



*Research Program*

**APPLICATION GUIDELINES**



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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Parkinson Canada's Research Program (the "Program") funds research into the cure, cause, prevention, improved treatment and/or understanding of Parkinson's disease, related disorders including: Multiple System Atrophy (MSA), Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP), other Parkinson's conditions and the impact these diseases have on society. The Program is modelled on the Canadian Institutes of Health Research's (CIHR) four pillars of research and encourages a broad range of applications from biomedical, clinical, health services and systems research and population studies. Parkinson Canada aims to support these four pillars of research with a flexible funding breakdown of 75% of funding dedicated to biomedical research (pillar 1) and 25% of funding directed to clinical, health services and systems and population studies (pillars 2, 3, & 4).

The Program offers research grants and training awards to eligible and approved applicants, with various funding categories within each stream.

Parkinson Canada is committed to ensuring that its funding reaches the largest pool of research excellence potential. As such, during any one competition cycle, in order to maximize Parkinson Canada's research funds, where the grantee/supervisor and fellow are at the same institution, no more than one fellow and graduate student per lab will be funded unless otherwise approved by the Scientific Advisory Board. In addition, due to an overwhelming number of submissions, Parkinson Canada has limited applications to not more than one from the same person regardless of the category of award. This limitation applies to an individual applicant only and not to members of the same lab. The only exception being an applicant can apply to both the Clinical Research and Clinical movement Disorders Fellowship competitions. Refer to RFA for eligibility criteria.

In order to provide Scientific Advisory Board members an opportunity during the peer review process to effectively evaluate the success of a previous award, applicants currently in receipt of a Parkinson Canada Pilot Project grant will not be permitted to submit a subsequent application for funding until the current or preceding award term has been completed. Individuals wishing to be involved in an application proposal must be listed as collaborators. Current award holders cannot be co-applicants on an application. Furthermore, an applicant cannot submit the same unfunded Pilot Project Grant application more than three times in a three year period.

### **a. RESEARCH GRANTS**

#### **PILOT PROJECT PROGRAM**

- One-year duration (non-renewable)
- Current recipients of a pilot project grant must have completed the term of their existing award prior to submitting a new proposal for funding.
- Maximum funding of \$50,000
- Pilot Project Program grants intend to foster novel, high-potential projects and ideas with a trajectory for major grants with larger granting institutions
- Funds granted through the Pilot Project Program will comprise 25-50% of the total amount of funds granted under the Program

**NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD PROGRAM**

- Two-year duration \$45,000 per year
- For junior faculty in a Canadian university in first 5 years of their career as a research scientist in Canada
- This program provides new investigators with an early opportunity to develop and demonstrate their ability to initiate and conduct independent health research.

**b. TRAINING AWARDS**

**GRADUATE STUDENTSHIP AWARDS**

- Two-year duration
- \$20,000 per year \*(see RFA for explanation of funding)
- At the time of application, candidates must be enrolled in a full-time graduate study program at the PhD level. Candidates may be Canadian citizens who propose to train at an Approved Institution (see definition in Part III of these Guidelines) located inside Canada or international applicants proposing to train at an Approved Institution located in Canada, who fulfill the criteria for a student visa.
- This program invests in research training that offers promise for future work in the area of Parkinson's disease by supporting talented young scientists and providing students with an opportunity to enter into the area of Parkinson's research during the early stages of their training.

**NOTE: Note: The Graduate Student Award for the master's level is not available.**

**BASIC RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

- Two-year duration
- \$40,000 - \$50,000 per year
- Candidates must hold a doctoral degree (MD or PhD) and may be Canadian citizens who propose to train at an Approved Institution (see definition in Part III of these Guidelines) located inside or outside of Canada, or international applicants proposing to train at an Approved Institution located in Canada
- This program encourages promising young scientists to enter the field of Parkinson's basic research and to invest in research training that offers promise for future work in the area of Parkinson's disease

**CLINICAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

- Two-year duration
- Maximum \$50,000 per year
- Candidate must be a qualified neurologist who exhibits the potential to assume leadership of a Parkinson program.
- Training to take place at an Approved Institution in a movement disorders unit in an academic health sciences centre with a well-established program in Parkinson's. Training will combine direct experience in the diagnoses and treatment of Parkinsonians and in clinical research.
- Applicants proposing to train at an Approved Institution located outside Canada are eligible to participate in the Program, provided he or she is committed to returning to Canada to pursue his or her career following completion of the two year term of the Program.

