



Banting Research Foundation Discovery Award supported by Dystonia Medical Research Foundation (DMRF) Canada

The **Banting Research Foundation** and **DMRF Canada** are pleased to announce the Banting Research Foundation Discovery Award supported by DMRF Canada is now accepting applications for 2021. This marks the fifth year of a funding partnership to support research by early career investigators focused on areas relevant to dystonia, a neurological movement disorder impacting more than 50,000 Canadians.

The goal of the DMRF Canada's Science Program is to support the discovery of new or improved therapies and, ultimately, a cure for dystonia. To achieve this goal, the DMRF is dedicated to supporting the field of dystonia research and stimulating the collaborations and projects necessary to accelerate progress.

The ***Banting Research Foundation Discovery Award supported by DMRF Canada*** is a one-year grant of up to \$25,000 per year that will support research related to the causes, mechanisms, prevention, and treatments which could potentially enable medical breakthroughs and transformative health care advances to find a cure for dystonia.

Eligible candidates must be focused on research that will address one or more of the core directions necessary to advance the field of dystonia. These core directions include furthering our fundamental understanding of dystonia, uncovering the mechanisms in the nervous system that lead to symptoms, creating experimental models of dystonia, and discovering targets for new and improved therapeutics designed specifically to treat dystonia. This includes hypothesis-driven research projects at the genetic, molecular, cellular, systems, or behavioral levels that may lead to a better understanding of the pathophysiology or to new therapies for any or all forms of dystonia.

The Banting Research Foundation Discovery Award supported by DMRF Canada will be awarded through the Discovery Award program of the Banting Research Foundation with approval from the DMRF Medical Advisory Committee. Eligible applicants must be in the first three years of an academic appointment at a university or research institute in Canada. For complete guidelines and application instructions, see:

<https://www.bantingresearchfoundation.ca/discovery-award-program/>

Application deadline: January 25, 2021

The **Banting Research Foundation** is a registered charity that funds health and biomedical research in Canada. Its mission is to invest in the early careers of researchers who demonstrate excellence and creativity in health and biomedical sciences. The Foundation was established in 1925 to support the ongoing research of Frederick Banting and other scientists, and has been continually funding research since then through an annual grant program. www.bantingresearchfoundation.ca

DMRF Canada is a Canadian-based not-for-profit organization committed to advancing research for more treatments and ultimately a cure; to promote awareness and education; and to support the needs and well being of individuals and families affected by Dystonia. DMRF Canada works in partnership with the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation in the United States and other funding agencies to ensure funding of the best and most relevant dystonia medical research in Canada and worldwide. www.dystoniacanada.org

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