

SICKKIDS NEW INVESTIGATOR RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

Give 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

The early years are crucial in every career, and health research is no different. But the challenges new health researchers face are unique. Success lies in being able to secure the grant funding and mentorship to get a novel idea off the ground. Yet research funding in Canada is highly competitive, and early-career researchers are pitted against their more seasoned colleagues. As research costs increase and the quest for grant funding becomes ever more competitive, philanthropic investment is more important than ever.

#### WHY SICKKIDS

A global leader in child health care, research, and training, SickKids is serious about nurturing talent and enhancing the capacity for discoveries that improve life for patients and their families. Since 2001, we've invested in 166 researchers at over 45 health institutions across Canada with our New Investigator Research Grants. This unique program, a partnership between SickKids and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, offers a springboard to Canada's top health research talent. When early-career researchers need it most, these peer-reviewed awards provide funding, access to mentors, and networking opportunities. Our national grants have launched the careers of health-care game changers whose discoveries are transforming children's lives with novel therapies, new standards of care, and internationally recognized research programs.

### **OUR VISION**

To be Canada's premier national granting program for early-career health researchers, setting them on the path to competitiveness, productivity, and the recognition that comes with high-impact discoveries. Donor support will help sustain this unique grant program, build Canada's research capacity in child health, and sow the seeds of discoveries that will transform patients' lives.

## YOUR IMPACT

By investing in the New Investigator Research Grant program, you will help develop Canada's next generation of child health research leaders. Your investment will offer Canada's top early-career health researchers one of the few avenues to bring a big idea to life, and give hope to paediatric patients and their families.

## WHAT IT WILL COST

A gift of \$350,000 will fund a New Investigator Research Grant, supporting the three-year project of one early-career health researcher. Each year, we fund six new grantees. An investment of \$2 million will fund the grant competition for a year, with an investment of \$10 million sustaining the program over five years.

For more info: www.sickkidsfoundation.com/NIresearchgrant



"WE WANT A HEALTHY START FOR KIDS. SO, WE NEED A HEALTHY START FOR OUR **INVESTIGATORS. THIS PROGRAM HAS ENABLED SO MANY YOUNG, TALENTED RESEARCHERS TO GET THAT** SUCCESSFUL START IN CANADA."

Dr. Steven Miller, 2007 Grant Recipient from British Columbia, now SickKids Head of Neurology & Senior Scientist

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