- Canadian citizenship is not a requirement; however, in the selection, consideration will be given to the potential of the candidate for an ultimate career in Canada. Applicants will be given an opportunity to describe any career interruptions.
- This program encourages promising young scientists to enter the field of Parkinson's clinical research and to invest in research training that offers promise for future work in the area of Parkinson's disease

### **CLINICAL MOVEMENT DISORDER FELLOWSHIP**

- One-year duration
- Maximum funding of \$50,000
- The fellowship will be held at an Approved Institution where the applicant is registered in a post-graduate training program, and where the proposed supervisor holds a faculty appointment.
- Canadian citizenship is not a requirement; however, in the selection, preference will be given to candidates who express the intent to practice in Canada. Applicants will be given an opportunity to describe any career interruptions.
- The successful applicant shall undertake clinical training in the subspecialty of Movement Disorders and gain expertise in diagnosis and treatment of Parkinson's and may include other movement disorders.

### **PARTNERSHIPS**

#### **c. FRQS AND PARKINSON CANADA PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM TRAINEE AWARDS**

This program is a collaborative effort between Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé (FRQS) and Parkinson Canada . It aims to increase the number of trainees who will be working on Parkinson's disease and related disorders in Quebec research facilities. FRQS will co-fund up to two highest ranking Quebec fellowship candidates from the Graduate Student Award, Basic Research and Clinical Research Fellowship trainee programs combined, who have been selected for funding in the Parkinson Canada competition, that have also met FRQS's required score for funding in the FRQS's training awards competition. The program offers up to two years of support with the possibility of renewal for a third year from FRQS. Stipends in this program for fellowship candidates are the same as that which is offered for Basic Research and Clinical Research Fellowships. The stipend for Doctoral candidates, \$25,000 per annum. The \$5,000 per annum contribution requirement for supervisors of graduate award candidates is not applicable to partnership awards. The amount of funding available for the third year is based on eligibility for funding renewal in their third year as per regular FRQS competitions and is restricted to FRQS regular funding amounts. Please see FRQS funding guidelines for 2018-2019 amounts (<http://www.frsq.gouv.qc.ca/en/index.shtml>).

- ***Candidates for these FRQS funding opportunities must submit applications to both FRQS and to Parkinson Canada*** and must indicate that this has been done. Research supported under this Program must be carried out at a University or affiliated institutions including hospitals and research institutes, within the Province of Quebec.
- Any communication of research must acknowledge the support of Parkinson Canada and Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé (FRSQ). Copies of the communications should be sent to Parkinson Canada as soon as they become available.

**d. NBHRF AND PARKINSON CANADA PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM TRAINEE AWARDS**

This program is a collaborative effort between New Brunswick Health Research Foundation (NBHRF) and Parkinson Canada. It aims to support health research in New Brunswick to ensure the development of research in the field of Parkinson's disease. The Parties seek to promote training and support for promising students. The Parties therefore agree to co-fund annually up to two awards to support doctoral, postdoctoral students and/or fellows, who have been selected for funding in the Parkinson Canada competition. The program offers two years of support. Stipends in this program for graduate students and fellowship candidates are the same as that which are offered for the Graduate Student Award and the Basic Research and Clinical Research Fellowships. The \$5,000 per annum contribution requirement for supervisors of graduate award candidates applies to the NBHRF partnership awards.

- ***Candidates for the Parkinson Canada/NBHRF funding opportunities must submit applications to Parkinson Canada only and indicate on their application that they wish to be considered for this partnership award.*** Research under this Program must be carried out at a University or affiliated institutions including hospitals and research institutes, within the Province of New Brunswick.
- Any communication of research must acknowledge the support of Parkinson Canada and New Brunswick Health Research Foundation (NBHRF). Copies of the communications should be sent to Parkinson Canada as soon as they become available.

