

# Lauréates et lauréats des subventions de recherche de 2025/26

Cœur + AVC est heureuse d'annoncer les lauréates et lauréats des subventions de recherche 2025/26!

Pour le concours 2025/26 (automne 2024) :

- Cœur + AVC a reçu 187 demandes de subvention de recherche. À la suite des processus rigoureux d'examen par les pairs et du budget de Cœur + AVC, les 58 demandes ayant reçu la meilleure cote ont été financées. Cela représente un taux de réussite de 21.17 % et un investissement total de 19 387 324 \$.
- Chaque projet financé a une durée moyenne de 3.56 ans et reçoit un montant moyen de 334 264,21 \$.
- Lors de la saison 2025-2026 de l'examen par les pairs, plus de 150 membres de la communauté de la recherche ont donné de leur temps et de leur expertise au processus d'examen par les pairs.

**Advani, Andrew** (Unity Health Toronto - St. Michael's Hospital)

Defining the roles of protein-bound and secreted ISG15 in heart failure

**Albert, Paul** (Ottawa Hospital Research Institute)

Enhancing neuroplasticity for behavioral and cognitive recovery after stroke.

**Atzema, Clare** (Sunnybrook Research Institute)

Examining the capacity of an opinion leader to alter emergency physician practice: Initiating oral anticoagulation for patients with atrial fibrillation

**Auger, Nathalie** (Centre hospitalier de l'université de Montréal) Severe maternal cardiovascular morbidity: Impact on maternal and child health

Avila, Laura (Hospital for Sick Children)

Development, implementation, and evaluation of an intervention to improve health literacy in adolescents with thrombotic events

**Bouchard, Karen** (University of Ottawa Heart Institute)

Complicated grief among caregivers bereaved from heart failure: A pilot and feasibility prospective cohort study

**Brophy, James** (Research Institute of McGill University Health Centre) Assessing the interpretability of cardiovascular trials



# Brown, Craig (University of Victoria)

Role for Serpine1/PAI-1 in regulating cerebral microcirculation and stroke recovery

# **Chen, S.R. Wayne** (University of Calgary)

Mechanism and Treatment of RyR2-associated Atrial Fibrillation

# Conen, David (McMaster University)

Continuous electrocardiographic monitoring for the detection of postoperative atrial fibrillation and myocardial ischemia after noncardiac surgery

# **Connelly, Kim** (Unity Health Toronto - St. Michael's Hospital)

Role of Bag3 mediated autophagy in diabetic heart disease

# Conway, Jennifer (University of Alberta)

UNderstanding ChildhOod eVEnts Related (UNCOVER) to Cardiomyopathy Study

# Dakshinamurti, Shyamala (University of Manitoba)

Targeting Adenylyl Cyclase in Hypoxic Pulmonary Hypertension

**Daskalopoulou, Styliani Stella** (Research Institute of McGill University Health Centre) early Prediction of late onset preeclampsia using Urinary biomarkers anaLyseS in high-risk prEgnancies (PULSE-U)

### **Delgado Olguin, Paul** (Hospital for Sick Children)

The heart as a regulator of systemic metabolism, a new paradigm in heart failure

#### **Dolinsky, Vernon** (University of Manitoba)

Gestational Diabetes and Post-pregnancy cardiac dysfunction: The role of mitochondria

#### **Duceppe, Emmanuelle** (Centre hospitalier de l'université de Montréal)

SecondarY prevention and maNagement of myocardial injury aftER Noncardiac surGerY – a pilot pragmatic randomized controlled trial

#### Floras, John (University Health Network) Co-PI: Cherney, David

Sodium glucose co-transporter inhibition in heart failure with preserved ejection fraction with and without diabetes: the autonomic-cardio-renal axis

#### Fullerton, Morgan (University of Ottawa)

Dissecting immunometabolic signals that drive trained immunity in atherosclerosis

## Gagnon, Daniel (Montreal Heart Institute)

Cardiac rehabilitation to reduce heat-induced cardiac strain of adults living with heart disease

# Haykowsky, Mark (University of Alberta) Co-PI: McMurtry, Michael Sean

Understanding the Impact of Exercise on Cardiovascular Function in Patients with Aortic Disease

#### Hoesli, Corinne (McGill University)

Biofabrication de cellules progénitrices endothéliales sur des microporteurs multifonctionnels



# Jassal, Davinder (University of Manitoba) Co-PI: Dixon, Ian

Empagliflozin in the prevention and treatment of doxorubicin and trastuzumab mediated cardiotoxicity (EMPACT) study

# Jenkins, David (University of Toronto) Co-PI: Sievenpiper, John

Do high glycemic index and glycemic load diets contribute to increase the risk of CVD and all-cause mortality?

