



2024 RESEARCH PROGRAM

Operating Grants and Career Scientist Award

Submission period: October 19, 2023 – January 7, 2024

Operating Grants Guidelines and Conditions

New Investigator, Section, and Open Awards

The Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society (CAS) offers Operating Grants to qualified faculty to cover the direct costs of conducting a research project.

1. Applicants must first meet the eligibility requirements outlined under the **General Guidelines and Conditions** in order to submit an application for an Operating Grant.
2. The applicant must hold a faculty appointment at a Canadian medical school.
3. The Operating Grants are research grants that cover the direct costs related to a specific research project or program, such as research staff, material and supplies, equipment, and other such operating costs. **The grant is not to be used for salary support of the investigator or for institutional overhead.**
 - a) Individual grants will be awarded to the recipients in accordance with the appraised budgetary requirement. It is recognized that full support of some projects will not be possible. A grant that would provide partial support will be considered if it can be ascertained that it would make productive research feasible.
 - b) Any commitments or expenditures incurred by an investigator in excess of the value of the grant are not the responsibility of CAS.

New Investigator Operating Grants

- a) An applicant is eligible for a New Investigator Operating Grant if they commenced independent practice or received their first faculty appointment within five years of the application deadline. In addition, applicants who have been in practice for five or more years at the time of application may apply for a New Investigator Operating Grant if they have **completed** significant research training (e.g., obtained a Master's or PhD degree) within the previous three years.
- b) An individual is eligible to receive no more than **two** CAS awards under the New Investigator category.
- c) An individual eligible for both a New Investigator Operating Grant and a Section Operating Grant must decide which they will submit to. An individual cannot apply to both.
- d) Dr James Beckstead Award - This award is offered for grant applications researching *Innovation in Anesthesia and/or Enhanced Recovery*. **Applicants for this award must include an additional document, one page or less, in the "Supplemental Documents" section of their grant application with the title "Why this project is innovative and/or will lead to enhanced recovery".** If it is not immediately clear, the RAC, by majority vote, will ultimately adjudicate whether the grant submission fulfills the specified criteria.



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Section Operating Grants

- a) Section grants will vary in their availability year by year. The awards available for each application cycle will be announced clearly each fall on the CAS's Research Program website.
- b) Individuals are eligible to apply for Section Grants if they are a current member of the Section offering the award and the proposed research is directly related to the Section's goals and objectives.
- c) Individuals having been awarded a Section Grant must remain a member of that Section for at least the duration of their award.
- d) The Grant Standing Subcommittee will award Section grants as long as a minimum standard of scientific merits, importance, and feasibility have been attained. If the Section award is not awarded, the funds for that Section's award will not be considered for non-Section grant applications in that awards cycle.
- e) If there is ambiguity about whether or not a particular grant falls into the Section category, the Research Advisory Committee will decide this question based on a majority vote.
- f) An individual eligible for both a New Investigator Operating Grant and a Section Operating Grant must decide which they will submit to. An individual cannot apply to both.

Open Operating Grants

- a) The applicant may be at any stage of their career development.
- b) All applicants under the New Investigator Operating Grants and Section Operating Grants are also considered for this award. That is, once the New Investigator and Section Operating Grants have been awarded, the RAC will automatically include the remaining grants from those competitions in the Open category.