**e. SHRF AND PARKINSON CANADA PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM TRAINEE AWARDS**

This program is a collaborative effort between the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF) and Parkinson Canada. It aims to increase the number of trainees who will be working on Parkinson's disease and related disorders in Saskatchewan research facilities. SHRF will co-fund up to two highest ranking Saskatchewan fellowship candidates from the Basic Research Fellowship trainee program, who have been selected for funding in the Parkinson Canada competition, that have also met SHRF's required score for funding in the SHRF's training awards competition. The program offers up to two years of support. Stipends in this program for fellowship candidates are the same as that which is offered for the Basic Research fellowships plus a \$5,000 research supplement. (<http://shrf.ca/saskatchewan-health-research-foundation/Funding>)

- ***Candidates for the SHRF/Parkinson Canada funding opportunities must submit applications to both SHRF and to Parkinson Canada*** and must indicate in their Parkinson Canada application that they would like to be considered for this partnership. Research supported under this Program must be carried out at a University or affiliated institutions including hospitals and research institutes, within the Province of Saskatchewan.
- Any communication of research must acknowledge the support of Parkinson Canada and Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF). Copies of the communications should be sent to Parkinson Canada as soon as they become available.

## **II. ELIGIBILITY**

Parkinson Canada is committed to supporting the most advanced and/or highest quality of Parkinson's research in Canada. As such, applications for research grants will be accepted by individuals from a broad spectrum of health-related communities and sectors, including, but not limited to, researchers, scholars and health professionals. At this time, fellowships are offered for biomedical research/clinical training only.

Additional eligibility criteria may be outlined in the applicable Request for Applications ("RFA").

## **III. APPROVED INSTITUTIONS**

Applications for research grants and training awards will be accepted from applicants who are affiliated with and/or conduct research for the following institutions and organizations (an "Approved Institution"):

- Canadian medical colleges, Canadian post-secondary institutions and their affiliated institutions including hospitals and research institutes;
- Canadian non-governmental not-for-profit organizations (including community or charitable organizations) with an explicit research or knowledge translation mandate;
- Other organizations, as determined by the Research Policy Committee of the board of directors of Parkinson Canada in consultation with its Scientific Advisory Board (the "Advisory Board"), provided that the applicant's research or research-related activities fall within the mandates of the Program.

Additional criteria for Approved Institutions may be outlined in the applicable RFA.

## **IV. REVIEW PROCESS**

The review of applications for research grants and training awards submitted to Parkinson Canada will be completed by the Advisory Board through a peer review process. The Advisory Board is composed of prominent neurologists, neurosurgeons, and neuroscientists from across Canada. The peer review function of the Advisory Board is a cornerstone of Parkinson Canada's research program and provides for the highest quality of objective adjudication.

The Advisory Board is responsible for the evaluation of all applications submitted to Parkinson Canada response to individual RFAs, to rate each of the applications so that they may be ranked in order of priority and to recommend to Parkinson Canada the size of the award needed to support the proposed research should the application be approved.

External reviewers will be solicited in the event additional expertise is needed to assess the eligibility and merits of an application.

Parkinson Canada anticipates that it will provide each applicant whose application to participate in the program has been declined with written notice of such decision and a brief written critique of their application.

## **V. REVIEW CRITERIA**

The principal consideration used to evaluate applications is research excellence potential and relevance of the proposed research or training to Parkinson's disease. There may be additional criteria that may be considered by the Advisory Board in the evaluation process. These will be outlined in each RFA.

## **VI. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Each RFA is subject to, and every research grant and training award is conditional upon, strict compliance with the following terms and conditions (the "Terms and Conditions") which the applicant shall be deemed to have accepted upon submission to Parkinson Canada of an application to participate in the Program.

Failure to comply with these Terms and Conditions may result, in addition to any other remedies Parkinson Canada may have at law, in the termination of the research grant or training award granted under the Program and exclusion of the applicant from future grant and fellowship award competitions.

### **a. No Similar Funding**

Research Grants are awarded on the condition that the Recipient receives no funds from any third party during the term of the award that would duplicate the purpose of the Grant. For additional funds received prior to the expiry of the award term, the Recipient will be required to reimburse the to the extent of the overlapping amount.

### **b. Use of Funds**

Research Grants awarded under the Program are to be used to cover operating expenses, technical support staff salaries and equipment costs required by the successful applicant to conduct his or her project over the term of the Program, as approved by the Advisory Board. Investigator salaries shall not be covered in this amount. Budgeted equipment costs will be permitted provided the total equipment costs do not exceed 20% of the total budget for the Program. Travel costs for presentation of research findings will be permitted provided the total travel costs do not exceed a maximum of \$1500. Funds received from the Parkinson Canada cannot be used to cover institutional overhead costs.

