# Movember Discovery Grant

## Part 1: Overview Information

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<td>Program Applications Available</td>
<td>January 2016</td>
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<td>Registration Deadline</td>
<td>Tuesday, February 17, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern</td>
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<td>Application Deadline</td>
<td>Friday, April 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern</td>
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<td>Late June 2016</td>
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Part 2. Full Text Announcement

Section I. Funding Opportunity Description

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This opportunity is proudly funded by the Movember Foundation.
Section II. Award Information

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<td>Application Types Allowed</td>
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<td>Award Budget</td>
<td>The maximum amount per award that can be applied for is $200,000.</td>
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<td>Award Project Period</td>
<td>The maximum period is 2 years.</td>
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*The amount available for this program is subject to funds raised. Should funding levels decrease, PCC reserves the right to reduce, defer or suspend financial contributions to grants received as a result of this funding opportunity.*

Section III. Eligibility Information

Eligibility to Apply

In order to be eligible to apply for a Discovery Grant, applicants must:
- be an independent investigator;
- be an applied health researcher and/or hold an MD degree (or equivalent) and/or PhD degree (or equivalent);
- be licensed to practice medicine in Canada (if holding an MD degree);
- have an academic or research appointment which commences by the effective date of the award (July 2016) at an eligible institution;
- a New Investigator has held academic or research appointment(s) for no more than 5 (five) years at the commencement date of the award (July 1, 2016)
- an Established Investigator has held academic or research appointment(s) for a period of 5 (five) years or more at the commencement date of the award (July 1, 2016)

Principal Investigator

To be eligible to apply for a PCC grant or award applicants must be independent investigators.

An independent investigator is an individual who:
- has an academic or research appointment which:
  - must commence by the effective date of funding; and
  - allows the individual to pursue the proposed research project, to engage in independent research activities for the entire duration of the funding, to supervise trainees and to publish the research results; and
  - allows the individual to apply for and hold grant funding as a Principal Investigator from the Federal Tri-Council Agencies;
obliges the individual to conform to institutional regulations concerning the
conduct of research, the supervision of trainees and the employment conditions
of staff paid with PCC funding.

- will assume financial responsibility for the grant at his/her own institution and will be
responsible for reporting this information back to PCC.

**Eligible Institution**

To be eligible to apply for a PCC grant or award, applicants must be affiliated with an **eligible institution**.

**Eligible institutions** must meet the following requirements.

1. The Institution type must fall under one of the following categories:
   - 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;
   - Canadian non-federal government departments or agencies, including regional health authorities, when specific programs of those departments or agencies do not fund the activity that forms the subject matter of the grant.
2. The institution must be a recognized legal entity.
3. The institution must have the necessary accounting systems and financial controls in place to manage PCC Funds.
4. The institution must ensure that the researcher will have the time and infrastructure that will permit the pursuit of the planned research and the freedom to publish the results.

Applications from for-profit organizations are **not** eligible.
Non-domestic (non-Canadian) entities (foreign institutions) are **not** eligible to apply.

**Elements of the Application**

The online application is two-stage process, each with a specific deadline. Key components for the grant application are:

**Registration (no attachments):**

- Select New Investigator or Established Investigator
- Project Title
- Area of Research
- Keywords
- Review Panel Selection
- Principal Investigator (PI) profile
- Update Profile to include: Date of first faculty/research appointment
- Co-Principal Investigator (maximum 1) and Co-Investigator names
- Dean of Faculty/Head of Division information
- Financial Officer information
- Recommended Reviewers with whom you are not in conflict (3 minimum required)
- Reviewers to Exclude (optional)

**Full Application:**

- Upload CVs for PI, Co-PI and Co-Investigators
- Collaborator information
- Upload Letters of Collaboration as appropriate
- New Application or Re-Application
- Response to Previous Reviews (Re-Application only)
- Lay Summary
- Scientific Abstract
- Research Proposal
- References
- Tables/Figures
- Innovation – describe how your proposal is innovative: Innovative research: A novel, inventive and transformative approach or design that might be high risk, high gain
- Certificates Required
- Current and Pending Funding
- Abstracts for Current & Pending Funding
- Reprints/Preprints/Abstracts (optional)
- Proposed Budget
- Signature page

**Other Peer-Reviewed Grant Support**

There is no limit to the amount of peer-reviewed grant support that can be held in conjunction with the Discovery Grant, provided that any additional peer-reviewed funds do not overlap with the Discovery Grant funding.

**Number of Applications**

Applicants may submit one application only where named as either a Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator.
Section IV. Guidelines and Review Process

General PCC Guidelines

PCC policies and guidelines as outlined on the PCC website will apply to the applications submitted and grants made in response to this opportunity.

Allowable Costs

Research
Discovery Grants provide up to $200,000 over a two-year period towards the direct costs of research.

The following expenditures are eligible for funding:

- Salaries
  - Salaries of research assistants, technicians, project coordinators and other personnel who will enhance the collaborative research productivity of the research team;
  - Stipends paid to trainees (e.g., undergraduate, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows) shall be in accordance with institutional policies, up to a maximum of $21,000 per annum for graduate students and $50,000 per annum for postdoctoral fellows.
- Direct research operating costs for the proposed research
  - Equipment (up to 5% of funding; up to $10,000 over the term of the grant for small equipment items. Equipment items must be relevant to the research project and justification must be provided.)
  - Materials and supplies
  - Services
  - Knowledge Translation activities which can include:
    - Travel to conferences when presenting results from the funded research grant/award (up to 1% of funding)
    - Publication costs relating to the funded research
    - Other knowledge dissemination activities
  - Other Expenses

Non-Allowable Costs

The following expenditures are NOT eligible for funding received through this funding opportunity:
Indirect costs associated with the conduct of research (including, but are not limited to, heating, lighting, ethics review, intellectual property and commercialization activities);

- Salary or honoraria for researchers/mentors;
- Conference travel (except where noted above)

**Conditions of Funding**

Successful applicants funded through this funding opportunity must fully comply with the following conditions:

- Acknowledgment of the funder’s support in all publications and presentations that result from the funded research. In addition, PCC would ask that PCC staff is notified **prior to publication** of research papers related to this award.
- Submit to PCC annual written progress reports that include a list of all publications resulting in whole or in part from this award.
- Financial statements must be submitted to PCC annually no later than 45 days after the end of each award year by the successful applicant’s institution.
- Submit to PCC an end of grant written report no later than 6 months after the funding period
- Submit to PCC additional reports at 2 years and 5 years after the end of the funding period.

**Review Process and Evaluation**

A Peer Review Committee will review and rank relevant Discovery grant applications for excellence using the review criteria as described under “Evaluation Criteria”.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Discovery grants will be evaluated based on their excellence as judged against the following evaluation criteria:

Applications will be evaluated by a rigorous peer-review process that will assess:

- Track record of investigator team
- Feasibility of the proposed work
- Innovation: Innovative research: A novel, inventive and transformative approach or design that might be high risk, high gain
- Potential impact on prostate cancer

Incremental research will receive reduced scoring.
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