

Call for Applications: Global Cancer Program Seed Grants

The Princess Margaret Global Cancer Program (GCP) at the University Health Network (UHN) is an academic centre in global oncology focused on improving cancer outcomes and health equity through international collaboration on strategic initiatives in global cancer control. Global oncology is a field that addresses the global burden of cancer by promoting equitable access to prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and research across all countries, with a particular focus on addressing the disparities faced by low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

To advance the program's aims, the 2025 Global Cancer Program Seed Grant Awards will provide funding for projects focused on improving global cancer outcomes in:

- 1. Cultivating future leaders in global oncology (e.g. educational and mentoring initiatives).
- 2. Building synergistic alliances, networks and/or knowledge exchange platforms
- 3. Pragmatic and inclusive clinical trials
- 4. Quality and clinical innovation
- 5. Health policy and financing.
- 6. Prevention and early detection
- 7. Women's cancers

Multi-disciplinary proposals that strengthen existing collaborations between Princess Margaret and our global partner organizations are encouraged. Current partnering organizations include:

- 1. A.C. Camargo Cancer Center (Brazil)
- 2. Aga Khan University (Kenya)
- 3. African Research Group for Oncology (Nigeria)
- 4. Clinical Research Malaysia (Malaysia)
- 5. DKFZ/Deutsches Krebsforschungszentrum (Germany)
- 6. Institut Curie (France)
- 7. King Hussein Cancer Centre (Jordan)
- 8. Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre (Australia)
- 9. Rabin Medical Centre (Israel)
- 10. Tata Memorial Centre (India)
- 11. Vall d'Hebron Institute of Oncology (Spain)



Grant Details

Amount	Up to \$20,000 CAD
Feasibility	Completion of the project within two years, with ongoing sustainability of the project's impact beyond the funding.
Affiliation	Applicants from all disciplines and departments are welcome to apply, but the proposal must include a principal applicant or co-principal applicant affiliated with UHN . Applicants who are trainees or new investigators (with less than 10 years of experience since their first academic appointment) will be prioritized.
Submission Deadline	January 19th, 2026, at 5:00 pm EST

Application

- 1. Funding Application Form (attached)
- 2. Proposal, project timeline, and budget
- 3. Letter of support from collaborator/s at the partner institution
- 4. Curriculum Vitae of applicants
- 5. For UHN applicants:
 - Letter of support from your department head if the project leverages department resources
 - Trainee applicants should provide a letter of support from a supervisor. One Princess Margaret staff member should be listed as the project supervisor.

Proposal

The proposal should be limited to two typewritten in **Times New Roman**, **single-spaced pages**, **with 1-inch margins and 12-point font size**. All pertinent tables, pictures, and graphs must be included within the two-page limit. The proposal should contain the following information and headings, with modifications depending on the nature of the project:

- Significance to Global Cancer Control
 - o Importance of the problem that the project addresses and its impact on across population groups.
 - Implications of the project to enhance knowledge, technical capability, policy and/or clinical practice
 - Impact on changes to concepts, understanding, methods, interventions, services, or policy in the field
- Background/Context
- Project Objectives/Aims
- Methods/Project Plan:
 - Overall strategy, methodology, processes, milestones, and/or analyses (if applicable) to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the project
 - o List and describe the facilities and resources available to conduct the project
 - List any specific PM resources that will be leveraged to complete the project
- Outcomes/Impact/Sustainability



Project Timeline (Gantt chart)

Enter major milestones for your project and the expected completion date. The timeline should clearly indicate the major 3-5 outcomes to be achieved during the 2-year granting period.

Budget and Justification

Please provide an itemized budget with justification for expenses. If applicable, a 10% RFS overhead should be included in the budget. If additional in-kind funding will be used to complete this project, details of potential/secured sources should be documented. Please use the budget template on the last page of the application form below.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated on strengthening global partnerships, the caliber of the applicants and team members, impact on global cancer control, project design and feasibility, and budget.

Preference will be given to proposals that strengthen existing Princess Margaret Cancer Centre's global partnerships outlined above.

Review Process

All applications will be reviewed by members of the GCP Advisory Committee, or by a group delegated by the committee.

*Funding Recipients

Any publications or communications that result from this funding activity should include: "This project is supported by the Princess Margaret Global Cancer Program, and the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation." All grant recipients will be required to present their project at a seminar specified by the Global Cancer Program.

Funds not spent within the two-year funding term are to be returned for future funding opportunities.

*Funding will be released after all necessary REB or QI approvals have been granted.

Submission of Completed Applications

Documents are to be combined into one PDF file in the following order: Funding Application Form, proposal, project timeline, budget, letter of support from department head (if the project leverages department resources), letter of support from collaborator/s at the partner institution, letter of support from supervisor (if Principal Applicant is a trainee), CVs of Applicants so that they are named on the Funding Application Form.

Completed applications can be sent to pmglobalcancer@uhn.ca.

Please direct any questions to pmglobalcancer@uhn.ca.



FUNDING APPLICATION FORM

TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT

APPLICANTS								
Applicant 1								
Surname:	Given Name:	Middle Initial:	Title: Dr. Mr. Ms.					
Project Role:	Designated Principal I	nvestigator						
Institution:		Department:						
Job Title:								
Email Address:		Telephone:						
Signature:		Date:						
Applicant 2								
Surname:	Given Name:	Middle Initial:	Title: Dr. Mr. Ms.					
Project Role:	Designated Principal I	nvestigator						
Institution:		Department:						
Job Title:								
Email Address:		Telephone:						
Signature:		Date:						
Applicant 3								
Surname:	Given Name:	Middle Initial:	Title: Dr. Mr. Ms.					
Project Role:	Designated Principal Investigator							
Institution:		Department:						
Job Title:								
Email Address:		Telephone:						
Signature:		Date:						





Applicant 4							
Surname:	Given Name:	Middle Initial:	Title: Dr. Mr. Ms.				
Project Role:	Designated Principal Investigator						
Institution:		Department:					
Job Title:							
Email Address:		Telephone:					
Signature:		Date:					
Applicant 5							
Surname:	Given Name:	Middle Initial:	Title: Dr. Mr. Ms.				
Project Role:	Designated Principal Investigator						
Institution:		Department:					
Job Title:							
Email Address:		Telephone:					
Signature:		Date:					

EXPENSE BUDGET

Name of Institution:

Item Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Requested	In-Kind	Total Cost	
Sum Total						

^{*}Requested funds (excluding In-Kind) must not exceed CAD 20,000 **In-Kind values must be \$0 or greater

Budget Justification and In-Kind Sources