



SPARCC Research Pilot Project Program - 2018

Objective of the Program

The **Spondyloarthritis Research Consortium of Canada (SPARCC)** is again announcing a **“RESEARCH PILOT PROJECT PROGRAM”** which provides seed funding to support research proposals aligned with its primary objective for the advancement of spondyloarthritis (SpA)-related research. SPARCC will provide one-year seed grants to be awarded on a competitive basis to innovative proposals in the area of SpA research.

Criteria for Eligibility

The Program is open to Canadian investigators; membership in SPARCC is not a prerequisite. The awards will be for a one-year period. The maximum amount per award will be \$25,000 for the one year. A maximum of three (3) awards will be extended in 2018 to successful applicants.

Mentorship

The SPARCC Executive Committee extends mentorship assistance to junior faculty to determine feasibility of projects prior to submission. If you would like to avail of this opportunity, please contact our administrative coordinator appended below.

Grant Conditions

- Grant recipients must acknowledge SPARCC in any communication, materials or publications related to the project. The SPARCC logo must be displayed on all written communication, including but not limited to PowerPoint presentations.
- The results of the project will be presented during the SPARCC annual scientific meeting, with a written report of the entire project submitted to SPARCC within 60 days of that meeting.
- Within three (3) months after the activity, an end-of-grant report will be required summarizing the outcomes and describing how the grant funds were used; any left-over funds will be returned to SPARCC, if applicable. Grant term extension(s) may be granted on a case-to-case basis.

Description of the Adjudication Process

The adjudication process will be conducted by the SPARCC Executive Committee. The criteria for the awards will include the research record of the principal applicant, the quality of the research proposal, and the potential impact for advancing knowledge in SpA. Priority will be given for innovative new research themes with potential for capturing future peer-reviewed funding.

Process of Application

The application should include the following:

- CV of the principal investigator and all co-investigators (no particular format);
- A summary of the research project (two pages maximum); and
- Budget (one-page maximum).

Applications should be sent to:

Ms. Maria Morales

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It is preferred that the application be sent electronically to:

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Important Dates

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| Competition | SPARCC Research Pilot Program 2018 |
| Application Deadline | April 30, 2018 |
| Notice of Decision | May 7, 2018 |
| Funding Start Date | May 14, 2018 |