



# Kidney Health Research Grant – Full Application

## INSTRUCTIONS for Online Submission

These instructions provide general information regarding the Kidney Health Research Grant full application stage and does not contain all information required to complete the online application. Please follow the policies and online instructions provided on ProposalCentral.

### SECTION 1 - Title Page

Project Title

Primary Theme

Secondary Theme

\* Please indicate if this application is:

- New
- Renewal (is the project a continuation of work currently funded by KFOC)
- Resubmission (was this project previously submitted and unsuccessful)

Correspondence language

- English
- French

Overlap

**To avoid any question of duplicate funding (which will automatically disqualify an application), applicants seeking or already receiving monies from other agencies or who are submitting a renewal proposal to the KFOC should clearly and unambiguously indicate the uniqueness to The Kidney Foundation of their proposal with respect to both the science and the budget by completing the *Funding Overlap Declaration* section on ProposalCentral.** Please note that the Foundation does not provide top up funds, and that projects can be evaluated only on the supplied project application. Changes made after the receipt of other funding will not be considered applicable for funding.

Applicant Consent Form

Signed copy of the Applicant Consent Form is required at all application stages.

Can be downloaded from Section 2 or 16 and uploaded to **Section 16**.

## SECTION 2 - Download Templates & Instructions

*Applicants can download the following templates and upload the templates/documents in **Section 16 - Application Documents**.*

[Best PracforWritingPlainLangAbstract-English](#)

[Best PracforWritingPlainLangAbstract-French](#)

[Instructions \(Full Proposal\)-English](#)

[Instructions \(Full Proposal\)-French](#)

[KHRG Policies-English](#)

[KHRG Policies-French](#)

[Applicant Consent](#)

[Response to Previous Reviews, if applicable \(2 pages\)](#)

*You can upload the Response to Previous Reviews in **Section 16** by clicking the “Attach Files” button.*

If applicable, applicants may respond to reviews on a previous KFOC application, **NOT to exceed two (2) pages**, which includes the following:

- The response should stand-alone, i.e. not require reference to any other documents, as the reviewers do not have access to previous application information.
- The only acceptable font is Times New Roman and Times and the character size measured in points must be no smaller than 12 pt; six lines per inch, single-spaced with no condensed type or spacing.
- A minimum margin of 2 cm (3/4 inch) around the page is mandatory.
- Include the name of the Nominated Principal Applicant and primary location of the institution at the top of the document.
- All uploaded files must be in either PDF or Microsoft Word format.

[Research Proposal \(8 pages\)](#)

*You can upload the Research Proposal in **Section 16** by clicking the “Attach Files” button.*

Applicants should attach a clear, concise description of their research proposal, **NOT to exceed eight (8) pages**, which includes the following:

- Page limits DO include tables, charts, figures, photographs and legends, must be included in the body of the research proposal.
- Font sizes for tables, charts, figures and legends must not be smaller than 12 point. 'Times New Roman' or 'Times' 12 point must be used.
- References, questionnaires and consent forms may be attached as appendices, where applicable.
- The only acceptable font is Times New Roman and Times and the character size measured in points must be no smaller than 12 pt; six lines per inch, single-spaced with no condensed type or spacing.
- A minimum margin of 2 cm (3/4 inch) around the page is mandatory.

- Include the name of the Nominated Principal Applicant and primary location of the institution at the top of the document.
- All uploaded files must be in either PDF or Microsoft Word format.

