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## Alzheimer Society of Canada – Brain Canada Foundation Knowledge Translation and Exchange Accelerator Grants

Mobilizing research in Alzheimer's disease and other dementias: A call for innovative Knowledge Translation and Exchange (KTE) project proposals

### Background

The purpose of the Knowledge Translation and Exchange (KTE) Accelerator Grants program, co-funded by Alzheimer Society of Canada (ASC) and Brain Canada Foundation (Brain Canada), is to help **accelerate the dissemination of scientific findings on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias to various audiences beyond academic researchers.**

KTE Accelerator Grants are designed to stimulate innovative, out-of-the-box ideas that ensure research translates into implementation and eventually impact. These grants provide researchers and trainees with the funding needed to develop KTE products relevant to their work in the field of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. They are available to all:

- Current and past Alzheimer Society Research Program (ASRP) grant and award recipients.
- Current and past recipients of a Brain Canada-funded grant focused on Alzheimer's disease and/or other dementias research.
- Principal Investigators that are current CCNA members (e.g., team and cross-cutting program leads and collaborators, COMPASS-ND and CAN-THUMBS UP investigators, etc.).

The products that result from the KTE Accelerator Grants will share key learnings from applicants' research that are meaningful to different audiences in an easy-to-use and accessible way while making use of different and unique formats. Examples of KTE products include, but are not limited to: websites, training and workshops, policy briefs, pitch decks, community implementation/engagement opportunities, blogs, social media, videos, podcasts, tool kits, theatre and live performances, film and animation, digital storytelling, infographics, games, exhibits and visual arts, and music and dance.

**ASC and Brain Canada have allocated \$200,000 to this program. Grants are for a term of one (1) year but are eligible for an additional two-year extension for a total of up to three (3) years. Total grant amounts are flexible to accommodate the budgets required to support a broad range of KTE plans. The minimum budget allowed is \$5,000 and the total budget cannot surpass \$100,000. The topic must be focused on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.**

The goal of this opportunity is to enable ASC and Brain Canada funded researchers and CCNA members to proactively bring research findings to audiences in a novel and exciting way.

Audiences could include: people with lived experience of dementia and their care partners, the general public, policy and decision makers, and clinicians.

#### Important dates

**Launch date:** June 28, 2024 at 8am EDT

**Application deadline:** August 9, 2024 at 5pm EDT

**Results announced by:** September 2024

**Funding start date:** December 1, 2024

#### Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Evidence clearly shows that increasing equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in research environments enhances excellence, innovation, and creativity. ASC and Brain Canada are committed to excellence through equity and encourage applicants of diverse backgrounds to apply to this funding opportunity, which will promote the expression of diverse perspectives, approaches, and experiences, including those of underrepresented groups.

#### Eligibility:

- Only previous and currently funded ASRP recipients, previous and currently funded Brain Canada grant recipients whose research continues to focus on Alzheimer's disease and/or other dementias, and Principal Investigators that are current CCNA members are eligible to apply.
- Only one application per Project Lead will be considered.
- The application and focus of the KTE product(s) need to be directly related to the applicant's previously or currently funded work in the field of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.
- Please note that applications may be related but cannot be identical to any other funded KTE activities. It is the responsibility of the applicant to notify ASC immediately should overlap arise from funding awarded during the application and review process of this funding opportunity. For those currently holding a KTE Accelerator Grant, proposed projects submitted for this call must be distinct from the previously award KTE project.
- The Project Lead must be considered an independent researcher at a Canadian institution for the entire duration of the grant. Such an individual normally holds the rank of assistant, associate or full professor, can initiate and direct their own independent lines of research as principal investigator, has full responsibility for running their laboratories, has full control of their research funds, and is permitted to supervise trainees (if applicable, as per their institution's policy). Academic appointments must have started by the deadline for Full Application submission. Please note that Postdoctoral Fellows and Adjunct Faculty are not eligible to apply.
- Project Leads who were a trainee at the time of their previously funded grant from



ASRP or Brain Canada, or their previous work with the CCNA, are eligible to apply but must adhere to the eligibility criteria stated above.

### Application requirements:

Please consult the ASC – Brain Canada KTE Accelerator Grants Application Requirements document for more details.

**Please submit your completed application via ASC's SurveyMonkey apply platform [https://asc.smapply.ca/prog/kte\\_accelerator\\_grants\\_2024](https://asc.smapply.ca/prog/kte_accelerator_grants_2024) no later than 5pm EDT on August 9, 2024.**

### Eligible expenses:

Project expenses will be reviewed for eligibility by ASC.

