



## CUASF-CAS-Tolmar Research Grant

### TERMS OF REFERENCE 2025-2026

#### BACKGROUND

The CUASF-CAS-Tolmar Research Grant Program supports investigator-initiated research in andrology across Canada that will be peer reviewed by the CUASF. It is administered by CUASF in partnership with CAS and Tolmar to advance scientific understanding and improve clinical outcomes in male reproduction and sexual health.

#### KEY DATES

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| Application deadline            | March 1, 2026 (5:00PM ET)                 |
| Notification Date               | Annual Meeting of the CUA (June 2026)     |
| Study update submitted to CUASF | Within 6 months of receipt of the funding |

#### OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

The objective of the CUASF-CAS-Tolmar Research Grant Program is to support peer-reviewed research that promotes excellence in andrology research with the goal of improving patient care.

- The primary focus of the Program is to support research in male factor infertility, erectile dysfunction, orchalgia, male sexual dysfunction, Peyronie's disease and hormone replacement therapy.
- Proposals in other areas of urological research will not be considered.
- Research projects can be clinical, translational, or basic science studies.
- Grant recipients are expected to demonstrate improved understanding of the specific research area and/or contribute to improving patient care in andrology.

Grants will be awarded to the successful applicant (or applicant's institution on behalf of the applicant, if applicable). It is anticipated that up to one (1) grant of \$50,000 CDN will be awarded. (CUASF \$25,000; Tolmar \$25,000 match)

- The grant is intended to be used over a 12-month period follow receipt.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The CUASF shall receive, process, and evaluate the submitted proposals. Proposals will receive Grants based on the following:

### Eligible Applicants

- Eligible applicants include all members in good standing of the CUA
- Recommended to be a member of CAS
- Agrees to execute an Investigator-Initiated Study Agreement with the CUASF
- Agrees to provide a progress report, including publication/congress plan, to the CUASF for dissemination of study results.

### Eligible Research Proposals

In 2026, the research proposals being considered will be in areas of male factor infertility, erectile dysfunction, orchalgia, male sexual dysfunction, Peyronie's disease and hormone replacement therapy.

The study must be completed within 12 months of receipt of funding; no renewals will be considered. The proposed application should include a 'standalone' project. The current Grant is not meant to complete funding for larger projects.

### Non-eligible Research Proposals

The following types of proposals will not be eligible:

- Proposals for projects that have received funding from another source, including government or industry sponsors.
- Proposal budgets more than \$50,000 CDN will not be considered unless there are matching funds available from the applicant's institution.
- Proposals for pharmaceutical product development (including studies on non-approved indications for drugs) and/or product

comparison, or product promotion will not be considered.

## REVIEW CRITERIA

The CUASF-CAS-Tolmar Research Grant proposals will be reviewed and approved by the CUASF-CAS-Tolmar Research Grant Review Panel. Review members will be those individuals chosen/recommended by the CAS and by the recommendation from the Chair of the Scientific Council.

Research proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Significance:

- Scientific merit (validity, integrity, originality)
- Contribution to advancement of scientific knowledge in relevant therapeutic field
- Clinical relevance or potential clinical value and applicability

Feasibility:

- Feasibility of study design, methodology, analysis
- Adequate power and sample size
- Study budget
- Proposed timelines

## GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The research proposal, including figures, tables, budget and references, should not exceed five (5) pages and should be in the standard 12 font.

The completed application must be received no later than March 1, 2026 (5:00PM ET). Each applicant must arrange for a letter of support from the Chair of the University Department/Division affiliated with the research. The letter should indicate the level of support and commitment by the University and/or affiliated institution for the application.

Documentation and Incomplete applications received after the submission deadline will not be accepted. The completed application form plus supporting documents must be submitted electronically to [marisa.defrancesco@cua.org](mailto:marisa.defrancesco@cua.org) . **Please make sure you receive a confirmation email that the application has been received.**

The following are suggestions for preparation of the research proposal. The headings suggested include 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, 9) Budget and 10) References.

In addition, the following must accompany the application:

- 1) Completed Application form
- 2) Research proposal
- 3) Evidence of appropriate Ethics Committee approval or application for approval along with consent forms where human subjects are involved in the study
- 4) Letter of support and commitment from the Chair of the Department/Division indicating the level of institutional and/or university support
- 5) A list of all current grants and submitted grant applications in the past 3 years (maximum of 1-2 pages) with the title of the grant, granting agency and amount of the grant. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

## **CONDITIONS OF THE CUASF-CAS-TOLMAR RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM**

### **Financial Considerations**

The amount of each Grant should include direct costs (labour and study costs) and study drug costs (if applicable). Indirect costs are not eligible under this grant. Each payment will be made in a lump sum. Institutions are required to waive overhead fees.

### **Contract Administration**

A copy of the Template Grant Agreement, signed by the Grant recipient and the Grant recipient's affiliated institution (if applicable) must be returned to the CUASF prior to disbursement of Grant funds. Studies must be designed to be completed within 12 months after receipt of funding, yielding results that would merit submission as an abstract to a scientific meeting and subsequent publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

### **Progress Reports**

The Grant recipient must provide a progress report to the Chair of the Scientific Council at 6 months of receipt of the Grant. If the Scientific Council deems that the recipient has not made sufficient progress, further payment/installments may be withheld.

## **Inquiries**

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