**NOTE: Any pages exceeding the proposal's 8-page limit, will be removed from the application prior to peer review.**

- Extenuating circumstances (e.g. pregnancy, parental leave, sabbatical) should be discussed in relation to the progress of the project.
- The research proposal should stand alone (i.e., it should contain all the information required to support your research plan and should contain a complete description of your project). For the purpose of peer review, the research proposal should not depend on information such as appendices that are not included in the page limit of the research proposal.
- The protocol for clinical trials should be included in the Research proposal application. Details of case report forms, trial governance can be submitted as appendices.
- Legends should be succinct and should not contain detailed information pertaining to methods.
- Appendices may include references, questionnaires and consent forms. Tables, charts, figures, legends and photographs must be included in the body of the research proposal. Font sizes for tables, charts, figures and legends must not be smaller than **12 point**. 'Times New Roman' or 'Times' 12 point must be used.
- If numerous abbreviations are used, please provide an explanatory table. It is preferable to avoid abbreviations.
- The Kidney Health Scientific Committee requires strong evidence of the applicant's prior experience and research related to the current application.

#### CV Form

*You can upload the CVs in **Section 16** by clicking the "Attach Files" button.*

- CV for (Nominated)Principal Applicant (required)  
(Nominated) Principal Applicant(s) must upload their CV to ProposalCentral. The KFOC accepts the CIHR Project BioSketch CV.
- CV for Co-applicant(s) - (required if applicable)  
Co-applicants' CVs must be uploaded to ProposalCentral by the (Nominated) Principal Applicant. The KFOC accepts the CIHR Project BioSketch CV or eligible international equivalent.

If Co-applicants are lived experience partners, they may submit a simple CV. In this case, they should also include a letter which details their reason for involvement.

All Co-applicants must sign and date their CVs. By doing so they agree to all KFOC granting policies.

Electronic signatures are accepted on CVs and Signature Pages.

***Note: To upload documents (e.g. CVs, Collaboration Letters etc.) go to Section 16 - Application Documents***

### **SECTION 3 - Enable Other Users to Access this Proposal**

This section allows you to give other users access to your grant application.

## **SECTION 4 – Nominated Principal Applicant**

### Applicant Profile Information

#### Early Career Researcher Status (if applicable)

If the Nominated Principal Applicant of this application is within 5 years of the start date of his/her independent research appointment, a **Departmental Chair Letter and Recent Research Supervisor Letter are required.**

In order to be applicable as an early career researcher, the Nominated Principal Applicant may have held their first faculty position for no more than 5 years at the time of full application.

Note: If you are applying as an ECR, you cannot include another principal applicant on your application (you may include co-applicants, knowledge users and lived experience partners).

## **SECTION 5 – EDI Survey**

## **SECTION 6 - Institution Paid & Contacts**

List the Institution that will **administer the funds** for your project.

## **SECTION 7 - Key Personnel, Collaboration & Support**

For more information on the roles of nominated principal applicant, principal applicants, co-applicants, collaborators, knowledge users & lived experience partners, please see the KFOC Policies.

### Key Personnel & Hours per week on project

For each applicant indicate the hours per week to project.

### Letters of Collaboration and/or Support

Grant applications must include letters of intent to participate from collaborators who have a role in the research project. Additional documentation may be requested from the applicant when deemed necessary.

#### Letter(s) of collaboration

If significant scientific contributions from collaborators not listed as applicants are expected, a signed statement from each collaborator must be appended.

#### Letter(s) of support

If an applicant's academic appointment is pending, a letter from the Dean of the Faculty should be appended, indicating when the appointment is expected to take effect.

***Note: It's the responsibility of the Nominated Principal Applicant to upload the collaboration and/or support letters. These letters can be uploaded in Section 16 - Application Documents.***

All Co-applicants must sign and date their CVs. By doing so they agree to all KFOC granting policies.

Electronic signatures are accepted on CVs and Signature Pages.

## **SECTION 8 - Plain Language Abstract and Research Proposal Summary**

### Plain Language Abstract and Title

Clear and concise plain language titles and abstracts are an essential component of any research proposal or research article. Your lay abstract must clearly communicate why your research matters to a broad audience that includes patients, funders, and policy makers.

