



Mindel & Tom Olenick
Research Award in Immunology
Application Deadline: Friday, May 3rd, 2024

Eligibility

The Mindel and Tom Olenick Research Award in Immunology provides support to Graduate (M.Sc. or Ph.D.) students or Post-Doctoral Fellows for projects in the field of Immunology, with preference to candidates who have or are likely to receive individual salary awards from external agencies.

In addition to the above, the priorities are to fund excellence in any area of Immunology research, with additional emphasis on research with humans or human tissues related to autoimmune diseases, or animal model research with clearly demonstrated applicability to human study.

To qualify as Immunology research, projects must explicitly lead to a career in that field. Proposals related to tumour biology and directly applied therapeutic research will not be eligible.

Eligible applicants must be affiliated with the University of Manitoba.

Funding

Two (2) awards will be awarded for the competition, each in the amount of **\$5,000.00** (\$3,500 award plus \$1,500 travel stipend).

Key Dates

Deadline for Applications: Friday, May 3rd, 2024

Applications received after deadline will not be accepted for consideration.

Guidelines

1. Applicants are asked to submit a single **PDF** containing the following:
 - I. Common CV
 - a. Applicants should note contributions to specific research projects
 - II. Half-page each on career planning and long-term goals (no more than one-page total)
 - III. Research Proposal:
 - a. Maximum 200-word abstract
 - b. Maximum three pages of additional text outlining the project, including the research objectives, background, methodology, significance of the project, and progress to date (if applicable)
 - c. Maximum three pages of figures
 - IV. Funding requested from CIHR, Research Manitoba, or other related external agency
 - a. Include date of application, funding amount, proposed funding term
2. Two (2) reference letters are required; one letter must be from the applicant's supervisor. These should be emailed directly by the referee to the address listed below by the closing date.
3. Applications will be reviewed by the Health Sciences Centre Foundation's Olenick Award Committee who may request input from internal/external reviewers. The Committee will make funding recommendations to the HSC Foundation Grants and Allocations Committee.
4. **All applicants will be advised as to the outcome of their application by the middle of August 2024. Applicants who are chosen to be the recipients of the grant award must**



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acknowledge acceptance of the grant by email to the Research Grants Officer within 7 days of notification of the award.

5. Applications shall be ranked based on scientific merit and the degree to which they meet the funding priorities. No award shall be made if it is determined that no application is of appropriate standard.
6. Previous recipients of the Award are welcome to re-apply for the Award for an extension of their original project or for a new project. However, previous recipients will not be given priority. All applications will be ranked based on scientific merit. Previous recipients must indicate the progression of their work and career since their last Award, and must submit their current Research Manitoba, CIHR, or other external funding agency proposal.
7. Announcements of the Award will be widely advertised throughout the Health Sciences Centre, the University of Manitoba, and other appropriate institutions in Manitoba.

Terms of Award:

1. The Award will be administered by the Health Sciences Centre Foundation. Individuals paid from the Award are not employees or agents of the Health Sciences Centre Foundation.
2. **Funding is provided for one year only (September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025). Funds are disbursed once during this term, usually on the first business day in September.**
3. Any commitment incurred by a recipient in excess of allocated Award funds is not the responsibility of the Health Sciences Centre Foundation.
4. Any grant provided by the HSC Foundation and administered through HSC Finance must adhere to Shared Health Research Accounts Policy (330.140.100).
5. Any publications arising out of the investigations supported by the Award should acknowledge the assistance of the Award.
6. The Award is given in support of Immunology projects conducted at the specified institution. If the recipient transfers from one institution to another, or graduates during the term of the award, the Award terminates.
7. All research to be undertaken at the Health Sciences Centre must have received Shared Health's institutional approval prior to conducting the research.
8. A final report on the project must be submitted to the Health Sciences Centre Foundation at the close of the grant year. The report should also summarize the findings in lay terms useful for public relations purposes.
9. Awardees are required to submit a letter of acknowledgment and thanks to Mrs. Mindel Olenick, which will be forwarded by the Foundation.



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Submission Requirements

**Deadline for the receipt of applications will be no later than Friday, May 3rd, 2024.
Submissions received after this deadline will not be accepted.**

One (1) electronic copy of the application, entitled "Olenick Award Application: Your Surname" must be submitted to:

Brittany Semenchuk,
Research Grants Officer
on behalf of Health Science Center Foundation
Email: HSCFoundationResearchGrants@sharedhealthmb.ca

All relevant components of the application should be consolidated into a single PDF for electronic submission.