

CFID AMMI-CRN Catalyst Award in ID/MM

The CFID AMMI-CRN Catalyst Award supports infectious diseases and medical microbiology trainees or early career researchers (ECRs) in conducting pilot studies for randomized controlled trials (RCTs), observational studies, or quality improvement initiatives. The award is intended to foster early research career development and promote collaborative, multi-centre work across AMMI-CRN members.

Eligibility Requirements:

- ID/MM trainees (resident or fellow), MD or PhD students at any Canadian centre conducting research under an AMMI-CRN supervisor.
- Early career researchers (within five years of first independent research appointment). Eligible leaves extend the ECR window at twice the time taken.
- Projects may be pilot work for future RCTs, observational studies, or quality improvement studies, ideally involving multiple centres.

Application Process:

- **Deadline: February 13, 2026.**
- Maximum 3-page proposal (single-spaced, Times New Roman 12-pt) describing project plan, applicant/supervisor research experience, and relevance to career development.
- Support letter from AMMI-CRN supervisor (1 page).
- CCV biosketch of applicant and supervisor (if applicable).
- Detailed budget and justification (1 page).

Eligible Expenses:

- Grant duration: 12–24 months.
- Funds may be used for operating costs and/or salary support at the discretion of the awardee.

Selection Process:

Applications are reviewed by at least two AMMI-CRN Steering Committee members and one CFID delegate. Evaluation follows a predefined rubric considering the research plan, applicant experience, relevance to career trajectory, and potential for a future career in ID/MM research.

Deliverables:

- Presentation of the proposed project at the AMMI-CRN Spring meeting during the award year.
- Annual progress report presented at either the Spring or Fall AMMI-CRN meeting.
- Submission of an abstract to the AMMI Canada annual conference once the study is completed.

- Acknowledgement of the award in all resulting presentations and publications.
- Expectation that the recipient becomes an AMMI-CRN member if not already.

Award Amount:

\$20,000 per year.