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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DETAILS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Program Name: Give A Breath Research Award
Grant Status: NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
Deadline Date: September 30, 2026 @ 11:59pm PST
Anticipated Notice of Decision: November 2, 2026
Earliest Funding Start Date: December 1, 2026

Lung Cancer Canada is pleased to announce that the next round of applications for the Give A Breath Research Award is now open for applications! This annual research award has been made possible through the remarkable support of Give a Breath 5K and its founder, Tim Monds, a stage 4 lung cancer patient and advocate. The Give A Breath Research Grant is aimed at supporting research programs focused on patients living with advanced (i.e. stage III or IV) lung cancer in Canada, specifically exploring research initiatives beyond first-line therapy. Applications are encouraged from, but not limited to, the areas of biomedical, clinical, health services, social, and population health research.

The overall goal of the Give A Breath Research Grant is to reduce the burden of lung cancer and optimize patient care. It is *not* intended to support awareness programs and is not intended to solely support research infrastructure. This is intended as a research grant and the funds may not be completely used to support a fellow.

OBJECTIVES:

The research focus of applications should revolve around advancements for patients with advanced or metastatic (i.e., stage III or IV) lung cancer; specifically, initiatives that apply to those beyond first-line therapy.

Proposals with direct practical relevance to Canadians with lung cancer will be prioritized.

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

For this 2026 application cycle, **up to two (2) grants of \$25,000 CAD** each will be awarded. Funding will be provided to support the direct costs of a defined research program, including supplies, expenses*, wages and equipment associated with the proposed work. While wages may form part of the expenses, this grant is not intended as a fellowship. Indirect costs** are not eligible expenses.

NOTE: Please note that this research funding opportunity is intended to support projects with demonstrated financial need. Funding will be allocated based on the level of need demonstrated by applicants, as determined by the adjudication committee. We prioritize equitable distribution of resources and encourage applicants to be transparent in their submissions regarding their financial need.



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* This grant follows the convention of acceptable expenses as outlined by the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) and Natural Sciences Engineering Research Council (NSERC)

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/FinancialAdminGuide-GuideAdminFinancier/FundsUse-UtilisationSubventions_eng.asp. In addition, this grant may not be used to cover costs associated with conference travel or publication.

** Indirect costs of research are expenditures incurred in the conduct of research that are not readily or effectively traceable to specific expenses. These may include but are not limited to: overhead, infrastructure and space maintenance, support services for research, including central research and financial service, environmental health and safety resources, meeting regulatory certification requirements, and providing key resources such as library and computer information services.



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APPLICATION PROCESS:

The completed application package requires the following:

1. A **Letter of Intent** from the applicant (maximum 1 page)
2. A **summary of the proposed research** (maximum of 2 pages, single-spaced, font size 12 or larger. A maximum of 4 supporting figures or tables may be included separately in an appendix, outside the 2-page limit).
3. An **impact statement**, which addresses the potential of the project to exert a sustained, powerful, influence on the research field(s) involved and how this work will reduce lung cancer incidence, reduce mortality, or improve patient quality of life. The statement should explicitly describe how the project will promote major advancement in lung cancer research, aiming to accelerate and focus the knowledge gained from scientific findings, in the short- to medium-term, into outcomes such as optimized patient care, improved treatment, or reduced burden.
4. A **public, non-scientific summary** (up to 500 words).
5. **Budget** – including justification for supplies, equipment, and personnel associated with the research project. This must include the number of personnel required to complete the work, a description of their experience and/or education level, and their commitment to the project. If your project is part of a larger initiative, please list the other sources of funding. However, the portion of the project proposed in this grant should not be covered by other sources of funding.
6. The **names of the investigator(s) and CCVs** for the PI and any co-PIs.
7. A **statement of support** from the applicant's institution with confirmation that the proposed research is feasible in that institution.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The Give A Breath Research Award is open to researchers as defined by an individual who is autonomous regarding their research activities, and has an academic or research appointment at a Canadian institution which:

1. Must commence by the effective date of funding.
2. Allows the individual to pursue the proposed research project, to engage in independent research activities for the entire duration of the funding, to supervise trainees (if applicable, as per their institution's policy), and to publish the research results.
3. Obligates the individual to conform to institutional regulations concerning the conduct of research, the supervision of trainees, and the employment conditions of staff paid with the funding.
4. Fellows may apply provided they are under the supervision of a primary investigator who meets the requirements of a "researcher" as defined above.
5. New researchers/investigators involved in pilot, basic science, and/or proof of concept projects, are strongly encouraged to apply.

