

Val and Morley Blanch Collaboration & Translation Fund 2023 Catalyst Grant Competition

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BACKGROUND

The Blanch family have generously supported research at the ADI for many years. With a recent commitment of \$250,000, the ADI is delighted to announce this funding opportunity. Held annually for the next three years, the Val and Morley Blanch Collaboration & Translation Fund “Catalyst Grant Competition” will support one project each year which brings researchers together in meaningful collaborations to accelerate translation of diabetes research towards clinical impact.

PURPOSE

Teams with different skills working together are more likely to resolve complex problems like diabetes. Effective and meaningful collaborations are not always easy to establish or maintain. This competition seeks to address this challenge by helping to bring researchers together, to plug gaps and support gifted trainees to advance diabetes research. The goal of accelerating research could be achieved in many ways – e.g. taking initial steps in clinical translation of preclinical work, augmenting preliminary data to support a larger funding application. Applications which clearly articulate how collaborations will be built and enhanced will be preferred. Examples might be through access to skills and techniques, sharing of staff or trainees.

ELIGIBILITY

Applications are sought from pairs or small groups of investigators. External collaborators may be included in the application, but at least two of the applicants (including the principal applicant) must be [ADI Members](#). The application process requires the submission of a **Letter of Intent (LOI)**.

AMOUNT AND TERM

Award of \$80,000 which can be spent over 2 years

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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
2. NAME(S) of collaborative team
3. TITLE of Project
4. DESCRIBE how funds will facilitate collaboration
5. DESCRIPTION of the proposal and how it builds off prior research: objectives/hypotheses and methodology (explanatory figures, references and preliminary data may be included within the 2 page limit)
6. BUDGET outline and ANTICIPATED outcome

SUBMIT LOI ONLINE

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

LOI DEADLINE

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

ELIGIBLE COSTS

All justifiable costs may be considered, but assurance of sufficient operating funds is required if salaries comprise > 50%?

REPORTING

Recipients must submit a progress report at 12 months and within 3 months of the end of the award. Recipients may be requested to participate in donor appreciation events and other activities led by ADI and FOMD Advancement. Support from the Val and Morley Blanch Collaboration and Translation Fund must be acknowledged in publications and presentations.