Use plain language and aim for a broad audience at Grade 8 to 10 reading level (Please verify reading level using available reading level assessment tool): Patient partners will have a wide range of scientific literacy and academic knowledge. It is essential that the lay abstract is accessible to a broad audience including patient partners, funders, policy makers. Write as though you are explaining to one of your relatives in Grade 10 high school, or your grandmother – someone who genuinely cares about you and shares your passion about the work you are doing. Alternatively, write your lay abstract like a high school newspaper article. For instructions, please see “[2022 Best Practices for Writing Plain Language Abstract](#)”. **650-750 words**

This information will be used in communications to the volunteers, donors and public about research supported by the Foundation.

### Summary of Research Proposal

The applicant should summarize the objective(s), hypotheses and research plan.

### Keywords

### Categories

#### Does this work have a patient-oriented research focus?

Patient-oriented research refers to a continuum of research that engages patients as partners, focusses on patient-identified priorities and improves patient outcomes. This research, conducted by multidisciplinary teams in partnership with relevant stakeholders, aims to apply the knowledge generated to improve healthcare systems and practices. Ref: CIHR

To be considered patient oriented research, research teams should show proof of engagement with lived experience partners or communities through their application and should be able to highlight how the research project directly aligns with a patient focused outcome lens.

To learn more visit: [Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research - Patient Engagement Framework - CIHR \(cihr-irsc.gc.ca\)](#)

## SECTION 9 – Priority Announcements and Partnership Opportunities

**PLEASE NOTE: There are NO Priority Announcements for the 2026 Competition.**

Priority announcements are target areas of funding for applications submitted to the Kidney Health research grant competition. Priority announcements align to the Kidney Foundation of Canada's Research Framework and outline specific areas of emphasis.

**PLEASE NOTE: Partnership Opportunities for 2026 to be determined at the “Full Application” stage.**

Partnership opportunities are specific sources of funding for applications submitted to the Kidney Health research grant competition. Partnerships align to the Kidney Foundation of Canada's Research Framework and outline specific areas of emphasis from partnership organizations.

## SECTION 10 - Research Framework and Knowledge Translation Plan

### Research Framework

Please describe how your research aligns with one of the priorities identified in the new KFOC's Research Framework. For more information, please see section **1.2 Objectives** of the policies.

### Summary of Knowledge Translation Plan

Applicants are asked to include a short description of their Knowledge Translation (KT) plan.

## SECTION 11 - Budget Period Detail

Provide estimates for the FIRST FULL YEAR and SECOND YEAR. THIRD YEAR (Early Career Researchers only). **To be guaranteed funding as a three-year grant the application needs to be scored in the excellent to outstanding category by the Kidney Health Scientific Committee** (please budget accordingly). Amounts must be in Canadian funds.

### Personnel Costs

For personnel directly paid from project budget, please fill in the table.

### Details of Equipment Requests

You can upload additional pages in **Section 16 - Application Documents**.

## SECTION 12 - Budget Overview and Justification

### Budget Overview

Budget requirements and stipulations:

Grant applications for equipment only will not be considered. Equipment requested as part of the grant application will be considered provided the total amount for equipment does not exceed \$10,000 CAN. In such cases, a full and adequate justification for required equipment must be provided. All apparatus, materials or supplies purchased by the grantee for use with any research funded by The Kidney Foundation becomes the property of the institution concerned.

The maximum request for travel funds **within** a research grant application is \$2,500 CAN per year.

#### Budget Justification

Provide full justification of all budget items relative to the proposed research. **Please also describe any in-kind funding that will be applied towards the proposed research.**

#### Employment History (for the past 12 months of personnel to be employed on grant)

For each individual to be directly paid from project budget, list his/her position at the time of application, current salary rate (\$ / annum, excluding benefits) and current source of funding.

Research grants do not provide for salary support of the Nominated Principal Applicant, Principal Applicants and/or Co-Applicants (unless they are a lived-experience partner, in which case compensation can be included) and are not intended to cover the entire cost of the research for which they are provided, since space and certain basic facilities are prerequisites to an application for a grant.

