



New Program Announcement

The W. Garfield Weston Foundation, through its Weston Brain Institute and Weston Family Microbiome Initiative, is pleased to announce the launch of a new program in a new area of funding. As details emerge of the neurological effects of COVID-19, preventing and maintaining brain health becomes even more critical for the long-term well-being of Canadians. This \$7M pilot initiative is designed to support research examining the impact of lifestyle and the microbiome on the maintenance of optimal brain health and, in particular, the prevention or delay of neurodegenerative diseases of aging.

Brain Health: Lifestyle Approaches and Microbiome Contributions

The **Brain Health: Lifestyle Approaches and Microbiome Contributions** program seeks to increase the number of Canadians maintaining better brain health throughout their lives.

Goal: To accelerate the development of lifestyle approaches and an understanding of the contributions of the microbiome in maintaining optimal brain health.

Funding Available: Up to \$1.5 million per project over up to 3 years.

Project Eligibility:

1. **Research Questions:** Hypothesis-based investigations that both help to accelerate the development of lifestyle approaches that positively impact brain health, as well as the contributions of the microbiome to brain health.
2. **Implementation Initiatives:** Approaches to address operational questions and/or to put findings into practice toward the maintenance of optimal brain health.

IMPORTANT DATES

Information Webinars:	September 10 & October 15, 2020
LOI Deadline:	November 25, 2020
Proposal Deadline:	April 15, 2021
Award Announcement:	July 2021

Please feel free to contact us with any questions at brainhealth@westonfoundation.ca. You can find more information on this new program by visiting [our program page](#).

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