

# Campus Alberta Neuroscience

## Entrepreneurship Grant Program

### Program Description

Campus Alberta Neuroscience (CAN) is offering small grants to support entrepreneurship and commercialization in the field of neuroscience in Alberta.

### Desired Outcomes

This program is designed to create a positive impact in the neuroscience industry in Alberta, including to:

- Accelerate the entry and growth of entrepreneurship in the field of neuroscience
- Advance the growth of entrepreneurs to generate new revenues and seek investments
- Aid in the development and recruitment of high-quality personnel
- Encourage individuals in the field of neuroscience to consider entrepreneurship to spur innovation

**All seed grant application must align with at least 1 of these outcomes, preferably more than one.**

### Types of Projects Funded:

- Access to commercialization support (IP legal experts, economic development consultant expertise, etc.)
- Support for reviewing commercialization feasibility
- Developing, launching or testing a new idea, approach
- Running a demonstration project
- Support for scaling up of production/commercialization

Campus Alberta Neuroscience will not fund:

- Requests to fund previous program or project
- Request that do not align with the outcomes
- Renovations, repairs or new buildings
- Contingency costs

### Eligibility Criteria

*Applicant:*

- Must be a neuroscience research member of CAN or collaborating with a neuroscience research member of CAN
- Housed within the University of Lethbridge, University of Calgary, or University of Alberta
- Is a key contributor to a small or medium sized company, or is creating a company.

*Company:*

- For-profit
- Actively engaged in the development of neuroscience technology

- Potential for generating revenue and/or developing high quality personnel in Alberta
- Collaborates with a neuroscience research member of CAN

### Terms and Value

Campus Alberta Neuroscience will provide:

- Funding from \$1,000 - \$30,000 CAD
- Support for engaging and connecting with industries and funders
- 10% of the funding will be held back, to be paid upon satisfactory review of the final report.

### How to Apply

Complete applications for the Campus Alberta Neuroscience Entrepreneurship Grant Program must be received electronically by 4:00pm MST on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.

*A complete application consists of:*

- Completed and signed Campus Alberta Neuroscience Entrepreneurship Grant Program Application form

*The Campus Alberta Neuroscience Entrepreneurship Grant Application Form requires a description of:*

- The proposed plan, including the objectives, approach, and expected outcomes. Plans should be focused on the area of neuroscience
- How the proposed plan will be achieved
- How the proposed seed grant plan will make significant contributions to the Alberta economy

The complete application package, including all necessary components described above, must be submitted electronically as a single .pdf file by 4:00pm MST on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 to [abneuro@ucalgary.ca](mailto:abneuro@ucalgary.ca) with the subject line [Campus Alberta Neuroscience Entrepreneurship Grant Application 2019 – \[company/researcher name\]](#)

### Adjudication

- The CAN Review Committee will review all applications. Decisions will be based on satisfying the eligibility and adjudication criteria and the potential for the visit to create positive impacts in the neuroscience industry
- The Review Committee will provide comments for the applicant and a recommendation for funding to CAN
- Final decision will be made based on level of funding available with consultation with other experts.
- Final decision will be made July 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Adjudication Criteria

- Satisfaction of eligibility criteria
- Reasonable timeline and links between the project activities and the project objectives
- Contribution to the company to neuroscience commercialization
- Contribution to the seed grant outcomes

- Potential for success
- Collaboration throughout the province
- The idea, challenge or opportunity is well understood

#### Administration of Award

- Applicants will be notified of the decision in writing by Campus Alberta Neuroscience
- The notice of decision normally takes 15 working days following submission of the application
- All decisions are final and cannot be appealed
- The number of applications accepted is dependent upon the availability of funds
- Payment is dependent on compliance with program guidelines and final deliverables

#### Reporting Requirements and Deliverables

- You will be required to submit a two-page progress report to CAN in 2019, and a final report within 9 months of receiving funds.

This will include:

- If the project achieved the intended results
- The costs incurred were in accordance with the budget
- What was learned
- Next steps

#### Questions

If you are interested in applying to this program and require further information, please contact Campus Alberta Neuroscience at (403) 220-2422 or [abneuro@ucalgary.ca](mailto:abneuro@ucalgary.ca)