# **Jolly, Sanjit** (McMaster University) Co-PI: Harlock, John *CLARITY Vanguard Trial*

# Joseph, Philip (McMaster University)

Thiamine supplementation in heart failure

## Karwi, Qutuba (Memorial University of Newfoundland)

Targeting macrophage energy metabolism to treat heart failure with preserved ejection fraction

# Kazak, Lawrence (McGill University)

Targeting adipose tissue for safe and effective weight loss

## **Kessler, Dorothy** (Queen's University)

Supporting re-engagement in life: Coaching to enhance participation in valued activities following stroke

# Kim, Kyoung-Han (University of Ottawa Heart Institute)

The combinatorial role of Iroquois homeobox transcription factors in cardiovascular neurocristopathy

# Kirshenbaum, Lorrie (University of Manitoba)

UNC-51 kinase regulated autophagy in cardiac myocytes

## Koelwyn, Graeme (Simon Fraser University)

Exercise reprogramming of innate immune memory to mitigate residual inflammatory risk following myocardial infarction

#### **Kramer, Caroline** (Mount Sinai Hospital)

Impact of semaglutide withdrawal on cardiometabolic profile and physiology of energy balance: a randomized controlled trial comparing gradual dose reduction with immediate treatment cessation.

#### Kubes, Paul (Queen's University)

Studying monocytes and macrophages in normal heart repair and in ischemic heart injury using novel in vivo imaging approaches

#### **Lagace, Diane** (University of Ottawa)

Harnessing the Potential of Astrocytes to Improve Stroke Recovery



# **Li, Ren-Ke** (University Health Network)

Feasibility and mechanism for an atrial adhesive conductive membrane to synchronize electrical signaling and alleviate atrial fibrillation

# Liang, Wenbin (University of Ottawa Heart Institute

Role of GABA type A receptors in cardiac remodeling after myocardial infarction

## Martel, Catherine (Montreal Heart Institute)

Assessing Lymphatic Function Can Improve Risk Assessment and Management of Cardiovascular Diseases Due to Hormonal Changes

## McIntyre, Christopher (London Health Sciences Centre)

Exploratory study of pharmacological cerebrovascular endothelial stabilization to reduce hemodialysis-induced recurrent brain injury, to provide long term neuroprotection

#### Miliku, Kozeta (University of Toronto)

Unraveling the Paternal Contribution to the Developmental Origins of Offspring Cardiovascular Health

# Min, Wei-Ping (University of Western Ontario)

Cardioprotective effect of DLC1β in heart transplantation: Molecular mechanism and therapeutic potential

# **Moghaddam, Nima** (University of British Columbia) Co-PI: Hawkins, Nathaniel Efficacy of a Mobile Health Short Messaging Service in Reducing Hospital Readmissions after Heart Failure Hospitalization [SMS-HF]

#### Parkash, Ratika (Nova Scotia Health Authority)

A randomized ablation-based atrial fibrillation rhythm control versus rate control trial in patients with heart failure and preserved ejection fraction (CABANA RAFT HF): A Pilot study

#### **Ploughman, Michelle** (Memorial University of Newfoundland)

Investigating factors contributing to worse physical outcomes after stroke in women

#### **Protze, Stephanie** (University Health Network)

Generating mature sinoatrial node pacemaker cells for biological pacemaker applications.

#### **Rayner, Katey** (University of Ottawa Heart Institute)

Pneumonia-Induced Vascular Inflammation & Atherosclerosis

#### Ruiz, Matthieu (Montreal Heart Institute)

Targeting the epigenetic factor EZH2 to reprogram the pathological heart and improve cardiac function.

# Sanatani, Shubhayan (University of British Columbia)

Improving our understanding of CPVT: Examining the brain's role



# **Selvanathan, Thiviya** (University of British Columbia)

Brain health in adolescents with critical congenital heart disease

# Shamy, Michel (Ottawa Hospital Research Institute) Co-PI: Dowlatshahi, Dar

COMPACT Stroke: COnsent Modernization for Platform Adaptive Clinical Trials in Stroke

# Simpson, Jeremy (University of Guelph) Co-PI: Brunt, Keith

Addressing the unmet medical need for treatment of pulmonary hypertension induced by LV dysfunction

# Smith, Eric (University of Calgary)

Plasma Predictors of Intracerebral Hemorrhage Recurrence

# Wang, Jing (Ottawa Hospital Research Institute)

Ischemia-induced pericyte neural reprogramming and its role in post-stroke regeneration and recovery

## Wang, Yu Tian (University of British Columbia)

Development of a novel class of NMDA receptor subtype-specific neuroprotectants for stroke

## Widenmaier, Scott (University of Saskatchewan)

Impact of a Nrf1/VLDL axis on sepsis outcomes in a mouse model of familial hypercholesterolemia

# Xiao, Changting (University of Saskatchewan)

Gut-derived Extracellular Vesicles in Vascular Health

## **Zha, Xiaohui** (Ottawa Hospital Research Institute)

Statins Decrease Macrophage Cholesterol in vivo and in vitro to Upregulate Jmjd3, to be Antiinflammatory in Atherosclerosis Prevention

# **Zheng**, **Xi-Long** (University of Calgary)

SIK3 (Salt-Inducible Kinase 3) in Vascular Smooth Muscle Cells: A New Avenue for Atherosclerosis Research

