# 2021 research grant competition

# **Letter of Intent instructions & checklist**

**Letter of Intent (LOI) deadline: April 29, 2021, 5:00pm (EST)**

* Submit completed LOI through [this link](https://ffbcanada-my.sharepoint.com/%3Af%3A/g/personal/lmoniz_fightingblindness_ca/EkF86h5LXPpLvoBOR6d7lu0B2UphRqxc4nHktP0zXAMjjA)
* Refer to the 2021 Competition Guide for more detailed description of the competition including funding, review and eligibility criteria.
* If you have any questions, please contact Larissa Moniz, Director, Research and Mission Programs, (research@fightingblindness.ca ).

# PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The goal of the 2021 Research Grant Competition is to fund research that advances Fighting Blindness Canada’s (FBC’s) mission to accelerate the development and availability of treatments and cures for blinding eye diseases. The program allows applications from all areas of vision research and will prioritize funding projects that have the greatest potential to advance FBC’s mission.

The program is open to independent investigators and/or research teams with a Principal Investigator from a Canadian institution and provides a **budget of up to $100,000 a year for up to two years**.

# LOI Instructions

LOIs are required to determine the suitability and relevance of projects for FBC’s funding. Applicants will be notified by **May 21, 2021** on whether their LOI was accepted. Those invited to apply will have to submit a full application no later than **July 22, 2021, 5:00pm (EST)**. If the LOI is not accepted, applicants will receive a brief explanation of the reason(s) for non-acceptance.

A maximum of one application per Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator is permitted in this competition. However, an individual named as a Principal or Co-Investigator may be named as a Collaborator on additional applications.

To facilitate peer-review, we ask applicants to submit their LOI and full proposal in English. Please complete and submit the LOI through [this link](https://ffbcanada-my.sharepoint.com/%3Af%3A/g/personal/lmoniz_fightingblindness_ca/EkF86h5LXPpLvoBOR6d7lu0B2UphRqxc4nHktP0zXAMjjA) as a **single PDF document** in the following order:

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| **Section** | **Format** | **Section Description** |
| 1 | Letter of Intent Form | **2021 Research Grant Competition Letter of Intent Form:** Found below. |
| 2 | Free text, 250 words maximum | **Research Proposal Summary**: Provide a brief description of the proposed research including significance, aims and objectives, approach and research methods. |
| 3 | Free text, 250 words maximum | **Statement of Impact**: Clearly state the potential impact of this research for the prevention and treatment of blinding eye diseases.  |

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# **Letter of Intent Form**

## project overview

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| Project Title   |
| Institution where funds will be administered  |

**Please check the review panel that best describes your proposal:**

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| **Review Panel**  | **Check**  |
| Panel A: Discovery and translational research, Anterior Segment |  |
| Panel B: Discovery and translational research, Posterior Segment |  |
| Panel C: Clinical Research  |  |

**Disease Relevance -** **Please list the diseases that will be impacted by your proposed research:**

**Keywords – list up to 6 keywords**

## project team information

Please list all team members in the following tables. Brief definitions of team members are provided below but please refer to the 2021 Competition Guide for full details of eligibility. Add on extra pages as necessary to accommodate the project team.

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| **Principal Investigator** | * One individual only
* Responsible for the direction of the proposed activities
* Assumes administrative and financial responsibility for the grant
* Receives correspondence related to the grant
* Is an independent researcher at the host institution for this grant, which must be an accredited Canadian university, hospital or research institute
* Cannot receive salary support
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| **Co-Investigator(s)** | * Canadian and/or international researchers who are requesting funding to support their role in the project
* Cannot receive salary support
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| **Collaborator(s)** | * Provides a specific service for the proposed project (e.g. access to equipment, provision of specific reagents, training) but is not requesting funding.
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**Principal Investigator**

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| Name  | Telephone  |
| Appointment/Position | E-mail  |
| Department and Institution  | Mailing Address |

**Co- Investigators**

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| Name | Position | Department and Institution |
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**Collaborators**

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| Name | Position | Department and Institution |
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