### **c. Payment of Awards**

Funds are paid out in quarterly instalments commencing 1 July (or as specified in the RFA) of the granting cycle of a given year. Funds for all awards from Parkinson Canada are directed to the appropriate Funds Administrator of the host university or institution concerned. Payment of second year portion of awards, where applicable, is contingent on satisfactory reporting as outlined under Reporting Requirements below. In the case of fellows training at an international host institution, alternative payment arrangements may be made.

### **d. Closing of Awards**

When work for a project awarded under the Program is completed by the successful applicant within the two year term of the Program, or if for any reason the work cannot be continued within this time period,



the funding awarded under the Program will be closed. Any funds remaining will be frozen and cannot be put to any use whatsoever. Such funds are to be immediately returned to Parkinson Canada unless the successful applicant is given prior written permission by Parkinson Canada to use such funds to complete the applicant's project.

**e. Prolonged Absence from Work**

The applicant shall immediately notify Parkinson Canada of any illness or other cause necessitating the absence of the applicant from work exceeding ninety successive days. Continuation of the award will be at the discretion of Parkinson Canada.

**f. Parental Leave**

Parkinson Canada does not provide for paid parental leaves of absence. An applicant intending to be absent from work for parental leave will be permitted to have their funding suspended for the duration of the absence. The period of absence cannot exceed twelve months from the start of the leave. A written request for a parental leave of absence must be made within ninety days before the leave is to begin and should include the dates of the period of leave and the expected date of return. The award will be suspended for the duration of the leave and shall recommence when, and if, the recipient returns to the host institution.

**g. Responsibility of Supervisor**

It is anticipated that a Supervisor, in their agreement to take on the responsibility of supervising a fellow, agrees to act as supervisor for the entire duration of the project. In the event of extenuating circumstances where a supervisor cannot fulfill their obligation to the student and Parkinson Canada to complete the terms of the award, the Supervisor must notify Parkinson Canada immediately in writing with a clear explanation of the reason for the change.

**h. Transfer of Award**

A successful applicant who has received an award under the Program may not change projects or institutions and further, may not transfer the award, in any case whatsoever, without the prior written consent of Parkinson Canada. Such change or transfer, as the case may be, may be granted at the discretion of Parkinson Canada.

**i. No Binding Commitment**

Nothing in these Guidelines, including these Terms and Conditions, or in any RFA, shall be deemed to obligate Parkinson Canada to award funds to an applicant. The decision to accept or reject an applicant's application for a research grant or training award vests solely with the Advisory Board acting in its sole discretion.

**j. Financial Gain**

Parkinson Canada will not approve applications that involve any element of financial profit from the granted funds to an applicant, or any other individual named on the Program face sheet submitted by the applicant to Parkinson Canada, including the applicant's collaborators and/or key personnel.

**k. Communication**

The public relations departments of an Approved Institution must promptly be informed of any successful application and shall publicize notice of receipt of an award under the Program as widely as possible. Parkinson Canada should receive copies of all press announcements relating to the approved project at its Toronto Office prior to publication where possible. All written or presentation references to work funded by Parkinson Canada should include acknowledgement of the support provided by Parkinson Canada and copies of all publications relating to the approved project shall be provided to Parkinson Canada at its Toronto Office, in advance of the publication date where possible. Parkinson Canada shall have the right to make reference to specific projects and the results derived from such projects for purposes of publicity in a manner acceptable to and in the sole discretion of Parkinson Canada. The project title and the lay summary detailed in an individual's application may be used by Parkinson Canada without notification and may be disseminated into the public domain. Applicants are cautioned not to disclose anything in these sections that would endanger a proprietary position.

**l. Participation in Parkinson Canada Events**

The successful applicant may be asked to attend Parkinson Canada's annual general meeting or other special meetings during which he or she may be invited to report on the progress of his or her projects and exchange information with other investigators. In the event the applicant attends such meeting at the request of Parkinson Canada, the reasonable travel expenses of the applicant will be paid for by Parkinson Canada.

**m. Ethical Considerations**

Proposals that involve human subjects must be accompanied by a statement certifying that the protocol either has been or will be reviewed by the Institutional Research Ethics Board and meets the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans. Funding for any approved project will not be released until ethical review has been conducted and approval(s) provided to Parkinson Canada.

