

2023 ADI Pilot Project Competition Call for Letter of Intent

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The Alberta Diabetes Institute is pleased to announce the 2023 ADI Pilot Project competition. Funds for this competition are generously provided by the Muttart Diabetes Research and Training Centre. The application process requires the submission of a **Letter of Intent (LOI)**. Implementation of the LOI will help ensure that the proposed Pilot Projects meet the eligibility criteria before the full proposals enter the peer review process. This will reduce the number of applications at the peer review stage and increase the likelihood of success for projects who do get invited for full application. Projects invited to the full application stage will be selected from these LOIs using the metrics described below. We anticipate the ability to support three awards.

ELIGIBILITY

Principal applicants for the ADI Pilot Project competition must be [ADI Members](#) with an appointment at the University of Alberta. ADI Members can be a principal applicant on one grant and a co-applicant on one other, or they may be a co-applicant on two submissions but they cannot be a principal applicant on more than one grant submission.

GUIDELINES

For the purpose of these awards, *Pilot Research* is considered to be highly novel, hypothesis-driven research related to a better understanding of or treatment for diabetes. Results of these projects should have the potential to foster entirely new thinking and directions for diabetes research. Pilot Project grants are also intended to produce preliminary data which can be used to generate publications and presentations as well as pursue additional external funding or support. Pilot research may be at the cellular, animal model or human subject (intervention or nonintervention) level. In summary, research projects should be aimed at:

1. Generating preliminary results that have potential for further development towards clinical or public health application.

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2. The acquisition or development of technology (not major equipment) such as mouse models, tools, reagents etc. that will increase competitiveness for other grant applications such as Tri-Council or charitable Foundations.

The project should be:

- Novel - not an extension of existing or previous research
- Hypothesis-driven
- Not associated with other current funding source on this topic

BUDGET

- Maximum request is for \$30,000. All funding is to be utilized in a 12 – 18 month period
- All justifiable costs may be considered

LOI FORMAT

Submit a 1-2 page LOI (using 12 pt font) as PDF (preferred) or Word document, format your document as follows:

1. NAME of applicant and co-applicants (if any)
2. TITLE of Project
3. DESCRIPTION of the proposal: objectives/hypotheses and methodology (explanatory figures, references and preliminary data may be included within the 2 page limit)
4. BUDGET
5. Potential next steps following completion of this project (e.g. which funding agency are you aiming to apply for)

SUBMIT LOI ONLINE

Register & submit your LOI online (saved as a PDF or Word document) [PILOT PROJECT ONLINE SUBMISSION FORM](#)

LOI DEADLINE

LOI submission deadline: Monday, January 16, 2023, by 11:59 pm MT