

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada Research Grant Guidelines

Call for Research Proposals | July 2026

Founded more than 40 years ago, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is a national charitable organization dedicated to improving the lives of everyone affected by a brain tumour through support, education, information, advocacy and investment in cutting-edge research.

We invite research proposals across the full spectrum of brain tumour research, including basic science, translational research, clinical investigation (including early-phase clinical trials), health services research, population and public health research, patient-reported outcomes and quality-of-life studies.

Applications are welcome from individual investigators and multidisciplinary teams (submitted by a lead investigator). We encourage innovative and high-impact proposals focused on primary or metastatic brain tumours, including rare diagnoses, affecting infants, children, adolescents and adults. We especially encourage applications from early-career investigators.

GRANT AMOUNT

Applications will be considered for funding of up to \$25,000.

DURATION OF FUNDING

Funding is intended for **projects that can be reasonably completed within two years**. Funds will be released upon receipt of all required documentation, including proof of ethics approval. A financial statement is required with each project report. Any unspent funds remaining at the completion of the project must be returned to Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

Grant recipients are required to submit a progress report one year after disbursement that includes:

- A lay summary of the project
- Key outcomes to date
- Details of any presentations or posters
- A financial report from the institution's financial department.

A **final report** is required upon project completion. This must include:

- A final lay summary and outcomes
- Copies of resulting publications and citations of presentations or posters
- A final financial report using the institution's standard format





All publications, presentations, posters, and other public communications must acknowledge the support of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. Please notify Susan Ruypers of any resulting publications, so they may be shared with our donors, supporters and broader community through our communications and events.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

A final financial report is required using the format provided by the recipient institution.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications of applicant
2. Quality, originality and feasibility of the research proposal
3. Capacity of the host institution or laboratory to carry out the project
4. Potential impact on the lives of brain tumour patients, caregivers and others
5. Inclusion of junior investigators, patient partners or other collaborative participants

ELIGIBILITY BY LOCATION

Funding is available for projects conducted within Canada. Applicants from across the country are encouraged to apply.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Completed grant applications must be received by **September 11, 2026, 4:30 pm ET, no exceptions**. Applicants will be notified of the results of the competition in November 2026.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please email your complete application as a **single PDF file** to:
Susan Ruypers, sruypers@braintumour.ca.

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

The Research Committee of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, which includes members from medicine, psychology, industry, business and philanthropy, will review the grant applications. **Please ensure your application is written clearly. If the use of technical or complex terminology is necessary, include clear explanations to support understanding.**

The Research Committee may consult external reviewers if additional expertise is needed.



205 Horton St. E.
Suite 203
London, Ont.
N6B 1K7

519-642-7755
1-800-265-5106
BrainTumour.ca
TumeursCerebrales.ca

Only **complete applications** will be considered for review. Applications are evaluated and ranked based on the following criteria:

- Clarity and understandability
- Purpose and rationale of the research
- Innovation and importance
- Feasibility
- Budget
- Anticipated outcomes and potential challenges
- Contribution to the brain tumour community
- Collaboration
- Overall quality of the application

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Please ensure all required components are submitted by the deadline.

2026 BRAIN TUMOUR RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

These guidelines are intended to support applicants in the completion of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada Research Grant Application.

1. The **principal applicant** must have an appointment at a Canadian university, research institute, hospital or similar organization.
2. The principal applicant must be the **lead researcher** on the project. Multidisciplinary team collaborations are encouraged.
3. Capital equipment purchases will not be funded.
4. Institutional overhead costs will not be eligible for funding.
5. Funding for equipment **essential to the project** may be considered.
6. Applications may include travel expenses of up to 5% of the total budget.
7. Each principal applicant may submit only **one (1) proposal** for consideration.



8. Individuals who received a Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada grant in the previous year are not eligible to apply for a second award. Those who have previously received research funding and have completed all the original awards reporting requirements may apply for a second research grant two (2) years after receiving the original award.
9. Successful applicants must submit all required documentation, including a high-resolution photo (1280 x 1600 pixels) for use in Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's online and printed publications.
10. Progress and financial reports are required annually for the duration of the project. The first report is due **one year after fund disbursement** and a **final report is required upon project completion**. Unused funds must be returned to Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. Reports may be shared on our website, in publications and at events. You may also be invited to share your research through Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada hosted initiatives, including webinars, podcasts, research snapshots, interviews, conferences and other local events.
11. For projects involving human subjects and/or animals, confirmation of submission to the institutional research ethics board must be provided within 60 days of being notified of funding.
12. Industry employees may not serve as collaborators or co-investigators, and projects with direct financial or resource support from industry will not be considered. Projects that receive in-kind support (e.g. equipment, supplies, drugs) from industry are acceptable.
13. Submit your application as **one (1) PDF** to Susan Ruypers: sruypers@braintumour.ca.
14. The application deadline for submissions is **September 11, 2026, 4:30 pm ET. No exceptions will be made.**

If you choose to withdraw your application, please notify Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada as soon as possible.

QUESTIONS?

For more information or assistance, please contact:
Susan Ruypers, Manager of Mission Support and Resources
Phone: 519-642-7755 ext. 240
Toll Free: 1-800-265-5106 ext. 240
Email: sruypers@braintumour.ca

