

**Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Science  
Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation**

**New Faculty Research Grant**

**Application Deadline: April 12, 2023**

The Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences (DOVS) is pleased to announce this funding opportunity to support new faculty members in the department. The DOVS is accepting applications for the New Faculty Research Grant competition. For this current competition, one grant, valued at \$30,000, will be awarded.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for this award, the applicant:

1. Must have a primary or joint faculty appointment in the DOVS;
2. Must be within the first five (5) years of his/her appointment in the DOVS at the time of submission.

**Terms and Conditions**

- Faculty who submitted an unsuccessful application can apply to subsequent New Faculty Research Grant competitions (as long as they remain eligible).
- Faculty can only be awarded once during their first five years of appointment.
- Grants cannot be renewed.
- The topic of the submitted proposal must relate to ophthalmology and/or visual sciences.
- The duration of the award is one year after which the successful applicant is required to submit a final report detailing research progress and expenditures.

**Application Materials**

All applications should include:

1. Application Checklist
2. Common Application Form
3. Applicant's CV
4. Application Components (described in detail below)

**Review Process and Evaluation**

Applications will be reviewed by the DOVS Research Committee. Applications will be ranked according to the following criteria:

1. Quality of the proposed research (scope of the research experience and its intellectual components).
2. Likelihood of the proposed research establishing a foundation for a successful research program for the applicant.
3. Proposed outcomes of the project(s).
4. How trainees (e.g., postdoctoral fellows, undergraduate students, graduate students, residents, etc.) are incorporated into the proposed research.
5. Feasibility of the proposed research projects.

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### Application Checklist

Please include a copy of this form with your application.

**Applicant's Name:**

**All applications must include items**

1.  Application Checklist
2.  Completed Application Form
3.  Lay Summary
4.  Research Proposal
5.  Budget
6.  Timeline
7.  Applicant CV

#### **Submission**

Please submit a PDF copy of the application to the Research Manager at [ophthalmology.research@dal.ca](mailto:ophthalmology.research@dal.ca).

**All PDF submissions need to be received by 5:00 pm AST on April 12, 2023**

\*Please note that electronic signatures will be accepted on all documents

**Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences  
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Application Form**

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**Personal Identification:**

Last Name:  
Given Name(s):  
Current Mailing Address:  
Phone Number:  
Email address:

**Date of appointment in the Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences:**

**Please list other departments with which the applicant holds a joint appointment (if applicable):**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
4.  N/A

**Title of proposed research [one line only]:**

**Location of proposed research:**

**Description of how the proposed research will benefit trainees in the department:**

**Signatures**

**Print Applicant's Name**

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences Department Head's Name**

Department Head's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Joint Department Head's Name (if applicable)**

Department Head's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Components

### 1. Lay Summary

Maximum of 200 words summarizing the research proposal, including a description of why the research is important. The summary should be written at a Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 10.

Lay summaries of successful applications may be used by the DOVS, the Faculty of Medicine and Dalhousie External Relations in promotional materials and communications. Additionally, these summaries will be useful for providing donors with background information on research activities that their financial contributions are supporting or can support in the future.

### 2. Research Proposal

The Research Proposal should describe the research program being developed by the applicant. It should include the following:

- a. Title of area of research work
- b. Background of research topic
- c. Rationale
- d. Experimental design or methods
- e. Proposed outcomes of the research
- f. Role of trainees in the proposed work (if applicable)
- g. A description of how the funds will benefit the applicant's research program

The Research Proposal should be a maximum of 5 pages (not including references, figures, or appendices).

### 3. Budget

The Budget should clearly indicate how the funds are to be used.

### 4. Timeline

Please include a timeline of the proposed research.