Proposals that involve recombinant DNA molecules or pathogenic organisms or animal cells must be accompanied by a statement certifying that the protocol has been reviewed by the institutional Biohazards Committee and meets the requirements of CIHR's "Guidelines for the Handling of Recombinant DNA Molecules and Animal Viruses and Cells" and will be carried out under the required level of containment.

Successful proposals that involve the use of experimental animals must be accompanied by a statement that the protocol has been approved by the Institutional Animal Care Committee and it has been determined (and communicated to Parkinson Canada in writing) that the protocol is in accordance with the Guide to the Care and Use of Experimental Animals of the Canadian Council of Animal Care (CCAC) [Vol.2 (1984) & Vol.1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. (1993)].

Parkinson Canada also considers it mandatory that the host institution of the applicant hold and maintain, throughout the proposed research project, a valid CCAC Certificate of GAP-Good Animal Practice (R), a registered trade-mark of the CCAC given to research institutions assigned a status of

Compliance or Conditional Compliance with CCAC standards subsequent to the assessment of their animal care and use program by a team of external reviewers directed by a CCAC Assessment Director. The list of institutions holding a certificate of GAP- Good Animal Practice (R) is posted on the CCAC website at the following address: [http://www.ccac.ca/en/\\_assessment](http://www.ccac.ca/en/_assessment)

Stem cell research has the potential of offering significant advances for life-threatening diseases including Parkinson's. At the same time, this new science carries immense implications for our societal values and beliefs.

Parkinson Canada's policy on use of stem cells mirrors the published policy of the CIHR entitled "Human pluripotent stem cell research: Guidelines for CIHR-funded research (December 2014, 2010)" <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/15255.html> An applicant who has received an award under the Program is required to review and comply with CIHR guidelines at all times during the term of the Project.

**n. Limitation of Liability**

In no event shall Parkinson Canada be liable to the applicant, an Approved Institution or any other person or entity for costs, damages, losses or injuries arising for any reason including, without limitation, claims based in tort, contract or other legal theory. For greater certainty, Parkinson Canada shall not be liable for any direct, special, consequential, incidental, punitive or indirect damages, however caused.

**o. Indemnification**

The successful applicant and the Approved Institution (the "Indemnifiers") will be responsible for any and all risk and liability related to the training of, or work performed by, the applicant and the use of the funds awarded under the Program and shall take all necessary measures to avoid any losses or damages to Parkinson Canada. The Indemnifiers will defend, fully indemnify and hold harmless Parkinson Canada, its successors, assigns, directors, officers and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, causes of action and/or liability, of any kind, whatsoever, including losses, however caused, resulting from: (i) negligent acts or omissions arising in connection with the training of, or work performed by, the applicant; (ii) the use of the funds awarded under the Program; and (iii) any and all breaches by the Indemnifiers of these Terms and Conditions.

**p. No Partnership, etc.**

The acceptance or deemed acceptance by Parkinson Canada, the applicant and the Approved Institution shall not create any agency, partnership, joint venture or employment relationship between the parties and neither of the parties shall have the power to obligate or bind the other party.

**q. Governing Law**

These Terms and Conditions shall be construed pursuant to the laws of the Province of Ontario and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

**r. Intellectual Property**

Consistent with the culture and philosophy of Parkinson Canada, the funding of research by Parkinson Canada under the Program is intended to contribute to the development of knowledge related to Parkinson's disease rather than to the accumulation and promotion of commercial interests. As such, Parkinson Canada does not retain or claim any ownership of intellectual property developed, in whole or in part, through the use of funds awarded under the Program. Ownership of any intellectual property shall be determined in accordance with applicable laws and the terms of the applicant's employment or other relationship with the Approved Institution.

In consideration of Parkinson Canada's waiver of all intellectual property rights in and to the results of the successful applicant's research, the successful applicant and/or Approved Institution shall notify Parkinson Canada prior to the grant of any transfer, license, or other commercial exploitation, of intellectual property developed, in whole or in part, through the use of funds awarded under the Program and must recognize Parkinson Canada for its contribution and permit Parkinson Canada to communicate and/or publicize its contribution to the results of the applicant's research.

Should the Successful Applicant decide to pursue commercialization of any results arising from research funded, in whole or in part, by Parkinson Canada, he/she/they should disclose to the Approved Institution any potential intellectual property arising from the research. The onus is on the Successful Applicant to seek patent protection in collaboration with the Approved Institution for inventions or developments arising from Parkinson Canada-supported research. This requirement for disclosure is not intended to supersede any policy on disclosure that the Approved Institution may already have in place.

