



University of Toronto
Division of Vascular Surgery

Blair Foundation Vascular Surgery
Innovation Fund
2016/17 Competition – MultiSite Projects

Proposals due: January 31st, 2017
Funding available: \$50,000

Overview: The University of Toronto (UofT) and the Blair Foundation have jointly established the Blair Foundation Vascular Surgery Innovation Fund at UofT, with the purpose of supporting and advancing vascular surgery research. Under the direction and supervision of a UofT review committee, overseen by the Chair of the Division of Vascular Surgery, the Fund will provide \$50,000 each year. Grants are open to faculty members in the University of Toronto Division of Vascular Surgery across UofT's affiliated hospitals and research institutes, with an academic appointment in the Department of Surgery, Division of Vascular Surgery.

For the 2016/17 Competition, priority will be given to projects that involve investigators from more than one site. \$50,000 is available, and the number of awards will depend on the number of quality applications and the amount of funds requested.

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Significance
 - Scientific merit (validity, integrity, originality)
 - Contribution to advancement of scientific knowledge in the field of vascular research
 - Clinical relevance or potential clinical value and applicability
 - Involvement of multiple investigators and hospitals
2. Feasibility
 - Feasibility of study design, methodology, analysis
 - Adequate power and sample size
 - Role of each investigator and site
 - Budget & Proposed timelines

Application process: The following are necessary for preparation of the research proposal:

- 1) Statement of Objective(s); 2) Recent relevant research by applicants; 3) Brief review of literature and background information; 4) Hypothesis(es); 5) Design and Methodology; 6) Analysis of Data; 7) Anticipated Timeline; 8) Impact and/or Future research plans and Knowledge Translation; 9) Budget. Applications should be no longer than 5 pages (single spaced, 12pt font). The applicant should also include the applicants curriculum vitae.

Detailed terms of reference are attached.

Please send proposals to vascular.admin@utoronto.ca no later than January 31st, 2017.
Subject line: Blair Foundation Vascular Surgery Innovation Fund



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Thank you,

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