

Alan Edwards Centre for Research on Pain
Call for Applications – Edwards Endowment Fund #3

Revenues totaling approximately \$155,000 from Edwards Endowment Fund #3 are available for use in fiscal year 2018/2019. Multiple awards can be made. There is no minimum or maximum limit set for individual proposals other than the limits of available funds.

This fund was established by Mr. Alan Edwards to support “clinically relevant scientific research into pain mechanisms and pain control”, and established the following as acceptable use guidelines:

“Acceptable use of the income is for any of the following: startup research in clinical pain study and treatment, projects and programs to advance research awareness, laboratory equipment, and support of the general area of pain or the McGill Centre for Research on Pain. The income produced by the Endowments cannot be used for the construction and/or maintenance of facilities.”

Due to the availability of other program funding to support pilot projects/bridge funding/small research projects and for trainee fellowship support, these funds will be used to support investments in other areas, with a priority being given to investments in equipment and other research infrastructure. Applications that are of value to multiple AECRP Full Members will also be given priority. Some examples:

- 1) Purchase of new research equipment and equipment upgrades
- 2) Maintenance and service contracts on existing or new research equipment
- 3) Technical and/or specialist services (e.g. statistician for clinical research)

This list is by no means exhaustive, and members are encouraged to put forward ideas that meet the general objective as outlined above.

This program will only fund single-year awards at this time. Any need that is multi-year (e.g. a five year service contract), while potentially eligible, would have to apply for support each year, with no guarantee that funding will be continued throughout the life of the contract. Applicants should also be aware that, in previous years, PIs were only awarded between 70 and 80% of their requested funds due to the limited resources available, ***and were required to fund the remainder of their proposed purchased from other sources (e.g. their regular CIHR Operating Grants).*** Those applying for awards in 2018/2019 should be aware such a requirement may be imposed again.

Application Process:

A PDF file should be emailed to Sid Parkinson (sid.parkinson@mail.mcgill.ca) not later than Monday, March 18th, 2019, including the following documentation:

- a) Name of PI responsible for application (i.e. PI in whose name the funds are to be set up). This person must be a Full Member of the AECRP. If the institution through which the award will be administered is not McGill University (e.g. it is the MUHC), please state this.
- b) Names of other AECRP Full Members who will be using or otherwise benefit from the investment.
- c) Names of AECRP Associate Members who will be using or otherwise benefit from the investment.
- d) A brief description (list) of what is being requested with an elaboration of its costs. If the request is composed of multiple items, each piece should be listed with their individual cost (including taxes, shipping etc). If a single piece of equipment/service contract exceeds \$5,000 in value, quotes are required.
- e) A brief description (between 500 and 1,000 words MAX) of why this investment is necessary. Please ensure that the relevant evaluation criteria (see below) are addressed in this section.

Funds will be disbursed by the Committee set up in the endowments made by Mr. Edwards (The Director of the AECRP, the Dean of Dentistry and the Director of the AEPMU). The criteria they will use in selecting projects are as follows:

1. infrastructure that benefits the most AECRP members
2. infrastructure that is difficult to fund from other sources
3. infrastructure that will help maintain research that may otherwise cease
4. innovative nature of the proposal.