



How much should I ask for?

Competition	National Average Request	National Average Award Value	National Across the Board Reduction
Fall 2018	\$909K	\$736K for 4.4 years	23.5%
Spring 2018	\$914K	\$740K for 4.4 years	23.5%
Fall 2017	\$901K	\$730K for 4.4 years	23.5%
Fall 2016	\$900K	\$729K for 4.4 years	23.5%
Spring 2016	\$914K	\$740K for 4.0 years	23.6%

*See also the table at the end of this document which lists the average award value and average years by committee. Don't forget to consider that these number are after the across the board budget reduction, thus the applicants asked for more than the average award.

How important is my budget justification?

20% of Project grant awardees at UofA in the Fall 2016 competition **received budget cuts over and above the CIHR across-the-board reductions**. Nationally, 25.9% of awardees received budget cuts, with an average cut of 19.5% and the additional across-the-board budget cut of 23.5%. Although the budget is not supposed to factor into the grant application score, Fall 2017 CIHR Project peer reviewers from the UofA indicated the importance of the budget justification in receiving the requested funds. They noted that the budget justification is also important in the reviewers' perception of the applicant's expertise and the feasibility of the project

Resources

[CIHR Budget Reference Material & Sample Wording](#): This document includes pertinent references & sample wording for budget justifications.

[Workshop Slides: Preparing your CIHR Project Budget](#)

Drs. Hanne Ostergaard (CIHR Project Reviewer [Spring 2016, Fall 2016 & Fall 2017] and OOGP and Planning grant awardee) and Adrian Wagg (CIHR Project, OOGP, PHSI and Team grant awardee). Shared their insights into preparing budgets for the Project competition. We also heard from the Research Services Office Research Facilitators, who shared their observations on more common errors made and difficulties encountered when preparing CIHR grant budgets, as well as from the SPOR Patient Engagement Platform.

Research Services Office (RSO) Webpage: [Help with Budgets](#)

U of A Budget Review

Your grant application budget will be reviewed by your [Research Facilitator](#) during institutional approval. However, if you have questions while developing your budget, for example about eligibility, please contact your [Research Facilitator](#). If you would like further strategic feedback on your Project budget before submission to CIHR, please contact Joanne Simala (Director, Grant Assist Program, Health Sciences) at jls24@ualberta.ca. For assistance with budgets for CIHR grants investigating new or off-label uses of investigational products, devices or natural health products (i.e. requiring regulation by Health Canada), please contact Scott Jamieson (scott.jamieson@ualberta.ca) from the Clincial Research Unit



