



The Westcoast Motorcycle Ride to Live - Vancouver Island

2015 Grant Application for Prostate Cancer Research

Grant Deadline:
4:00 pm PST, Friday, November 13th, 2015



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2015 CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

The **Westcoast Motorcycle Ride to Live - Vancouver Island** is a group of volunteers who give generously of their time, effort and finances to raise funds for prostate cancer research, education and awareness on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

Funds raised from the Westcoast Motorcycle Ride to Live – Vancouver Island (aka Ride to Live or RTL) are administered by and through The Prostate Centre (TPC). Jointly, grants are made to the research community as described in the following process. Each year a Research Advisory Board – comprising RTL volunteers, community volunteers, survivors, physicians, researchers, and staff from The Prostate Centre – receives and approves research applications. Approximately 65% of the net proceeds from the RTL funds are directed to research projects.

APPLICATION PROCESS & PARAMETERS OF FUNDING

1. Researchers in the fields of biomedical science, clinical research or social science are invited to submit an application for funding. Only one application per project will be considered. All research must be based out of a recognized Vancouver Island research facility.
2. Multi-year funding is not provided within the scope of this granting process. However, in certain circumstances, grants may be awarded for a second and final year if the previously funded project milestones are met, and all reporting requirements are received according to the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.
3. No more than two years of consecutive funding will be awarded to a project.
4. Applications that have shared funding sources are encouraged.
5. Applications will be accepted from students (undergrad and graduate), post-doctorate fellows or Principle Investigators although only one application in total from each research group should be submitted to any given competition. Individuals should not be co-investigators or co-applicants on more than one application in any given year.
6. The objective of the funding is to provide seed money to projects that are unlikely to be funded by the larger national agencies (NSERC, CIHR, CCSRI, CRS, etc.). **Projects that propose a new idea or new technique will receive higher weighting in the review process.**
7. Most grants range between \$5,000 and \$30,000.

Authors

Applicants should bear in mind that the Research Advisory Committee is comprised of individuals from a range of professions, educational backgrounds and disciplines. Please ensure that your application is written in lay terms wherever possible, and directed towards individuals outside your specific discipline. Please create a Definitions Section, if necessary.

APPLICATION CONTENT AND FORMAT

Criteria

Before submitting your application, please ensure you answer the following questions:

1. Is this a new concept that can be achieved as a proof of principle leading to further work?
2. Is there a clear research question?
3. Is there a feasible plan to turn pilot data into a subsequent grant or practice change?
4. Is the budget appropriate and justified?
5. Is there a clear articulation of how the grant will measurably impact the lives of men experiencing prostate cancer?

Each submission must be completed in 12 pt. Times New Roman font, single-space, 0.75 inch margins all around, with no condensed type settings.

Each application should include the following components:

Section 1 (numbered as page 1, maximum one page)

1. **A project research fact sheet** indicating on the first page:
 - a. Project Title
 - b. names, positions, addresses, institutional affiliations and contact information for all primary (and secondary parties, if appropriate)
 - c. the total amount of funds being requested
 - d. specifically how the funds will be used
 - e. what impact reduced funding would have on the project and proposed outcomes
 - f. a clear and measurable statement of outcome(s) on how the funds will positively impact the lives of men who are experiencing prostate cancer

Section 2 (numbered as page 2, maximum 250 words)

2. Lay abstract

- a. A Research Proposal containing a brief description of background and significance, a clearly stated research question, a concise description of the aims and design of the work, definition of periodic milestones by which your progress can be measured, relevancy and implications in the research field, and a summary of expected results or outcomes from the proposed project.

Section 3 (numbered as pages 3-5, maximum three pages total)

3. **A Research Proposal** containing a brief description of background and significance, a clearly stated research question, a concise description of the aims and design of the work, definition of periodic milestones by which your progress can be seen, relevance and implications and a summary of expected measurable results or outcomes from the proposed project. **It is vital in the overall proposal to clearly define how this project will make a significant difference to prostate cancer.**

Section 4 (numbered as page 6, maximum one page)

4. **A Knowledge Mobilization Plan** is included ensuring that, through this research, there is a clear plan for putting knowledge into practice. **Knowledge that sits on a shelf helps no one.** Knowledge grows when it's used and loses its value when it's not. Knowledge mobilization will help The Prostate Centre use the research information in strategic ways and help apply what is learned to strengthen our programs and services for men impacted by prostate cancer.

A Knowledge Mobilization Plan should include:

- a. an overall plan to increase the accessibility, flow and exchange of knowledge among various appropriate audiences or participants (academic and/or non-academic). ***This plan should make clear indication of putting knowledge into practice above and beyond reporting results at scientific meetings.***
- b. a plan for engaging appropriate audiences or participants, including, as applicable, diverse groups of researchers, business leaders, community groups, educators, media, practitioners, decision-makers and the general public; and
- c. a schedule for achieving the intended knowledge mobilization activities.

The knowledge mobilization activities must take place within one year of the application's approval, and must produce a concrete deliverable.

Section 5 (numbered as page 7, maximum one page)

5. **A budget** and justification. All proposed and secured sources of funding for the project must be identified. This budget should include both monetary and Gifts-In-Kind, including their value. If the project is to be supported by multiple funders, all areas to be funded by RTL must be explicitly described, with costs included.

Progress and/or Final Report

A progress report on the research must be submitted by **June 30, 2016**, forecasting any possible changes to the outcomes of the research that were clearly defined in the lay abstract. A final report must be submitted by **December 31st, 2016** clearly stating the project outcomes as defined in the lay abstract, plus a detailed accounting of use of funds.

Applicants seeking a second year of funding must submit a progress report, as outlined above, on or before **June 30th, 2016**. This report must be received along with the request for a second year of funding.

Both reports should capture:

1. Report on met milestones
2. Awards, patents received
3. Inclusion in publications
4. Leveraged funds from others sources
5. Impact on new students (research trainees)
6. Presentations made
7. Facts and tabulated data from project
8. Media or other public acknowledgements

Applications for the 2015 RTL research grants must be received by **4:00 pm PST, Friday, November 13th, 2015**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Applications should be sent in .pdf format and submitted to:

admin@theprostatecentre.org

Email Subject Line: 2015 RTL Research Grant Application

Hard copy applications, incomplete applications, or applications that do not otherwise meet the terms and conditions set out herein will not be considered. Applications ignoring the formatting requirements or exceeding the prescribed page limits will be disregarded or truncated prior to review.

Once approved, grant recipients must sign a grant agreement to be generated by The Prostate Centre which will include the following obligations at a minimum:

1. Funds must contribute towards the direct costs of the research. Overhead costs are not considered eligible expenses. If in doubt about how the funding can be used, please contact The Prostate Centre at 250-388-0214 prior to incurring any such expenses.
2. Grant recipients must provide frequent and clear recognition that funding was generously provided by the **2015 Westcoast Motorcycle Ride to Live**. A separate document with appropriate logo will be supplied with the grant agreement.

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Thank you for your interest in helping advance prostate cancer research. If you have any questions before submitting your proposal, please contact Leanne Kopp.