



**R.K. Dixon family award in
Hematologic Oncology Research—
2018/19**

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1. Why is Alberta Cancer Foundation making a focused call in this area?

The Alberta Cancer Foundation makes investments that have a direct impact on patient outcomes. A focused call will allow us to invest in an area of importance to our donors, stakeholders and Albertan patients and their families. The Dixon family's generous gift specifically focusses in the area of hematology research led in Calgary.

2. What if my idea is broader than Hematologic oncology?

If the solutions you are proposing have strong applicability to other areas, mention these in your Proposal. However, hematology must be the main focus for your program.

3. What kind of ideas is the Foundation looking for?

The Foundation is seeking ideas that have a direct line of sight to hematological cancer patients in Alberta. We consider investment opportunities through both an investee and a donor lens and use a rigorous process that incorporates defined local leadership, donor and patient representatives' investment principles and scientific and medical expert recommendations.

4. Who is eligible to apply?

Highly qualified individuals in hematology, ideally holding an academic appointment at University of Calgary or Alberta Health Services with an appointment at the TBCC, are invited to apply. Solutions with a short time to impact and a clear, plausible path to implementation in Alberta are encouraged.

5. When should I expect a response?

Once the deadline for submission of Proposals has passed, we will ask the Fund Allocation Committee associated with this Fund to review your proposal. We will contact you regarding the review process where you and your team are expected to present your ideas in-front of Expert Review Panel.

6. What are the investment limits for this opportunity?

We are looking to allocate up to \$1M a year from this fund. This may be allocated towards one or more proposals and over a period of up to 3 years. Typically the Foundation does not set a limit for the opportunities we review. We believe doing so is detrimental to both our understanding/evaluation of the investment and the applicants' ability to be innovative. Where an



application is deemed exceptional and greater than the allocation available, we will consider donor support outside of the Fund.

7. What are eligible expenses for this funding opportunity?

Please note that overhead and administration fees are considered ineligible expenses. Other than that, any expense related to the successful implementation of the proposed program may be considered an eligible expense. All expenses will be reviewed and agreed upon as part of the investment agreement process.

8. Am I required to find matching funds?

Although this is not a requirement, the ability to leverage our donors' investment is viewed very favorably. In some cases, this is better achieved between the Foundation and the other funding organizations with the support of the Team Lead.

9. Why am I being asked about stages past this investment term (impact in patients)?

The Alberta Cancer Foundation invests in programs that have high potential for significant impact for Albertans facing cancer. An understanding of the translation path, the associated timelines, risks, and individuals and partnerships necessary to engage now and in the future, are essential in successfully generating impact to Albertans.

10. Will the Foundation be looking for ideas in any other areas?

As we assess our portfolio of investments, we will continue to identify other areas where we may be interested in seeking ideas. Communications will take place at that time.

Whenever you have any great idea which can make a positive impact on cancer patients and their families in Alberta, you can contact the Foundation via e-mail:

programinvestment@albertacancer.ca.