

**AVC Research Fund**  
**2025**  
**Guidelines**

**Statement of Goals**

The goals of the internally funded AVC Research Fund are:

- (a) to support research projects that are scientifically valid and relevant, and
- (b) to enhance the ability of the investigator to attract external research funds and to develop sustainable research programs

**Priorities**

Priority will be given to proposals which:

- a) support research projects involving graduate students, and/or
- b) support tenure-track researchers who are looking to build credibility with new external research sponsors. New external research sponsors, for the purpose of this application, will be considered those who have not sponsored the PI in the previous 5 years
- c) support research projects with the greatest potential to lead to future external funding success
- d) support tenure-track faculty who are early career researchers or re-engaging researchers who have not been the PI on an active research grant in the previous 5 years.

**Eligibility**

All Faculty Members termed tenure track or with a minimum of a 2-year contract appointment, whose primary appointment is within the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, with the exception of the Dean and the Associate Dean, Graduate Studies & Research.

**Grant Details**

Total funds available - \$40,000.

Funds cannot be used for salary of the PI.

Grants up to a maximum of \$15,000 will be awarded. Budgets that are larger than \$15,000 must clearly outline the source(s) of funds supporting the project above \$15,000.

Normally grants will be awarded to support activities carried out over no more than two years. Funds will be disbursed annually contingent upon documented satisfactory progress.

Applications will be adjudicated in “pools” designated 1) Basic Science, and 2) Clinical/Applied. One proposal per PI may be submitted. Clinical/applied projects will normally be considered as those in which publication of the results will have immediate or short-term application in a clinical or commercial setting. The AVC Graduate Studies and Research Committee may reassign a proposal to a different pool.

Recipients will be required to submit a brief (maximum 1 page) report outlining the results of the project within 3 months of the end date of funding. Failure to submit a report may result in the Principal Investigator being declared ineligible for subsequent internal competitions and not receiving subsequent installments.

Please submit 1 electronic copy (pdf or word) including signatures (note: submissions copied to department chairs and co-investigators will be deemed to be approved by them) of your complete application to Rosemary at [mciver@upei.ca](mailto:mciver@upei.ca) by 4:00 pm, on Monday, November 3, 2025 and deliver a paper copy to her mailbox or to her office. **Multiple files will not be accepted. This deadline will be strictly enforced. Incomplete applications or additional material submitted after the deadline will not be considered.**