Furthermore, for the greatest benefit of Parkinson's disease research, Parkinson Canada strongly encourages the successful applicant, Approved Institution or any successor in title to the inventions, patented or patentable subject matter and intellectual property rights therein, to publicly disclose in the open literature all findings and/or provide licenses to make, use or sell such inventions, patented or patentable subject matter and intellectual property rights on a non-exclusive, royalty-free basis for academic, non-commercial research that may lead to a treatment, cure or control for Parkinson's disease

**VII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS****New Investigator Grants, Graduate Studentship Awards, Basic Research and Clinical Research Fellowships**

Parkinson Canada requires grant recipients of the New Investigator Grants, Graduate Studentship Awards, Basic Research and Clinical Research Fellowships to submit Annual and Final Progress Reports, as well as a Financial Summary detailing the use of the funds awarded under the Program for New Investigator Grants only. The advance of the portion of the award to be made in the second year of the term of the Program is conditional upon submission of an Annual Progress Report to Parkinson Canada in substance and form satisfactory to the Advisory Board at the end of the first year of the term of the Program. The report shall be submitted to the attention of the Director Research Program at Parkinson Canada's Toronto Office no later than 1 October 2019. Parkinson Canada reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate funding for non-compliance with this term. Progress report guidelines and instructions will be provided by Parkinson Canada in advance of the report deadline.

The Final Progress Report must describe the results of the successful applicant's project and the Financial Summary must detail the use of the funds awarded under the Program for New Investigator grants only. These reports shall be submitted by the successful applicant to Parkinson Canada in substance and form satisfactory to the Advisory Board. The Final Progress Report and the Financial Summary shall be submitted to the attention of the Director, Research Program at Parkinson Canada's Toronto Office no later than three months after the termination of the two-year term of the Program.

Additional reporting requirements may be outlined in the applicable RFA.

### **Pilot Project Grants & Clinical Movement Disorders Fellowship**

Parkinson Canada requires recipients of Pilot Project Grants and Clinical Movement Disorders Fellowships to submit a Final Progress Report, as well as a Financial Summary detailing the use of the funds awarded under the Program for Pilot Project Grants and Clinical Movement Disorders Fellowship. The Final Progress Report must describe the results of the successful applicant's project and the Financial Summary must detail the use of the funds awarded under the Program. These reports shall be submitted by the successful applicant to Parkinson Canada in substance and form satisfactory to the Advisory Board. The Final Progress Report and the Financial Summary shall be submitted to the attention of the Director, Research Program at Parkinson Canada's Toronto Office no later than three months after the termination of the one-year term of the Program.

Additional reporting requirements may be outlined in the applicable RFA.

## **VIII. APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Applications are submitted digitally through the Parkinson Canada online program located on the Parkinson Canada website at [www.parkinsonresearch.ca](http://www.parkinsonresearch.ca) where applicants can register and complete an application form. Confirmations of receipt will be provided automatically upon successful submission of the application.

Applicants should refer to each Request for Application (RFA) for specific application requirements pertaining to the categories of award in which they are interested. Applications must be completed and submitted via the Parkinson Canada Online Research Application System. The deadline for receipt of applications to the 2018-2020 cycle competition is competition, **February 1, 2018 (5:00pm EDT)**. It is the applicant's responsibility to make note of the specified due date and time for their application

Applications must be submitted with the required signatures by the due date. Prior to submission, applicants should determine what signatures are needed, print the signature and date form and obtain **all the required signatures** for the application. Once obtained, scan the signature page and upload the signed signature page to the Parkinson Canada online system as part of your submission before the application deadline date. **Applicants do not need to courier any documents to Parkinson Canada; however, we do ask that you keep the original signed documents which may be requested in the event that your application is successful in the competition.**

**IX. LANGUAGE OF APPLICATION**

Parkinson Canada welcomes applications in both official languages.

**X. PARKINSON CANADA PARTNERS**

Parkinson Canada is committed to building strong partnerships in the service of its Research Program and its mission to ease the burden and find a cure for Parkinson's disease. Parkinson Canada is grateful for the generous contributions of its donors, members and partners in the funding of the Research Program.

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