



# Kidney Health Research Grants Policies

## Priority Announcement Policies

### 1. PRIORITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 1.1 What are priority announcements?

Priority announcements are specific sources 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.

Priority announcements allow the Foundation to focus on capacity building within specific topic areas while not reducing our goal to fund excellence across all areas of Kidney Research. Submission of all projects to the Kidney Health Research Grant competition encourages all applicants to submit their projects through the general pool, while providing targeted support when grants may fall below the general funding cut off. Please note that priority areas may change in each competition year to facilitate the Foundation's ability to work towards strategic goals.

#### 1.2 How do they work?

Applicants must submit an application to the Kidney Health Research Grant competition, using the same application guidelines, protocols, and requirements. The applicant may also choose to select Priority Announcement(s) of interest during the application process.

Each priority announcement will include a specific area of emphasis, and applicants interested in being considered for the opportunity may be asked to outline how their project will relate to and fulfill the goals of the specific priority area. Funds available per award, and requirements for the priority announcement will be the same as those provided in the general Kidney Health Research Grant competition unless otherwise stated.

Eligibility for priority announcements will be completed separately from the peer review process, and results will not be involved in the peer review process itself. Eligibility and relevance for the priority announcements will not be considered by the peer review committee or affect overall ranking or scoring.

Applications will be assessed through the Kidney Health Research Grant peer review process, utilizing the same review panel, and reviewer guidelines. The Kidney Foundation of Canada makes funding decisions in rank order until the competition funds are exhausted.

Projects that meet the Kidney Health Research Grant funding cut off in the general competition, will be awarded in the general pool. Priority Announcement funding will be given to the next highest ranked project in the Priority area which is below the general pool funding cut off. Please note that Priority Announcement funding is derived from a distinct funding pool and will not affect the overall allocated funds from the open Kidney Health Research Grant Competition.

Priority Announcements will be awarded to the highest-ranking Kidney Health Research Grant application that has selected interest in being considered and has met eligibility relevant to the Priority announcement. Please note that streamlined applications or those rated below 3.6 are not eligible for Priority announcement funding.

In the event that a single application is considered eligible for multiple priority announcement opportunities, it will be awarded only one.

The results of priority announcement competitions will be announced on the same timeline as the Kidney Health Research Grants.