

## **2022 Legacy Research Grant Competition: General Information**

**Application deadline is May 13, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.**

For more than 30 years, The Lung Association of Nova Scotia (LANS) has offered an annual Legacy Research Grant competition to support respiratory health-related research efforts in Nova Scotia.

LANS is pleased to announce that it is continuing its partnership with Research Nova Scotia to offer this competition and is now accepting applications for the 2022 competition.

*The aim of the Legacy Research Grant is **to provide financial support for research projects that generate evidence, outcomes, and/or knowledge and its translation into improved respiratory health and health services for Nova Scotians.***

We are accepting applications for research projects that are respiratory health-related and pertain to any of the four missions below.

- Mission 1 (Reduce Harm): Advance disease detection, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention
- Mission 2 (Improve Systems and Resources): Strengthen our health care delivery system
- Mission 3 (Build Resilience): Care for vulnerable populations
- Mission 4 (Innovate for the Future): Promote better opportunities for future health and wellbeing

This year, a total of \$70,000 can be awarded. Depending on the number and quality of applications received, and at the discretion of the LANS Board of Directors, one grant may be awarded for the total amount or multiple grants could be awarded to several applicants.

In past Legacy Research Grant cycles, we required successful applicants to publish their research findings in an open-access journal (at minimum). This year, we will be replacing this requirement by making knowledge translation (KT) a fundamental part of the Legacy Research Grant. We will require applicants to provide either an End of Grant KT or Integrated KT plan (as per [CIHR guidelines](#)) as part of their application.

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The 2022 Legacy Research Grant is made possible by support from Research Nova Scotia

**Electronic versions of completed applications (see attached) must be received by email prior to Friday, May 13, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.** Consideration will not be given to any applications received after this time.

Applications found to meet established criteria (eligibility and completeness) will be reviewed by an independent Scientific Review Committee. This Committee will make recommendations to the LANS Board of Directors by July 31, 2022. The LANS Board of Directors will make the final decision regarding the awarding of the grants by August 1, 2022. Grants will be distributed to successful applicants by November 2022. Written notification will be sent to all applicants to notify them of the decision for their application.

Full details of this year's competition are attached. These details and the application are also available online at: [www.ns.lung.ca/legacy-research-grant](http://www.ns.lung.ca/legacy-research-grant).

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## **2022 Legacy Research Grant Competition: Application Guidelines**

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible to apply, the Principal Investigator must:

- Be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident of Canada or a Protected Person under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada); and
- Hold an academic appointment with any Nova Scotia academic institution that has a national granting council (e.g., CIHR, SSHRC, NSERC) eligibility to conduct peer-reviewed health research. Applicants without academic appointments may collaborate with other investigators holding valid academic appointments.

Applicants who have been previously awarded a Legacy Research Grant from LANS in 2020 or 2021 and have not submitted a progress report are not eligible for this competition.

### **Special Instructions**

- Please include a recent curriculum vitae (CV) for all investigators and a list publications in the last five (5) years for each investigator. It is preferred that investigators append their completed CIHR CCVs (<https://ccv-cvc.ca/>) to fulfil this requirement.
- Letters of support from co-applicants should be included that identify the nature of their involvement in the research.
- References, tables, and figures should be appended to the application. Tables and figures should not exceed two (2) pages.
- Acceptance of a grant constitutes an agreement that approval of the appropriate Research Ethics Board will be sought and that all research conducted adheres to the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Human–TCPS 2 (2018).
- At least five (5) percent of your requested funds must be dedicated to planned knowledge translation (KT) (e.g., published article/s, website, infographic, stakeholder webinar). This will ensure the research projects we are funding have clear, measurable goals that have impacts for society and policymaking.

### **Scientific Review Process**

- The independent Scientific Review Committee will provide rankings of the applications based on the project description, relevance, merit, and budget (see attached rubric).

## Reporting

- Grants may be used for operating expenses, equipment, or the employment of technicians, research assistants, and/or research trainees. Grants may not be used to support investigators identified in the application or for indirect costs (e.g., overhead costs).
- Salaries for grant-employed staff should be in line with those used for employees in the Grantee's institution.
- A financial statement of all grant related expenditures and unspent balances must be submitted to the LANS before December 1, 2023. Unspent balances will normally remain to the credit of the Grantee for a period of time determined by the LANS for the purpose of the original grant. Unspent balances after that period will be returned to the LANS. If a financial statement is not submitted to the LANS by December 1, 2023, funds must be immediately returned to LANS.
- If for any reason the Grantee is unable to carry out the terms of the grant, they must promptly notify LANS.
- Recipients of the Legacy grants must submit a progress report by March 1, 2023 (a template will be provided). The report should include a list of KT activities completed or planned and any anticipated or successful grant applications arising from the work supported by LANS.

## Acknowledgement

- Support from LANS and Research Nova Scotia must be acknowledged in all publications and presentations arising from awarded projects.

**2022 Legacy Research Grant Competition: Review Rubric**

<b>Project description</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there an adequate review of background literature?</li> <li>• Does the proposal demonstrate clarity and appropriate scope of objectives?</li> <li>• Does the proposal demonstrate clarity and appropriateness of methodology?</li> <li>• Is the work plan complete with feasible timelines?</li> <li>• Are anticipated challenges or limitations identified, and do they provide a plan to address these challenges?</li> </ul>	<b>/50 points</b>
<b>Relevance</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the proposed research relevant to LANS and respiratory health?</li> <li>• Is the proposed research consistent with the Legacy Research Fund aim?</li> <li>• Is the proposed research aligned with at least one of Research Nova Scotia’s missions within the “healthy people and health care systems” mission area?</li> <li>• Is the knowledge translation (KT) plan well defined and feasible?</li> </ul>	<b>/25 points</b>
<b>Merit</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the knowledge/expertise of the team appropriate for the project?</li> <li>• Is there a likelihood of success for this team (e.g., training history, publication/track-record)?</li> </ul>	<b>/15 points</b>
<b>Budget</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the budget appropriate for the proposed project?</li> <li>• Are the expenses outlined allowable?</li> <li>• Are the amounts for each budget item clearly and completely justified?</li> <li>• Are suggested staff wages appropriate and reasonable?</li> <li>• Are any special needs of the project appropriately resourced?</li> <li>• Are at least five (5) percent of funds earmarked for knowledge translation (KT) activities?</li> </ul>	<b>/10 points</b>
<b>Total /100 points</b>	