigscause.ca)

November 21- November 23, 2025 NPC Conference

TBA - Successful Award Candidates Announced

Award Amount:

\$50,000.00

Total of Awards:

One

Background

Pancreatic cancer is a multifaceted disease that demands treatment and management from a variety of sectors in the healthcare field, with additional strong networks between healthcare providers and foundational researchers. Many of the unique challenges associated with pancreatic cancer precipitate from late-stage diagnosis, molecular and cellular heterogeneity, and several morbidities that largely derive from malnutrition. As reviewed by Grossberg in 2020, a multimodal approach that integrates improved screening, targeted/precision medicine approaches to treatment (including in the palliative setting), and holistic management of symptoms has proven to increase metastasis-free survival and quality of life [1].

Advancements in treatment options for pancreatic cancer have not kept pace with those for other cancers [2], but efforts continue to adapt, develop and combine approaches to effect change in the difficult-to-treat cancer.

Craig's Cause Pancreatic Cancer Society is committed to these efforts by not only supporting specific pancreatic cancer research, the National Pancreas Conference but we are thrilled to reveal several research awards, at various levels of research.

We encourage not only multi-disciplinary approaches and teams but also multi-disciplinary approaches that combine talent from more than one province!

Each award is in memory of an individual who passed away from pancreatic cancer, but left a significant legacy, supporting pancreatic cancer research.

Program Description

Craig's Cause Pancreatic Cancer Society is committed to equity, diversity and inclusivity and strives to promote inclusive excellence in its funding program. The intent of a Senior Research Grant opportunity is to encourage collaborative and interdisciplinary approaches that improve patient survival rates and quality of life are key to this research grant opportunity.

Funding

The Senior Research Grant has a value of \$50,000.00. Disbursement will take place on December 31, 2025.

Successful applicants must implement this award on January 31, 2026. Funding is non-transferrable.

Successful applicants are required to submit a progress report prior to completion of the first 12 months of funding in order to be considered for a renewal grant.

Grants will be considered for renewal if:

- Adequate research progress has been made.
- The Successful applicant has remained compliant with the terms and conditions
- Progress report has been submitted, prior to 12 month deadline

All awardees are required to acknowledge the support received through this program on email communications. This acknowledgement may follow the awardees name and degree candidacy. Additionally, all published work is to acknowledge the support received. Wording will be provided.

Research Grant Eligibility

All applicants must hold a faculty position at a recognized university for not less than one year prior to application, except new recruits with an academic appointment of less than one year at the time of application deadline. All applicants must have a record of productive health-oriented research and sufficient resources to ensure the satisfactory conduct of the research. Research can be from any type of work such as basic, translational, clinical, educational, qualitative or other relevant subject areas as long as the focus is on pancreatic cancer.

***Grant money is intended to directly support research.

Criteria

Awardees are required to submit a progress report prior to completion of the first 12 months of funding in order to be considered for renewal. Criteria for successful renewal of year 2 of the award includes evidence that: Adequate research progress has been made by the awardee since implementation.

The awardee has executed or made arrangements to complete the community presentation requirement.

The awardee has remained compliant with the terms and conditions. Awardees are encouraged to attend the National Pancreas Conference 2025.

Researchers are encouraged to consider:

- Collaborating with researchers tangential to their field, bringing together different expertise, perspectives and resources.
- Collaborating with researchers from at least one other Canadian province.
- Collaborating with at least one healthcare discipline (basic, translational, clinicians, nurses, pharmacists, nutritionists, surgeons, radiologists, medical oncologists, geneticists, etc.).
- Including patients/caregivers with lived experience of the cancers under study.
- Recruitment and training of early career investigators and trainees to build strong scientific networks and continue the momentum into the future.
- Objectives that include both extending life and improving the quality of life for individuals living with these challenging cancers, including symptom control, psychosocial, disparities in healthcare, and supportive care, as well as palliative and end-of life care.

Criteria Requirements

- Grant applicants must hold a faculty position at an academic institution.
- Must be specifically focused on pancreas cancer.
- Proposed research may be basic, translational, clinical, health disparities, or epidemiological in nature.
- Proposals will be assessed based on novelty and practical impact. Fall within at least one of the following categories: Biology; Etiology; Prevention; Early Detection, Diagnosis, and Prognosis; Treatment; Management; Palliative, Hospice, End of Life; Quality of Life; or Cancer Control, Survivorship, and Outcomes Research.
- Overlap with existing sources of funding should be clearly identified in the proposal.
- Follow Proposal Guidelines.

Application Instructions

- Title Page
- Abstract (word count of 3000 characters / one page)
- Contact PI information
- Institution and contacts
- Budget
- Budget summary and justification (5000 characters / 3 pages)
- Methodologies (3 pages)
- Project Proposal (6 page limit)
- Project Milestones and timelines (2 pages)
- Biographical sketch of applicant/resume
- PI biographical sketch
- Letters of support

References

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Grossberg, A. et al. Multidisciplinary standards of care and recent progress in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma. CA Cancer J Clin. 70, 375-403 (2020).