



## 2026 RESEARCH PROGRAM

### Operating Grants and Career Scientist Award

Submission deadline: January 11, 2026

### **CAS Career Scientist Award in Anesthesia** **Guidelines and Conditions**

The Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society (CAS) offers an award to qualified anesthesiologist investigators who are currently conducting or about to embark on either basic science or clinical research in the field of anesthesia, perioperative medicine, and/or pain management. This award is distinct from our operating grants as it is intended to provide salary support to a qualified new investigator to pursue their field of investigation. We encourage applicants for the Career Scientist Award to apply separately for CAS operating grants for any unfunded studies proposed in their applications.

1. Applicants must first meet the eligibility requirements outlined under the **General Guidelines and Conditions** in order to submit an application for this award.
2. This award requires support from the Chair of the applicant's university department to ensure that matching funds are provided, as outlined below, from the applicant's university or hospital department. The total value of each CAS award will be **\$60,000** (\$30,000 per annum for two years). There will be an accompanying \$60,000 commitment of matching funds from the university/hospital, making the total value of this award **\$120,000** for direct salary support. This money must be used to fund dedicated research time (minimum two days per week protected time over two years). The successful applicant should also provide evidence of other funds to support operating costs. All concurrent sources of grant support must be disclosed. Travel allowances are not part of this award.
3. The applicant must have completed a minimum of one year of formal research training.
4. **The main focus of the application is to demonstrate a commitment towards establishing or pursuing an identifiable research program.**
5. In addition to the completed application, the applicant must also provide the following:
  - a) A letter of commitment from the Chair of the applicant's university department. This letter must stipulate that the Institution will commit \$60,000 of matching university/hospital funds to increase the total value of salary support for this program to \$120,000 (\$60,000 per annum) and that a minimum of two days per week protected research time will be provided to the recipient for a minimum of two years. A form is provided on the application site.
  - b) A letter of support from the Head of the applicant's hospital department (if this person is not also the university department Chair).
6. The recipient of an award is required to document their research productivity by submitting a progress report by March 1 of the first award year (i.e., by March 1, 2027) and a final report by March 1 of the second award year (i.e., by March 1, 2028).



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7. The award must be held in the nominating university or one of its affiliated institutions for at least the first year. Beyond the first year, CAS will consider transfer of this award to another Canadian university. This will require the following:
- a) A letter from the Chair of the department of anesthesia in the institution where the award is currently held indicating knowledge of the transfer.
  - b) A letter from the Chair of the department of anesthesia in the institution receiving the transfer.
  - c) A new, completed copy of the Acceptance of Award form.