	Overall Average		201709PJT		201803PJT		201809PJT	
	Dollars	Term	Dollars	Term	Dollars	Term	Dollars	Term
Behavioural Sciences - A: Neurobiological Basis of Behavioural Processes	\$782,136	4.92	\$750,125	4.78	\$764,454	5.00	\$827,900	5.00
Behavioural Sciences - B: Clinical Behavioural Sciences	\$760,089	4.42	\$743,484	4.50	\$1,065,263	4.67	\$420,450	4.00
Behavioural Sciences - B-2	\$682,736	4.10	\$533,970	3.60	\$777,592	4.67	\$866,439	4.40
Behavioural Sciences - C: Behavioural Studies, Neuroscience and Cognition	\$757,147	4.81	\$809,562	4.80	\$755,650	4.89	\$684,195	4.71
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology - A	\$950,385	5.00	\$902,154	5.00	\$950,513	5.00	\$1,034,663	5.00
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology - B	\$791,856	4.95	\$800,094	4.88	\$800,191	5.00	\$773,925	5.00
Biological and Clinical Aspects of Aging	\$735,675	4.74	\$672,350	4.68	\$753,950	4.56	\$780,725	5.00
Biomedical Engineering	\$568,971	4.05	\$580,827	4.00	\$568,810	3.86	\$553,350	4.33
Cancer Biology & Therapeutics	\$911,541	5.00	\$848,768	5.00	\$887,503	5.00	\$1,021,821	5.00
Cancer Biology & Therapeutics 2	\$744,509	4.68	\$699,497	4.50	\$722,926	4.80	\$796,511	4.78
Cancer Progression & Therapeutics	\$826,533	4.70	\$762,705	4.70	\$967,179	4.43	\$768,825	5.00
Cancer Progression & Therapeutics 2	\$747,912	4.36	\$689,017	4.22	\$842,593	5.00	\$725,794	3.83
Cardiovascular System - A: Cells and Tissues	\$737,172	4.80	\$771,296	4.75	\$724,361	5.00	\$663,256	4.67
Cardiovascular System - B: Heart and Circulation	\$671,791	4.47	\$569,379	4.43	\$760,538	4.67	\$702,525	4.33
Cardiovascular System - C: Vascular System	\$687,875	4.71	\$708,263	4.50	\$631,266	4.67	\$731,340	5.00
Cell Biology & Mechanisms of Disease	\$810,536	4.95	\$761,175	4.88	\$836,401	5.00	\$844,779	5.00
Cell Biology & Mechanisms of Disease 2	\$736,185	5.00	\$699,975	5.00	\$747,711	5.00	\$782,595	5.00
Cell Physiology	\$795,345	5.00	\$700,613	5.00	\$807,840	5.00	\$921,825	5.00
Clinical Investigation - A: Reproduction, Maternal, Child and Youth Health	\$675,785	4.08	\$722,415	3.98	\$727,229	3.81	\$567,885	4.44
Clinical Investigation - B 2	\$699,593	4.22	\$730,194	3.85	\$578,340	3.40	\$790,244	5.40
Clinical Investigation - B: Arthritis, Bone, Skin and Cartilage	\$706,750	4.68	\$754,003	4.88	\$698,239	4.57	\$627,139	4.50
Clinical Investigation - C: Digestive, Endocrine and Excretory Systems	\$558,868	4.05	\$664,594	4.50	\$439,111	2.88	\$577,575	5.00
Clinical Investigation - D: Cardiovascular Systems	\$570,319	3.70	\$704,278	3.63	\$438,000	3.58	\$524,025	3.92
Commercialization	\$493,553	3.13	\$490,693	3.00	\$506,813	3.00	\$489,600	3.40
Developmental Biology	\$805,709	5.00	\$745,238	5.00	\$855,844	5.00	\$846,281	5.00

