



Funding Organization: WE-SPARK Health Institute  
 Program Name: Igniting Discovery Grants  
 Sponsor(s): WE-SPARK Health Institute,  
 Windsor Cancer Centre Foundation  
 Program Launch Date: July 31, 2020

## 2020 Guidelines

### Important Dates:

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| <b>Notice of Intent (NOI) Deadline</b>                              | August 7, 2020 by 5:00PM    |
| <b>Draft Application Deadline<br/>for review by Research Office</b> | August 28, 2020             |
| <b>Application Deadline</b>   | September 4, 2020 by 5:00PM |
| <b>Anticipated Notice of Results</b>                                | November 2020               |
| <b>Anticipated Funding Start Date</b>                               | November 1, 2020            |

## Program Background

The Igniting Discovery Grants will provide seed funding to stimulate the development of early-stage, novel, and innovative health research and education projects in Windsor-Essex. These projects may include studies related to emerging topics in health, addressing gaps, catalyzing new ideas, generating and disseminating knowledge, and sparking collaborations. The intent is to:

1. Provide new research teams/ research programs with support to pursue quality projects
2. Encourage exploratory and discovery-oriented projects
3. Boost collaborations among Windsor-Essex health community and beyond

## Funds Available for Research in Specific Areas

All financial contributions for this initiative are subject to availability of funds.

Funds are available to encourage and support applications that are aligned with the grant objectives and additional partner mandates (if any) below. Information on the research areas to be funded as well as the maximum amounts per award that can be requested can be found in the “Objectives” section below.

### Priority Areas:

- **Cancer** (funded through the Seeds4Hope Program by the Windsor Cancer Centre Foundation)



## Objectives

### Summary

- The Igniting Discovery Grants will provide funding for applications that have any health research focus across all health themes (biomedical research, clinical research, implementation science, educational health programs, health services research and social, cultural, environmental and population health research).
- These grants are intended to be leveraged to generate interest and eagerness in the Windsor-Essex health research environment, result in practice changes and/or policy reform, create a wider and all-encompassing health research portfolio in Windsor-Essex, create and disseminate new knowledge and findings, support local patients, residents and communities, and obtain larger funding from other sources.

### Funds Available

- The total amount available for this funding opportunity is \$180,000. This amount may increase if additional funding partners or internal collaborators decide to participate
- The maximum amount awarded for a single award is \$20,000 for one (1) year.
- If you are applying to the *Cancer Research Priority Area*, the maximum you can request is \$40,000 for one (1) year.
- Practical budgets are encouraged. Successful applications may not be granted the entire budget requested.

### Specific Requirements

- You **must** be a Principal Applicant (PA) at one of WE-SPARK's four partner institutions (University of Windsor, Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare, Windsor Regional Hospital or St. Clair College) throughout the term of the proposed research study.
- The PA **must** be a Core Member of WE-SPARK.
  - You may [join the membership here](#).
- If you are applying to the *Cancer Research Priority Area*, the PA must hold an appointment at the University of Windsor (adjunct, tenured, tenure-track or limited-term) which must cover the term of the proposed research study.

## Eligibility

1. To be eligible you must not have secured funding for the research project you are proposing.
2. Co-applicants should at the very least be based in, or formally affiliated with a health institution, not-for-profit, industry partner, etc. in Windsor-Essex.
3. The research activity is expected to be performed at institutions in Windsor-Essex. If other locations are proposed, there must be a strong justification.



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4. An individual cannot submit more than one (1) application as the Principal Applicant (PA) per grant competition. This individual may however participate as a Co-applicant or Collaborator on other applications.
5. PAs currently holding one of these awards are eligible to participate as a Co-Applicant or Collaborator on any applications submitted by others.
6. PAs currently holding one of these awards are also eligible to participate as the PA, provided that the proposed research project is different from the grant you currently have and you can confirm that project budgets will be exclusive of one another.
7. A PA who has held one of these awards in the past is permitted to be a PA on a subsequent application if:
  - a. The previous grant is completed with all funds spent and a final report submitted
  - b. The subsequent application is for a research project that was not previously supported by grant funding

## Conditions of Funding

1. Successful PAs will be required to attend a presentation (to be determined if in-person or online) to “accept” their awards. Successful applicants will be reminded of this ceremony when they receive their letters of award.
2. Should the applications be approved for funding, any Research Ethics Board, Animal Care, or Biosafety certifications necessary for the research must be active before funds will be released. This is the responsibility of the PA.
3. It is the responsibility of the PA to maintain their eligibility throughout the term of the grant and to immediately notify the respective research office at either the University of Windsor or St. Clair College of any changes that may affect their eligibility to continue to hold the grant.
4. Funds not spent at the end of the one-year grant term may be extended for a reasonable period upon request. Unless otherwise arranged, funds not spent by the grant end date must be returned.
5. In publications and presentation to both academic and non-academic audiences, researchers funded through these grants program must acknowledge the WE-SPARK Health Institute’s and/or partner support through the use of a logo or a statement (i.e. “This study was supported by a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ Grant from the \_\_\_\_\_”).
6. Grant recipients may be asked upon to submit short (2 minute) impact videos highlighting how this funding has contributed to the continued success of their research project.
7. Upon completion of the grant, the PA will be responsible for completing a final report provided by respective offices at either the University of Windsor or St. Clair College.

## Contact Information

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