

## **2020 CSCRS Research Operating Grant Competition**

*PLEASE NOTE: Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the cancellation of the 2020 Canadian Surgery Forum, the CSCRS continues its commitment to supporting high quality research by Canadian colorectal surgeons, fellows, and residents. As such, we are pleased, once again, to offer a research grant for 2020. Submission and adjudication details are below. We have extended the deadline to later than usual (July 15) due to the late announcement. We will be announcing the winner in the fall of 2020 (date and venue to be determined).*

The Canadian Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons Research Operating Grant has been awarded annually since 2008 and seeks to support colorectal surgery research in Canada. Fourteen grants and over \$220,000 have been awarded to colorectal surgeons, general surgeons, and trainees resulting in high quality research projects and many publications. The CSCRS is pleased to offer a single grant of up to \$10,000 in 2020, and we look forward to receiving your application.

**Funding: \$10,000**

**Application deadline: July 15, 2020**

### **A. Eligibility and terms:**

- Principal or supervising investigator is a CSCRS member in good standing (including paid dues) and must have been a member for at least one year prior to application.
- Principal or supervising investigator is a general surgeon with subspecialty certification of training in colon and rectal surgery.
- Research project should culminate in a manuscript to be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal.
- Investigators shall present their winning proposal to the CSCRS membership in the fall of 2020. Given the cancellation of the Canadian Surgery Forum for 2020, this will likely be an online, live webinar (details TBD).
- The winners shall present their progress at one year after project initiation at the annual CSCRS research dinner.

- Completed project shall be submitted to CSCRS for podium presentation at the Canadian Surgery Forum.
- Manuscripts submitted for publication shall acknowledge the award from the CSCRS.
- In lieu of publication (or acceptance thereof) within two years of award granted, a report shall be submitted to the CSCRS Research Chair outlining progress towards publication submission.
- Salary support for investigators is not permitted, and budgets should be direct cost only (indirect costs will not be considered).
- Research to be approved by institutional research ethics board prior to initiation (not required prior to application).

## **B. Application requirements:**

- Please submit materials as specified below to the CSCRS Research Chair, Dr. Manoj Raval, c/o [cscrs@cscrs.ca](mailto:cscrs@cscrs.ca) with e-mail subject line, “2020 CSCRS Research Grant Application”
- CV of the principal investigator (and supervising investigator if principal investigator is a trainee)
- Letter of support from principal or supervising investigator’s Head of Department of Surgery
- Detailed description of the research proposal submitted as a single pdf as follows (**maximum 8 pages total**):
  - **Page 1: Title page** with contact information, qualifications, and titles of all investigators (principal investigator first, then supervising investigator, then all other investigators) with corresponding investigator specified
  - **Page 2: One-page executive summary** of research proposal
  - **Pages 3-8:**
    - Primary research question, objective or hypothesis
    - Significance of the project, including summary of current knowledge on the topic, anticipated outcome, and clinical relevance
    - Preliminary work completed by principal or supervising investigator, if any
    - Methodology and experimental design, including tentative timetable, means of statistical analysis and clinical interpretation, and potential limitations
    - References cited

- A detailed budget

### **C. Application review:**

The CSCRS Research Chair and several volunteer CSCRS members from across Canada will review all applications received by the deadline and score them according to a standardized method and score sheet, adapted from CIHR criteria as follows:

<https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/39914.html>

<https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/39913.html>

Reviewers will not review applications where there is a conflict of interest.