

CIAN Small Grants Program

Purpose

The CIAN Small Grants Program is designed to support small-scale, high-impact neuroscience projects that align with the Centre for Integrative and Applied Neuroscience's mission.

There is a maximum of one grant per lab per academic year. Each applicant can receive a maximum of one grant per academic year. All funding requests are subject to availability of funds.

1. Funding Overview

(Please refer to the full list of eligible and ineligible expenses [at this link.](#))

- Maximum Award: \$5,000 CAD
- Maximum for meetings: \$2,000 CAD
- Maximum for trainees: \$1,000 CAD
- Eligibility: Open to CIAN members only, including faculty, postdoctoral researchers, graduate students, and research staff. Students must have a CIAN faculty supervisor.

- Eligible Expenses Include:
 - Research-Related Travel not covered by other sources: Fieldwork, collaborative trips.
 - Matching or seed funds for grants going through CIAN (i.e. external grants where CIAN indicated in ORS checklist).
 - Workshops and Seminars: Costs of organizing research-related events, including non-alcoholic refreshments, sponsorship for workshop attendance.

- Ineligible Expenses Include:
 - Large equipment or furniture
 - Alcohol or non-research-related costs

2. Application Requirements

Applicants must complete an online form and submit the following materials:

1. Project Summary (150 words)
2. Project Description (maximum 1,000 words)
3. Budget and Justification (up to \$5,000 CAD)
4. Short CVs of key personnel
5. Letter of Support (required for student applicants)

3. Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be peer-reviewed based on:

- Alignment with CIAN's strategic priorities
- Scientific merit and innovation
- Feasibility and timeline
- Budget appropriateness and justification

4. Reporting & Expectations

Award recipients are expected to:

- Submit a brief final report within **3 months** of project completion
- Acknowledge CIAN support in all publications and outputs