

APL Calgary Research Funding Competition 2019

TERMS OF REFERENCE

This competition is directed at investigators who demonstrate a commitment to improving the delivery of pathology and laboratory medicine services in the Calgary Zone. In particular, this competition will support research that has direct implications for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of laboratory services and the delivery of patient care and outcomes.

The principal aim of this competition is to provide funding for new research including pilot projects and projects that involve innovative, advanced diagnostics, improve laboratory services, and/or benefit patient outcomes.

The competition is open to individuals or groups of investigators affiliated with Alberta Public Laboratories (formerly Calgary Laboratory Services, CLS), Alberta Health Services or the University of Calgary (U of C) through professional employment, medical staff or faculty appointment. **The Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-Investigator must have a Calgary APL/CLS appointment.**

All qualified candidates are eligible to apply; however priority will be given to Calgary APL/CLS Principal Investigators (PI's) and new Calgary APL/CLS Appointees (within the **first 3 years** of appointment). Preference will be given to a Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-Investigator who is not already holding an active CLS research grant and to PI's who have shown productivity (publications or additional funding) resulting from previously funded CLS grants.

Please note that ongoing projects, projects requiring multiple funding sources, or summer studentships are not the focus of this competition and will not be considered. Proposals primarily intended to support research projects for training postdoctoral fellows, clinical fellows or other trainees are not the focus of this competition and will be reviewed with a lower priority.

Submission for statistical analysis review on all project applications is **mandatory**. Applications that have not been submitted for statistical analysis review by **March 22, 2019** will **NOT** be considered.

Funding will be allocated for Pilot Projects requesting \$15,000 or less, which may be awarded at the Phase I stage without full proposal submission. Funding of \$15,000-\$45,000 may be awarded for Comprehensive Projects, which, if approved during Phase I, will require full proposal submission for Phase II of the Competition.

Awards will be based on the **relevance** of the research to clinical laboratory medicine and on **scientific** merit. Projects that do not pass administrative requirements will not be accepted for scientific panel review. There is an expectation that principal investigators that have been awarded funding for previous CLS Research Competitions will agree to participate as a panel reviewer in future competitions. Investigators that submit a 2019 application **cannot** serve on the 2019 APL Calgary Research Funding Competition Scientific Review Panel.

It is an expectation that Ethics approval and a U of C project account set up must be completed within the **first year** of APL/CLS funding approval. The project must be completed **within 2.5 years** and annual progress reports and a final report are required. Investigators that do not submit progress reports when requested will be ineligible for future grants and will not have project extensions approved. Investigators who have successfully completed their project and have submitted a final report are eligible for up to \$1,000 for publication costs.

It is the responsibility of the Principal Investigator to acknowledge their institutional affiliation and financial support provided by Alberta Public Laboratories in any publications or presentations that result from the project. The APL Research Department also requests a copy of all publications and abstracts when they become available.