Diabetes, Obesity, Lipid & Lipoprotein Disorders	\$765,174	4.91	\$783,700	5.00	\$814,725	5.00	\$679,575	4.67
Endocrinology	\$779,695	5.00	\$806,310	5.00	\$689,457	5.00	\$855,653	5.00
Gender, Sex & Health	\$615,322	4.38	\$663,001	4.67	\$683,295	4.00	\$546,168	4.50
Genetics	\$829,731	4.73	\$774,775	4.89	\$839,588	4.63	\$875,925	4.67
Genetics 2	\$847,078	5.00	\$847,078	5.00	NA	NA	NA	NA
Genomics	\$869,860	4.71	\$716,914	4.71	\$976,140	4.75	\$1,085,025	4.67
Haematology, Digestive Disease & Kidney	\$843,249	4.95	\$818,465	5.00	\$854,888	5.00	\$868,785	4.83
Health Policy & Systems Management Research	\$450,400	3.17	\$572,731	3.06	\$345,908	3.17	\$362,475	3.38
Health Services Evaluation & Interventions Research	\$494,493	3.23	\$546,040	3.56	\$445,081	2.89	\$490,650	3.25
Health Services Evaluation & Interventions Research 2	\$413,561	3.21	\$421,598	3.21	\$395,394	2.89	\$426,966	3.56
Health Services Evaluation & Interventions Research 3	\$534,294	3.13	\$531,490	2.98	NA	NA	\$537,800	3.31
Humanities, Social Sciences, Law & Ethics in Health	\$311,203	3.52	\$283,625	3.54	\$290,700	3.33	\$368,476	3.67
Immunology and Transplantation	\$826,699	5.00	\$884,850	5.00	\$818,550	5.00	\$792,253	5.00
Immunology and Transplantation 2	\$866,636	5.00	\$866,636	5.00	NA	NA	NA	NA
Indigenous Health Research	\$896,734	3.93	\$763,436	3.80	\$1,091,110	4.14	\$968,954	4.00
Knowledge Translation Research	\$449,820	3.30	\$395,068	3.43	\$665,550	3.90	\$218,025	2.00
Medical Physics & Imaging	\$717,843	4.62	\$748,935	5.00	\$755,438	4.57	\$671,330	4.44
Medical Physics & Imaging 2	\$718,335	4.80	\$718,335	4.80	NA	NA	NA	NA
Microbiology & Infectious Diseases	\$838,340	5.00	\$925,650	5.00	\$792,201	5.00	\$824,766	5.00
Microbiology & Infectious Diseases 2	\$563,751	4.57	\$563,751	4.57	NA	NA	NA	NA
Molecular & Cellular Biology of Cancer	\$905,142	5.00	\$888,791	5.00	\$912,741	5.00	\$922,153	5.00
Molecular & Cellular Neurosciences - B	\$926,438	4.89	\$965,321	5.00	\$909,585	5.00	\$916,073	4.70
Molecular and Cellular Neurosciences - D	\$914,175	5.00	\$914,175	5.00	NA	NA	NA	NA
Movement & Exercise	\$691,691	4.67	\$704,076	4.70	\$767,551	4.83	\$619,316	4.50
Nutrition, Food & Health	\$598,642	4.18	\$609,134	4.30	\$625,685	4.42	\$555,103	3.75
Pharmaceutical Sciences	\$653,797	4.34	\$648,550	4.00	\$652,419	4.58	\$661,725	4.57
Pharmacology & Toxicology	\$886,465	5.00	\$947,289	5.00	\$844,560	5.00	\$850,425	5.00
Psychosocial, Socio-cultural & Behavioural Determinants of Health	\$546,110	4.03	\$482,588	3.50	\$515,054	4.33	\$640,687	4.25
Psychosocial, Sociocultural & Behavioural Determinants of Health 2	\$449,799	3.75	\$574,237	4.14	\$368,293	3.14	\$389,693	4.07



Public, Community & Population Health	\$671,878	3.41	\$625,387	3.45	\$597,350	3.38	\$823,468	3.39
Public, Community & Population Health 2	\$691,134	3.60	\$846,369	3.95	\$472,388	3.25	\$697,190	3.43
Randomized Controlled Trials	\$979,728	3.61	\$833,194	3.21	\$1,198,865	3.79	\$878,083	3.90
Randomized Controlled Trials 2	\$1,395,926	3.93	\$1,625,625	4.29	\$1,161,708	4.07	\$1,401,198	3.33
Respiratory System	\$759,575	4.96	\$681,475	4.92	\$896,326	5.00	\$779,025	5.00
Social & Developmental Aspects of Children's & Youth's Health	\$552,796	3.98	\$445,613	3.75	\$560,363	4.17	\$699,429	4.14
Social Dimensions in Aging	\$544,541	3.86	\$462,825	3.63	\$502,988	4.00	\$708,900	4.00
Systems & Clinical Neurosciences - A	\$769,529	4.88	\$735,356	5.00	\$767,635	4.67	\$805,832	5.00
Systems & Clinical Neurosciences - C	\$780,938	5.00	\$780,938	5.00	NA	NA	NA	NA
Virology & Viral Pathogenesis	\$768,382	4.92	\$709,705	4.75	\$747,150	5.00	\$850,943	5.00
Virology & Viral Pathogenesis 2	\$729,938	4.83	\$729,938	4.83	NA	NA	NA	NA
Overall Average	\$731,226	4.40	\$720,534	4.38	\$739,392	4.38	\$738,079	4.44