

AllerGen STRATEGIC INITIATIVES RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

(\$150,000 budget) Grants up to \$50,000 available

Consistent with its goal of being a catalyst of social and economic innovation that arises from allergic and related immune disease research, current AllerGen Investigators are invited to apply “in-year” for funding opportunities. Funding is to be used in a 12 month period for proposals that provide:

1. Programmatic or Network-level research partnership development initiatives.
2. Unique capacity building / training / professional development opportunities within existing research projects.
3. Seed funding of new research and development initiatives to build new teams, or enable proof of principal that will lead to follow-on funding from other sources of research support.

AllerGen will consider strategic initiative applications:

- a. Contribute to the achievement of AllerGen’s mission which is to “...contribute to reducing the morbidity, mortality, cultural and socio-economic impacts of allergic disease” ;
- b. Promote the integration of existing projects within and across AllerGen’s three programmatic areas:
 - Gene-Environment Interactions;
 - Diagnostics and Therapeutics;
 - Public Health, Ethics, Policy and Society; and/or
 - Integrate existing projects with major Network research initiatives such as:
 - i. Clinical Trials;
 - ii. Cohort Research
 - iii. Biomarkers;
 - iv. Mind – Body;
 - v. Prevalence Research;
 - vi. Food Allergy;
 - vii. Occupational Asthma;
 - viii. Policy Research;
 - ix. The extension/development of existing platforms.
- c. Focus on a complex research question(s) that cannot be readily addressed without a networked research approach and which would be unlikely to be funded by CIHR;
- d. Involve researchers from multiple institutions (Networked research team);
- e. Involve more than one disciplinary expert (Interdisciplinary team);
- f. Involve end users of the results in the project – planning, undertaking and supporting the project with cash and/or in-kind resources (Partnered); and
- g. Offer unique opportunities for the development of the next generation of allergic and immune disease researchers and/or professional development opportunities (contributes to the development of “Highly Qualified Personnel“(HQP).

Funding is intended to support pilot projects with a budget up to \$50,000

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are open to all AllerGen Investigators.

Should you wish to apply for strategic initiatives funding, please follow the steps below:

Step 1: Discuss the idea with the relevant Programme Leader(s)

Step 2: Submit an expression of interest proposal, to the Scientific Director, outlining:

1. The goals and objectives of your proposal.
2. Participants and their roles and contributions (other researchers, trainees and partner organizations).
3. Consistency of your proposed initiative with AllerGen's mission and goals (see allergen-nce.ca for additional background about AllerGen's goals).
4. How the research will be undertaken (method, platforms, technologies, sites and milestones)
5. The strategic relevance of the initiative and its outputs and impacts to society and / or the economy.
6. Explain why a networked approach is required to undertake this initiative.
7. A budget.

Step 3: Additional information may be requested if the information provided is deemed by Network staff to be insufficient for the Research Management Committee (RMC) to make a decision on your request.

Step 4: The RMC will review your request at the earliest possible date, either by teleconference, email circulation or in a face-to-face meeting.

Step 5: Additional information, modifications to your proposal, or modifications to the budget may be sought prior to a final decision being made in each case.

Step 6: A formal decision will be communicated to each applicant in writing by the Scientific Director or Managing Director. The Administrative Centre will make every effort to respond to each request within a period of six weeks from the receipt of an application for which no additional information is required. Where additional information is required, the duration of the approval process may be extended.

Submissions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and can be submitted at any time throughout the research funding year.

APPLICATION FOR AllerGen STRATEGIC INITIATIVES RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

Applicants:

For each Investigator identified please attach the full CIHR CV or equivalent CV information

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS: *insert additional names as required*

Name and Title:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Telephone:

RESEARCH CO-INVESTIGATORS: *insert additional names as required*

Name and Title:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Telephone:

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

(Coordinator/Nurse/Technologist): *insert additional names as required*

Name and Title:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Telephone:

TRAINEES:

Name and Title:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Telephone:

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:

Name and Title:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Telephone:

Expected completion date:

Please outline in detail, the following:

1. Objective of the research and key question(s) to be addressed and their relevance to the AllerGen/NCE mission and mandate
2. Overview of methodological approach(es), and study design *(if extensive details are necessary, please submit as appendices)* including research platforms, technologies, sites
3. Quarterly research deliverables expected and related detailed milestones and timeframes to the end date of the programme project, whichever occurs first.

MILESTONE	DELIVERABLE	DATE/TIMEFRAME
Q1		
Q2		
Q3		

MILESTONE	DELIVERABLE	DATE/TIMEFRAME
Q4		

4. Participants and their roles and contributions (other researchers, trainees and partner organizations)
 - a. Describe the related networking (identify the AllerGen and non-AllerGen investigators including disciplines and areas of expertise, Research Institutes and Post-secondary Institutions that will be networked together in order to collaborate on this project)
 - b. Partnerships – Identify the industry, hospital, policy, not-for-profit or other partner organizations to be involved in the research project, their role, briefly outline the value of the proposed research to these partners, and associated cash and in-kind contributions.
 - c. Contribution to training of highly qualified entrepreneurial personnel: Briefly summarize the number and level of trainees to be involved in the research, what their role will be, and the research and entrepreneurial experience/expertise afforded by involvement in AllerGen-supported research. Also identify any relevant capacity building outcomes for other researchers and partner organizations.
5. Explain why a networked approach is required to undertake this initiative.
6. The strategic relevance of the initiative and its potential for impact within the AllerGen research program and/or outputs and impacts to society and/or the economy including IP with knowledge translation/commercialization potential.
 - a. If applicable, describe the nature of the IP ownership arrangements that have been negotiated to date with external research partner organizations involved in the programme project.
7. Programme Project Management: Describe how the programme project will be managed and the team will be coordinated.
8. Budget Requested:

Budget Item:	Total Budget Request:
1) Salaries and Stipends (Follow CIHR Rates and Guidelines for Stipends, eligible costs)	
2) Operation of Core Facilities (please specify)	
3) Equipment	
4) Materials and supplies (please specify)	
5) Computing costs	
6) Travel expenses	
7) Administrative costs (teleconferences, mailings/courier, faxes, photocopying) (please specify)	
8) Project management and networking	
9) Technology Transfer / Commercialization (specify)	
10) Knowledge Translation / Dissemination (specify)	
Total Funds Requested from AllerGen:	
Total Funds Provided by Other Partners: (specify)	
TOTAL FUNDING	