REVIEW PROCESS AND EVALUATION:

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of experts consisting of a subcommittee drawn from members of the Lung Cancer Canada Research Committee.

The application submission process has two steps:

1. Fill out the application form online: <https://lungcancer canada.ca/about-us/research-program/give-a-breath-research-award/>
2. Submit the form with a pdf or docx attachment containing **all application components as one file**.
3. CCVs should be uploaded as a separate file.



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CONDITIONS OF FUNDING:

Successful applicants funded through this opportunity and any other persons working on the project must comply fully with the Lung Cancer Canada Funding Policies. Policies and guidelines cover areas such as Applicant Responsibilities, Official Languages policy, Access to Information and Privacy Acts, and Acknowledgement of Lung Cancer Canada's Support.

The award must be accepted within 15 working days of the date of offer or the award will be cancelled and offered to the next fundable applicant.

The successful applicant must:

- Begin their award within 6 months of the earliest possible start date stated in this funding opportunity.
- Complete the research within one year of the start date or provide an annual written update if this is a multi-year project.
- Submit a final results report to Lung Cancer Canada within 3 months of the completion date.
- Contribute a 500-word document for publication within Lung Cancer Canada's digital and print forums.
- Contribute to a future Give a Breath 5k marketing campaign to acknowledge the partnership between events such as GaB and the research community.
- Participate in a community event to increase lung cancer awareness. A broad scope of event types is acceptable to fulfill these criteria (e.g. lung cancer awareness day at hospital or university health centre, social media campaign, webinar, public school awareness event).
- Present the research findings at a regional or national conference with a lung cancer focus. Conferences include, but are not limited to, Ontario Thoracic Cancer Conference, Canadian Lung Cancer Conference, Atlantic Canada Thoracic Oncology Conference, CAMO or CARO or CATS annual meetings (Canadian Association of: Medical Oncologists, Radiation Oncologists, Thoracic Surgeons). Local level events such hospital/university student research days may also be considered. Choice of conference/event must be approved by the Lung Cancer Canada Research Committee. The investigator is responsible for all expenses related to conference/event attendance.
- Lung Cancer Canada recognizes that this research opportunity may fit within a larger research project and will disseminate the results in a public forum only with written consent.

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

Award recipients are required to acknowledge Lung Cancer Canada and any partners in any communication or publication related to the project. The contributing partners will be identified on the decision letter.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions about this initiative, please contact Lung Cancer Canada at: Telephone: 416-785-3439 / 1-888-445-4403, ext. 2 or email: winky@lungcancercanada.ca



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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Lung Cancer Canada is committed to promotion of and compliance to the applicable parts of the Official Languages Act. As such, Lung Cancer Canada encourages applicants to submit proposals in the Official Language of their choice and commits to ensuring high quality review of applications submitted in either Official Language. In addition, applicants are encouraged to consider the inclusion of Official Languages and Official Language Minority Communities in their research where appropriate.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT AND PRIVACY ACT, AND THE PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION AND ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS ACT (PIPEDA)

All personal information collected by Lung Cancer Canada about applicants is used to review applications, to recruit reviewers, to administer and monitor grants and awards, to compile statistics, and to promote and support health research in Canada. Consistent with these purposes, applicants should also expect that information collected by Lung Cancer Canada may be shared as described in the Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Policy of the Federal Research Funding Organizations.

Lung Cancer Canada is subject to the Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act, therefore the requirements of these two statutes will apply to all information located in Lung Cancer Canada premises including, without limitation, cost-sharing agreements related to this funding opportunity and all matters pertaining thereto.

While respecting the application of the Privacy Act to federal entities, all signing parties involved in a collaborative agreement will also be bound by the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA). All personal information (as identified by the PIPEDA) collected, used or disclosed in the course of any commercial activity under collaborative agreements related to the Funding opportunity will be collected, used and disclosed in compliance with the PIPEDA.