



## Azrieli Science Grants Program- **Funding Opportunity Announcement-2022**

Since its establishment in 1989, the Azrieli Foundation has supported eight key priority areas, including basic and clinical biomedical research. Our goal is to advance discoveries and novel approaches that address the core of challenging issues in medicine and society, including for neurodevelopmental conditions.

We are pleased to announce our **2022 Request for Applications (RFA):**

### **“New Ideas to Advance Knowledge in Neurodevelopment”**

In this call for applications, we seek to support high-risk, high reward research projects and highly innovative and creative research ideas that have the potential to advance knowledge in neural development and neurodevelopmental disorders. We seek proposals that test new hypotheses, develop new approaches to an intractable problem or that challenge prevailing paradigms. We are looking for distinctive and **novel** approaches, including development of techniques or technologies that will enable new discovery.

### **Funding**

Individual or team projects will be funded up to **Cdn\$50,000 per year** for up to two years. We expect to fund the top **five** applications, as determined by an external peer-review process.

### **Topic Eligibility**

- Research questions and hypothesis must have relevance to neural development.
- Projects will be curiosity and discovery driven, but where direct and indirect impacts to neurodevelopment and to neurodevelopmental disorders can be articulated.
- Any model system or combination of model systems, technologies and tools are permitted.
- Collaboration across disciplines is encouraged.

Applications will be evaluated according to: 1) **significance and impact of the research to neurodevelopmental disorders** 2) quality, novelty, and innovation of the proposal 3) scientific and technical feasibility 4) suitability of applicants and research environment to the research question.

### **Applicant Eligibility**

Applications may be submitted by individual researchers or teams. **Collaborative proposals are strongly encouraged.** The Nominated Principal Applicant and Co-applicants who intend to share funding must be independent researchers at accredited **Canadian** Universities or Research Institutes with Registered Charitable Organization designation.

### **Key Dates**

**Tuesday May 31, 2022: Due date for Letter of Intent**

**Friday July 29, 2022: Due date for Full Application**

September/ October 2022: Peer Review

November 2022: Award Notification

### **Information and Contact**

The Application Manual which includes instructions for submitting the Letter of Intent is posted [here](#).

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