Eligible expenses include:

- Design work to produce KTE products such as pamphlets, infographics, slides, websites, etc.
- Video production.
- Printing costs for KTE materials.
- Translation of a KTE product text.
- Accessibility-related services that bring the KTE content to wider audiences (e.g., sign language interpretation in a KTE video, etc.).
- Paid social media advertising of KTE materials.
- Domestic (i.e., within Canada) travel costs, and other costs associated with presenting at education- and practice-oriented professional meetings, will be accepted only in cases where travel is needed to reach the KTE audience (e.g., attending a public-facing event or a clinician education event). **This does not include** conferences with a mixed academic and clinical audience or research-oriented conferences.
- Costs associated with holding virtual audience engagement (e.g., a Zoom account for public webinars, conference platform, etc.).
- Plain language editing services.
- Compensation/honoraria for people with lived experience involved in the KTE project.
- Other costs may be eligible; please contact ASC at [research@alzheimer.ca](mailto:research@alzheimer.ca) if you have questions.

### Ineligible expenses:

- Travel or other costs associated with research-oriented conferences (as referenced above).
- Travel or other costs associated with presenting at an international education and/or practice-oriented professional meetings to reach the KTE audience.

- Staff, trainee or researcher salary.
- Direct and indirect research costs such as research participant compensation, costs associated with data collection and analysis, or overhead expenses.
- Open access fees for research publications.
- For questions and clarifications, please contact ASC at [research@alzheimer.ca](mailto:research@alzheimer.ca).

## Criteria for assessment:

### Quality of KTE Plan

- The degree to which the project description is comprehensive and well justified. Proposed components (e.g., goal, knowledge users, strategy) are cohesive and are likely to lead to the achievement of the project's stated KTE goal and outcomes.

### Feasibility

- The degree to which the proposed project can achieve the desired outcomes successfully, the proposed budget and timeline are well justified and realistic, and the proposed team composition includes the necessary range of expertise, skills, and perspectives.

### Innovation and Potential for Impact

- The degree to which the proposed project is likely to result in the development of unique, out-of-the-box KTE products that are easy to use, accessible, and contain useful and usable key learnings from research. These products can significantly contribute to the enhancement of the targeted knowledge users' learning and understanding of Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

## Award requirements:

- Engaging people with lived experience of dementia, and other stakeholders if relevant.
  - Resources on engaging people with lived experience
    - [Engagement of People with Lived Experience of Dementia \(ELED\) in research: Reference list](#)
    - [Research Impact Canada: Stakeholder Engagement Guide of Guides](#)
- Awardees will be asked to provide the ASC team ([research@alzheimer.ca](mailto:research@alzheimer.ca)) with an interim and final report about the progress of the proposed KTE plan, including the budget, and its evaluation. Additional details will be provided to successful applicants. The information shared in these reports will be shared with CCNA, if applicable, and Brain Canada. An official detailed consolidated financial statement will also be required.
- Sharing the results of your project with ASC ([research@alzheimer.ca](mailto:research@alzheimer.ca)), which will be shared with Brain Canada and CCNA.



## Roger Marple Recognition

In recognition of Roger Marple, a champion of ending dementia stigma, the top-ranked applicant will be recognized with the Roger Marple KTE Accelerator program title.

Roger Marple, who lived with young-onset dementia, was a mentor and friend to many. We, at the Alzheimer Society of Canada, will miss him dearly while remembering the important contributions he made to our work.

## ASC partners

The ASRP is committed to a policy of partnership development in further strengthening its Training Awards and Research Grants Programs. ASRP is working closely with the following partners within this competition and is pleased to acknowledge their support.

### Brain Canada

Brain Canada Foundation (Brain Canada) is a national registered charity that enables and supports excellent, innovative, and paradigm-changing brain research in Canada. For more than two decades, Brain Canada has made the case for the brain as a single, complex system with commonalities across a range of neurological disorders, mental illnesses and addictions, and brain and spinal cord injuries. Looking at the brain as one system has underscored the need for increased collaboration across disciplines and institutions, and to ensure that Canada has a robust pipeline of talent to remain at the forefront in the field of brain research. Brain Canada's vision is to understand the brain in health and illness, to improve lives, and achieve societal impact.

The Canada Brain Research Fund (CBRF) is an innovative agreement between the Government of Canada, through Health Canada, and Brain Canada Foundation, designed to increase support of brain research on behalf of Canadians, and maximize the impact and efficiency of those investments. The Fund supports the very best Canadian neuroscience, fostering collaborative research and accelerating the pace of discovery, in order to improve the health and quality of life of those who suffer from brain disorders.

Website: [www.braincanada.ca](http://www.braincanada.ca)

### Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging (CCNA)

340+ clinicians and researchers throughout Canada came together to form CCNA in 2014 with the goal of accelerating progress in research on age-related neurodegenerative diseases, including Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, frontotemporal dementia, and Lewy body dementia.

CCNA entered a Phase II of activities in 2019. Based on their area of specialization, CCNA's researchers are divided into [19 teams](#) throughout Canada, and are working in the areas of prevention, treatment, and quality of life.



They draw on the data of [national platforms](#), and they are supported by cross-cutting programs who assist teams in overarching aspects of research such as training and capacity building, engagement of people with lived experience, knowledge translation, ethical, legal, and social issues, and consideration of sex and gender, stigma, and Indigenous peoples.

Website: <https://ccna-ccnv.ca/>