



# FUND CANADA'S FUTURE CHILD HEALTH GAME CHANGERS.

## SICKKIDS NEW INVESTIGATOR RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

Giving talented early-career researchers across Canada  
the strong start they need so their discoveries  
can do the same for children and youth.



# SOW THE SEEDS THAT WILL CHANGE LIVES

## THE CHALLENGE

Children aren't small adults. Their needs are different, and the changes they undergo from infancy to early adulthood are vast. To overcome today's biggest challenges in child health, Canada needs paediatric health researchers who work to find new ways to diagnose, treat, predict, and prevent diseases of childhood and adolescence. Out-of-the-box thinking often comes early in a scientist's career, but it's the hardest time to secure funding. On average, just 15% of scientists who apply to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) succeed; about 80% of the funding goes to senior researchers.

## WHY SICKKIDS

SickKids Foundation and CIHR founded the national New Investigator Research Grant program in 2001. Since then, we've invested more than \$35 million in New Investigator Research Grants for 194 researchers at 51 health institutions across Canada. Our grantees have become leaders in child healthcare. Most go on to head up research programs and clinical divisions. They repay the early investment many times over with high-impact discoveries, outstanding research leadership, and by mentoring the next generation of game changers.

## OUR VISION

To be Canada's premier national granting program for early-career paediatric health researchers, setting them on the path to competitiveness, productivity, and research breakthroughs. This peer-reviewed program funds research in the lab, the clinic, and in response to gaps in health policy across the spectrum of childhood diseases: from asthma, allergy, and mental health to the most complex and rare of conditions.

Donor support is essential to help sustain this unique program.

## YOUR IMPACT

By investing in the New Investigator Research Grant program, you help enhance Canada's research capacity and leadership in child health. You also help sow the seeds of discoveries that will transform patients' lives and lead to a healthier future for Canada. Your investment will offer talented young researchers one of the few avenues to bring a big idea to life, giving hope to families.

## WHAT IT WILL COST

Every year, we fund six new grantees. A gift of \$350,000 funds a New Investigator Research Grant, supporting the three-year project of one researcher. An investment of \$2 million funds the grant competition for a year, and an investment of \$10 million sustains the program for five years. Opportunities for matching at any level of giving are also available.

For more info: [www.sickkidsfoundation.com/NIresearchgrant](http://www.sickkidsfoundation.com/NIresearchgrant)



**“THIS GRANT IS SUPPORTING RESEARCH THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO DIRECTLY IMPROVE THE LIVES OF YOUTH WHO NEED MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS, ESPECIALLY IN UNDERSERVED AREAS WHERE NEEDS ARE HIGH AND RESOURCES ARE LIMITED.”**

Dr. Aislin Mushquash, 2022 grantee from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, is evaluating an e-mental health tool for Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth seeking mental health services in Northwestern Ontario.

## NEW INVESTIGATORS ARE FUNDED ACROSS CANADA

WEST  
52 GRANTEES

ONTARIO  
91 GRANTEES

EAST  
51 GRANTEES

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