

# Glioblastoma Brain Tumour Elevation Research Grant

## 2026-2027 Guidelines

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is a national, not-for-profit organization dedicated to reaching every Canadian affected by a brain tumour through support, education, information and research.

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is seeking outstanding researchers conducting quality glioblastoma research. All such proposals will be given consideration. We are interested in receiving innovative research proposals that incorporate novel concepts with the potential to improve patients' lives and involve collaboration.

### **TYPES OF RESEARCH FUNDED**

Applications will be considered for Basic, Clinical, Translational and Population Studies Research relevant to neuro-oncology.

**Basic Research:** In this context, 'Basic' research involves developing new concepts (e.g., signaling pathways using an in vitro model). Basic science research aims to expand our scientific knowledge base and improve our understanding of the causes and progression of brain tumours.

**Clinical Research:** Research in which people, or data or samples of tissue from people, are studied to understand health and disease. Clinical research helps identify new and better ways to detect, diagnose, treat, and prevent disease, and to improve quality of life. Types of clinical research include clinical trials, which test new treatments for a disease, and natural history studies, which collect health information to understand how a disease develops and progresses over time or how the disease impacts quality of life.

**Translational Research:** In this context, 'Translational' is defined as pre-clinical research evaluating the therapeutic potential of recent discoveries in the basic mechanisms of either brain tumour pathogenesis or experimental therapeutics. Human studies are excluded.

**Population Study:** A study of a group of individuals taken from the general population who share a common characteristic, such as age, sex, or health condition. Groups may be studied to identify associations between various exposures and disease outcomes (for example: environmental exposures and the occurrence of a specific tumour type; treatments and variation in tumour response/patient survival).

## AMOUNT OF GRANTS FUNDED

An Elevation Grant may be a multi-year grant. Applications for grants of up to \$50,000.00 for one year will be considered. Successful applicants may be eligible to receive an additional \$50,000.00 in year two. Consideration for year-two funding will be based on the successful completion of outlined goals for year one and the Research Committee's consideration of the impact and potential of the project to advance in a meaningful way.

## DURATION OF FUNDING

Funding is awarded to projects that are expected to be reasonably completed or to advance and achieve the outlined goals within one year. All funding is provided up front; however, official documentation of account balance is required at the end of the year. Unused funds exceeding \$3000 must be returned. If requested and successful in achieving a second year of funding, this would become a two-year grant, with the same reporting requirement.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING

Researchers who receive an elevation grant from Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada will be asked to submit a report after the first 9 months to support consideration of year two funding.

Notification of publications resulting from the project should be forwarded to Susan Ruypers. This information will be shared with our donors, supporters, and other community members through our publications and at events organized by Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada.

A financial report is required at the end of each year, and funding is provided in the format used at your institution.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Qualifications of the applicant and the study team.
2. Quality of the research proposal.
3. Resources at the proposed laboratory or institution to support the conduct of the project.
4. Significance (contribution the project will have on the lives of BT patients/caregivers/HCPs)
5. Studies that include early career investigators will be given special consideration.
6. Collaborative participants/expertise.

**LOCATION CRITERIA:** Funds will be granted to applicants affiliated with Canadian institutions for projects conducted in Canada.



## DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Grant applications must be received electronically by **March 27, 2026**. The selection process and approval will take place shortly after, and the results will be communicated to all applicants by **June 2026**.

Please email your application as ONE PDF directly to Susan Ruypers: [sruypers@braintumour.ca](mailto:sruypers@braintumour.ca)

Applications are reviewed by the Research Committee of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. Members of the Committee come from many different backgrounds, including medicine, industry, business, philanthropy, psychology and more. If you feel it is necessary to use complex terminology, please ensure the terms are as clear as possible. The Research Committee also seeks assistance from outside reviewers when needed.

Only complete applications are reviewed and ranked, based on the following: understandability, purpose of research, budget, feasibility, expectations/pitfalls, significance, study team, innovation, and overall application.

If any required components of your application are not received or included, your application will not be reviewed.

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Susan Ruypers, Manager, Mission Support and Resources at:

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## Glioblastoma Elevation Research Grant Application Guidelines

**Deadline for Applications – March 27, 2026**

These guidelines are designed to facilitate the completion of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada Elevation Research Grant Application.

1. The principal applicant **must have an appointment** at a university, research institute, hospital or like organization.
2. The principal applicant **must be the lead researcher** on the project.
3. Funds will be granted across Canada for **projects to be performed in Canada**.
4. Grants of **up to \$50,000.00** will be funded for year one, with an additional potential of \$50,000.00 in year two.
5. Capital equipment funding will not be considered.
6. Institutional overhead costs will not be considered.
7. Funding for equipment specifically required for the project will be considered.
8. Applications for travel funds will only be considered for up to 5% of the final budget.
9. A principal applicant can only submit one proposal that will be considered for funding for **one (1) project only**.
10. Researchers who have previously received a grant from Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, have completed the project and submitted all final report(s) are eligible to apply.
11. Successful applicants must submit all required documentation, including a high-resolution photo of themselves to appear in Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada publications (online and in print).
12. Researchers who receive an Elevation Grant from Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada will be required to submit project and financial reports 9 months after initial funding is received. This allows time for review and consideration of year-two funding before the end of the first year. If year two (2) funding is awarded, final reports will be required after the second year's funding is received. This information will be shared with our donors, supporters, and other stakeholders through our publications and at events organized by Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. Unused funds exceeding \$3,000 are required to be returned to the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada

13. Where research involving human and/or animal subjects is indicated, applications will be reviewed as to the scientific validity of the project. Confirmation of ethics approval or submission to the appropriate boards is required, and a final copy is due within 60 days of a successful application.
14. **Email your application as ONE PDF** to Susan Ruypers: [sruypers@braintumour.ca](mailto:sruypers@braintumour.ca). If you decide to withdraw for any reason, please advise us promptly.
15. Deadline for submissions is **March 27, 2026**. No Exceptions.