### **SECTION 13 - Ethical Requirement(s), EDI and Sex & Gender**

- Ethical acceptability of research involving human subjects
- Animal Care Approval Form
- Human Stem Cell
- Biosafety Certification

You will be required to submit the appropriate documents by the deadline date or if funded, before funding is released.

#### EDI and Sex & Gender

The Kidney Foundation of Canada expects that all applicants will integrate sex and gender considerations into their research designs when appropriate.

The Kidney Foundation also asks that applicants justify all other aspects of EDI considerations in their application package, including equitable recruitment of participants where applicable. *Are these concepts included in the grant and well justified?*

### **SECTION 14 - Publications**

Up to five (5) papers, relevant to the application, may be included as appendices. For articles submitted but not yet printed, letters of acknowledgment of receipt or acceptance from the publishers must be attached. **Any papers that exceed the 5-paper limit will be removed.**

Any manuscript, paper, etc. included with an application, but not yet published must be accompanied by documentation from the journal verifying whether it has been submitted, accepted for publication or is in press. Please note, letters indicating confirmation of acceptance for publication of a paper may be submitted up until four weeks after the application deadline.

## SECTION 15 - Letters of Support

List names of individuals providing letters of reference or support that will be submitted directly by the third party. Please note that reference letters may also be uploaded by the applicant in the application documents section if preferred.

### Required letters of support

1. If an applicant has applied as an Early Career Researcher, a letter of support from a previous supervisor is REQUIRED
2. If an applicant's academic appointment is pending, a letter from the Dean of the Faculty indicating when the appointment is expected to take effect is REQUIRED
3. If lived experience partners are named on the application, letters describing their involvement in and support for the work are REQUIRED
4. additional letters from collaborators and knowledge users are encouraged but not required

### Letters of Support

If an applicant's academic appointment is pending, a letter from the Dean of the Faculty should be appended, indicating when the appointment is expected to take effect.

## SECTION 16 - Application Documents

Applicants can upload their documents in this section by clicking the "Attach Files" button. **The "\*" indicates that Attachment Type is required for submission.**

Following documents to be uploaded:

- Appendices – Financial Assistance for Equipment Requests
- Appendices – References, Questionnaires and Consent Forms (the Appendix is limited to references, questionnaires and consent forms).
- \*Applicant Consent (required)
- \*CV for (Nominated) Principal Applicant (required)
- CV for Co-Applicant (if applicable)
- Letters of Collaboration and Support (if applicable)
- Early Career Researcher – Departmental Chair Letter (if applicable)
- Early Career Researcher – Recent Research Supervisor Letter (if applicable)
- \*Research Proposal – **8 pages** (required)
- Response to Previous Reviews – **2 pages** (if applicable)

### **Electronic signatures are accepted on Signature Pages**

Templates and instructions files can be downloaded in this section as well.

## SECTION 17 - Suggested Referees (Internal Use Only)

In order to assure the strongest possible evaluation of this application, you may list suggested scientific peers who would be able to provide a fair and equitable review of this proposal. Please list the name and e-mail address of at least two experts in the area of study.

If necessary, please indicate the name and e-mail address for reviewers that you do not want to review your application.



## **SECTION 18 – Validate**

Click the 'Validate' button to check for any missing REQUIRED information or files. All missing required information will be listed on the screen.

## **SECTION 19 – Signature Page(s)**

Please ensure that you have all required signatures Nominated Principal Applicant, Department Head, Dean or Dean Representative).

All Co-applicants must sign and date their CVs. By doing so they agree to all KFOC granting policies.

**Electronic signatures are accepted on CVs and Signature Pages.**

## **SECTION 20 – Submit**

**It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that each item be completed or where allowed submitted within the appropriate time. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

### **CONFIRMATION OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

By ProposalCentral

**NOTE:** Please notify the KFOC if you decide to withdraw your application.