



University of Toronto  
Division of Vascular Surgery

Blair Foundation Vascular Surgery  
Innovation Fund

Request for Proposals

Proposals due: January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Funding available: 2 grants of \$25,000

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 2 grants/year in the amount of \$25,000 for the next 3 years. 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.

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
2. Feasibility
  - Feasibility of study design, methodology, analysis
  - Adequate power and sample size
  - 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 applicant; 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 their curriculum vitae.

Detailed Terms of Reference Attached

Please send proposals to [vascular.admin@utoronto.ca](mailto:vascular.admin@utoronto.ca) no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.  
Subject line: Blair Foundation Vascular Surgery Innovation Fund

Thank you,

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