



2016 AGE-WELL Strategic Investment Program (SIP) Program Description

Program Description

AGE-WELL's Strategic Investment Program supports opportunities that require a rapid response in order to generate, promote or accelerate economic and social benefits aligned with AGE-WELL's mission and vision. These funds will support post-discovery commercialization, business development and knowledge dissemination, mobilization, or translation activities.

Successful projects should accelerate Canadian innovation and economic competitiveness, and improve the quality of life for older adults or caregivers.

AGE-WELL will consider proposals for knowledge mobilization and/or commercialization, including:

- knowledge mobilization (KM), translation (KT) or exchange activities, including but not limited to, the development or implementation of KM/KT products or tools
- commercialization of technologies, products, and/or services, including but not limited to, business development, market readiness and prototype development activities

Maximum Investment

\$25,000

Timeframe

AGE-WELL will provide investment for up to 12 months per application. These investments are non-renewable. The project goals must be achievable within a one-year timeframe.

Eligibility

The competition is open to investigators based at Canadian universities working in the field of technology and aging. Canadian universities and investigators who are not already members of the AGE-WELL network will be required to sign onto the Network Agreement prior to receiving funds.

SIP funds cannot be used for activities funded through other AGE-WELL competitions (e.g. Core Research Program); however, new commercialization focused activities such as start-ups developed from prior AGE-WELL investments are eligible for SIP funding.

Funded projects must be aligned with AGE-WELL's overall mission and vision and at least one of AGE-WELL's 8 Workpackages: <http://agewell-nce.ca/research>. Preference will be given to projects with the potential to achieve real-world impact within 12 months.

Partnerships

AGE-WELL is dedicated to identifying and developing collaborations with other organizations and stakeholders to leverage AGE-WELL funding through cash or in-kind contributions, and to create opportunities for commercialization, knowledge exchange or mobilization.



Although cash and in-kind contributions from commercial or community partners are not strictly required for this funding program, projects will normally be expected to include partner organizations in dissemination or commercialization planning and should detail these in the application. For reporting purposes, all partnership activities should be quantified in *the* application materials and supported by a Letter of Support from the partnering organization and included in the application.

Application Forms and Process

Applications will be accepted through [AGE-WELL's Forum Research Portal](#). Application instructions will be available on the SIP webpage: <http://agewell-nce.ca/2016-strategic-investment-program>

Submission Deadlines:

Proposals will be accepted quarterly. Deadlines for 2016 are:

- January 15, 2016
- April 15, 2016
- July 15, 2016
- October 15, 2016

SIP aims to provide rapid and responsive funding for commercialization and knowledge mobilization activities. We expect to communicate decisions within 4 weeks of the deadline.

Review Process

1. Applications will be screened for completeness by Network Management Office staff. Additional information may be requested if the information provided is deemed to be insufficient or unclear.
2. The KTEE Advisory Group (Knowledge and Technology Exchange and Exploitation) to the AGE-WELL Research Management Committee will review all complete applications and determine their eligibility for support, the appropriate level of investment, and any associated terms and conditions that must be met prior to the commitment of AGE-WELL resources.
3. Funding decisions will be communicated to the corresponding Network Investigator in writing by the Network Management Office.

Contact

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