

**The future
of brain health
needs courage.**

**Courage needs
you.**

The Future Leaders in Canadian
Brain Research program



Brain Canada
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There are more than 1,000 brain diseases and disorders. Which is why solving the brain's most complex mysteries demands intrepid thinking, bold research, and the unwavering conviction to reach for the light at the end of every tunnel. It's the kind of courage we're seeing in a new generation of neuroscience trailblazers.

But for their unprecedented work to continue, they need unprecedented support.

The Future Leaders in Canadian Brain Research program is designed to accelerate discovery by supporting early-career researchers with daring, innovative ideas and a solid plan to bring them to life, decoding the brain and improving the health of people across Canada.

Through funding, collaboration and knowledge exchange, we empower emerging talent to tackle real-world challenges and shape the future of brain health. You can be part of that future by supporting the courage it takes to make it happen.

The Future Leaders in Canadian Brain Research program

Launched in 2019, this annual grant program provides funding at the most critical point in a researcher's career, and gives budding scientists the confidence to dream big and pursue their bold ideas. Through this revolutionary funding model, we're establishing Canada's pipeline of future leaders, laying a foundation of research excellence and innovation.

The program is part of a broader suite of capacity-building initiatives through which Brain Canada supports the development of emerging and established neuroscientists. We accelerate innovation by empowering their efforts in research and discovery across disciplines, communities and brain conditions.

Our aims

- To expand the sphere of neuroscience in Canada by fostering a strong research talent network, building a diverse, extensive pool of knowledge and connection
- To advance understanding of the brain in health and disease, positively impacting individuals, communities, society and the economy
- To amplify the value, reach and impact of Canada's federal investment in brain research through sustainable partnerships and a proven 1:1 matching model with donors and funding partners

Our impacts

Short-term

Support for early-career researchers, enabling scientists to hire and train new research talent and build fertile opportunities for collaboration

Long-term

Transforming ideas into game-changing breakthroughs, uncovering elusive solutions for brain diseases, and strengthening Canada's research ecosystem

Our actions

Seed Grants

Funding of \$100,000 over 2 years, designed for early-career researchers focused on out-of-the-box solutions with the potential to spark significant discoveries tackling pressing challenges in brain health

Momentum Grants

Funding of \$200,000 over 2 years, awarded to Future Leaders who demonstrate exceptional outcomes from their Seed Grant project, providing them with continued support to build on early success and overcome neuroscience's toughest obstacles



109 funded research projects (and counting)

Our accomplishments continue to reach new heights as we aim to decode the brain conditions that matter to people, families and communities. The first years of the Future Leaders in Canadian Brain Research program have already yielded remarkable outcomes:

98

collaborations and 11 consultations with policymakers and stakeholders

243+

patients and individuals with lived experience as research participants

5

groundbreaking patents filed

\$65M+

in additional funding

27

awards and recognitions from prestigious national organizations

142

trainees and 57 research staff engaged in pioneering achievements

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This kind of research will have an impact on a large spectrum of interventions that go beyond stroke and traumatic brain injury. It comes with transferrable research products completely open sourced to the outside world—so anything we discover will serve as a fundamental basis for our understanding of how the brain controls movement and communication, a foundation upon which others can build.”

Dr. Marco Bonizzato
Polytechnique Montréal
Future Leader in Canadian
Brain Research



Invest in a brave new future

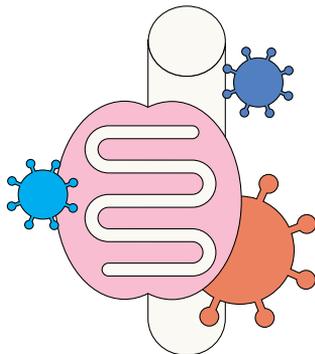
Every dollar you give today is a step towards a brighter, bolder and healthier tomorrow, fostered by a new era in neuroscience.

Your investment helps to:

- Provide research grants to cover lab and training costs
- Expand access to underrepresented young researchers
- Fund research projects, trainee awards and knowledge exchange
- Build the future of science, policy, health and technology

Ways to give:

- One-Time Donation
- Annual or Monthly Support
- Named Research Awards
- Corporate Sponsorships & Legacy Giving



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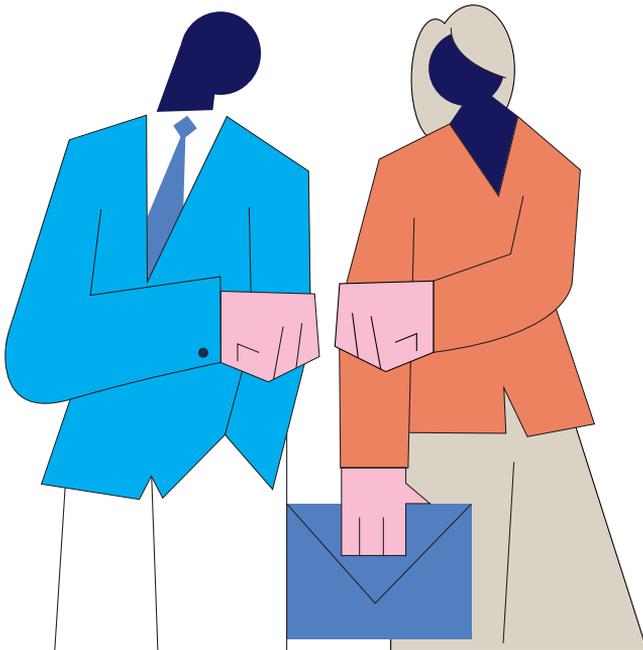
This funding was a game-changer—it helped me build a strong research team and expand the lab's capacity, ultimately enabling us to advance the portable scanner technology. This quick, low-cost tool complements traditional MRIs and is democratizing access to care, levelling the playing field so more people can get scanned, diagnosed, and treated. Supporting early-career researchers is key to driving the innovations that will transform health care.”

Dr. Shannon Kolind
University of British Columbia
Azrieli Future Leader in
Canadian Brain Research



Our bold supporters

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The key message here is the importance of seed-based funding for up-and-coming scientists. In my case it was a stepping stone towards being able to research and develop a new therapy for spinal cord injury that's now on the cusp of being implemented as a therapeutic for people living in the community.

This is the dream of all medical scientists, and for good reason—that's how you make an actual impact. That's how you make an improvement to society."

Dr. Aaron Phillips
University of Calgary
Azrieli Future Leader in
Canadian Brain Research

Join us and turn discovery into hope

By supporting the Future Leaders in Canadian Brain Research program, you'll help to power innovation and build better brain health for Canadians.

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