



Faculty of Medicine Research Office

Grant Miller Cancer Research Grants

In 1994, the Faculty of Medicine received an endowment bequeathed to support cancer research from the estate of Florence Oliver Miller in honour of her husband, Mr. Grant Miller. The endowment has been used to establish the Grant Miller Cancer Research Grants for feasibility studies or pilot projects in cancer research. Applicants should explain how the pilot data will be used to support an application to an external agency for larger scale project/future studies. The purpose of the Grant Miller grant is to support pilot studies that are not funded or overlap significantly with ongoing research.

This year, it is expected that up to two grants with a maximum budget of \$25,000 each will be available. The award term is three (3) years and any unspent funds must be returned after the award term has expired. Beginning in 2013 Grant Miller Funds will be administered directly through the Faculty of Medicine Research Office. It is not necessary to complete an application on MRA and, if awarded, a Fund Research Digest and restricted research fund will NOT be created. Grant Miller Cancer Research Grants are not renewable.

Grant Miller Cancer Research Grants are aimed at providing a modest level of support for the testing of innovative and original ideas in preparation for the submission of complete research proposals to peer review funding agencies or foundations. They are not meant to provide funding to supplement the on-going research of applicants.

The grants will not provide funding to support travel or major equipment purchases, requests for academic or secretarial salaries, or for office equipment or furniture. Requests for salary support of post-doctoral fellows or graduate students are discouraged and will normally not be funded.

The Grant Miller Cancer Research Grants competition is open to all faculty members in the Faculty of Medicine. Applicants must be able to devote at least 50% of their time to research. The signature of the University Department Chair on the application form will be taken as verification of protected research time. In cases where the applicant also works under the direction of a hospital department or research institute, the signature of the Department/ Hospital/ Research Institute Head is also required as verification of time available for research.

Although grants will be made based on the scientific merit of proposals, priority will be given to those applications where it is evident that no other internal or external funding sources are available. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make this clear in the proposal.

Application deadline is May 1 or the next business day if applicable.

Submission procedures

Applications must be signed by the appropriate University Department/ Hospital/ Research Institute Head. The complete application, composed of an original hard copy and an electronic version, must be submitted to the Faculty of Medicine Research Office, Room 2331, Medical Sciences Building, University of Toronto, 1 King's College Circle, Toronto, M5S 1A8 (e-mail: cindy.faber@utoronto.ca) by 5:00 p.m. on May 1 of each year (or the next business day if deadline falls on weekend or holiday).

DEADLINE IS FIRM.

- **Submit 1 signed original application** (no staples) signed by the applicant and the Hospital/ Research Institute Head if the research is to be conducted in a hospital or institute;

and

- **Four separate files (accepted format: PDF or Microsoft Word)** should be sent attached to ONE email to cindy.faber@utoronto.ca

1. *Application form sections 1-3*
2. *Research proposal, section 4*
3. *Supplementary material, section 5 (may include the following)*
 - a) *Preprints and reprint*
 - b) *Letters of support*
 - c) *Quotations*
4. *Common CV*

Application forms are available at the following URL:

http://www.medresearch.utoronto.ca/fmro_deans_fund.html

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