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# **Hyundai Hope on Wheels Canada & C17 Council**

## **2026 Research Grant Competition (HHOW01)**

*The Hyundai Hope on Wheels Canada Research Grants are adjudicated and administered by the C17 Council, through the C17 Research Network.*

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#### MANDATE

Nearly one in five children diagnosed with cancer will not survive. For children with rare and hard to treat cancers, the odds can be far worse. **Hyundai Hope On Wheels Canada and C17 Council** are proud to launch a new collaborative research grant opportunity to advance pediatric cancer science in Canada. This partnership brings together two organizations united by a single purpose: improving outcomes and quality of life for children and adolescents facing cancer. **C17 Council** fosters multi-centre, multidisciplinary research across Canada to drive innovation in pediatric hematology and oncology, while **Hyundai Hope On Wheels Canada** is dedicated to supporting breakthrough research and raising awareness to one day end childhood cancer.





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### Research Grant Competition Overview



**Four grants** of **\$250,000** each (**\$125,000 per year over two years**) will be awarded to support innovative, high-impact research aimed at improving outcomes for children and adolescents with cancer. The competition is open to all eligible **Canadian applicants**, with a strong emphasis on collaborative, scientifically rigorous research aligned with the potential to advance pediatric oncology.

Projects can range from discovery to clinical trials, but must be aimed at improving treatment outcomes, treatment options and/or quality of life.

#### Research Competition Process

- The 2026 HHOW Canada Research Grant Competition will be a **two-stage process** comprised first of a registration email indicating your intent to apply, followed by a full grant submission.
- All applicants who receive confirmation that their registration email was received by the due date will automatically proceed to a full grant application.
- Full grant applications will include a maximum **6-page research proposal inclusive of figures, tables and captions**
- Full applications will be reviewed and ranked by the C17 Research Network Committee and representatives of Hyundai Hope on Wheels Canada.
- Consult the *HHOW\_C17 Research Grant Application Instructions and Award Guide (ver 06Mar26)*, available on the C17 website; not all instruction is available on the application form.
- All forms and the award guide can be downloaded from [C17.ca](http://C17.ca).

### Driving hope—one child, and one breakthrough at a time.



Since 1998, Hyundai Hope on Wheels has been a driving force in the fight against childhood cancer, becoming one of the largest funders of pediatric cancer research in the U.S.A.

Now, for the first time, this life-changing initiative is expanding globally, starting right here in Canada.

Guided by our vision of "Progress for Humanity," we're committed to supporting communities where our team members and customers live and work: and in investing in brighter futures for children and their families across our country.



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## KEY REQUIREMENTS

### Award Value & Term

- Up to **\$125,000 per year for two years** (maximum **\$250,000 per grant**).
- Funding term: **2 years**.
- A **one-time no-cost extension (up to 12 months)** may be requested at least three months prior to the end of the grant term and is subject to approval.

### Eligibility

- Applicants (and collaborators, if applicable) must be **based in Canada**, and the research must be conducted in Canada.
- Projects must be **directly relevant to pediatric cancer**.
- Eligible research includes bench, translational, outcomes, survivorship, pre-clinical, and clinical research.
- Proposed work must be **feasible within the two-year funding period**.
- The Principal Investigator must commit a **minimum of 5% effort** or provide justification.

### Budget & Disclosure

- A **separate detailed budget (Excel format)** is required, outlining projected expenditures by category and by year.
- Applicants must disclose any **current or pending overlapping funding** and clearly describe how HHOW Research Grant funds, if awarded, complement or differ from other support.

### Review Criteria

Applications will be evaluated on:

- Relevance to pediatric cancer
- Scientific quality and innovation
- Feasibility and likelihood of success within the funding period
- Potential impact
- Strength of the applicant and institutional environment

### Grant Agreement

- Selected recipients must sign the HHOW/C17 grant agreement, including permission for HHOW/C17 to reference the project title and results and to use related materials for national promotional purposes.



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## APPLICATION & SUBMISSION PROCESS

### Registration (Required)

- Register by email to [grants@c17.ca](mailto:grants@c17.ca) by **April 17, 2026**.
- Registration must include:
  - Principal Investigator name
  - Principal Investigator email address
  - Draft project title
- Registration information is for administrative tracking only and will not be reviewed.

### Application Deadline

- Full applications are due **June 1, 2026 by 4:00 PM MT**.
- Late submissions will not be accepted.

### Required Submission Materials

#### One (1) electronic PDF containing:

- Completed application form
- Full proposal
- CVs
- Appendices
- Signature pages (*electronic signatures are acceptable for all application documents - original, signed copies must be retained by the application and made available upon request*)
- Any additional supporting documents

All above materials must be combined into a **single PDF file**. Applications submitted in multiple files will not be accepted.

#### Excel Budget File (Required)

- A separate **detailed budget in Excel format**, outlining projected expenditures by category and by year.

### Contact Information

All registrations, applications, and inquiries should be submitted to: [grants@c17.ca](mailto:grants@c17.ca)



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## REFERENCES & IMPORTANT DATES

All relevant documents can be found on the [C17 website](#)

Please consult the [HHOW C17 Council Research Grant Application Instructions and Award Guide \(ver 06Mar26\)](#) for complete instructions required for completing this application.

*Instructions in this application document, that are specific to this competition, supersede those in the Award Guide.*

Questions? [grants@c17.ca](mailto:grants@c17.ca)

### DATES

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:	APRIL 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	JUNE 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2026
NOTIFICATIONS:	JULY 2026
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	SEPTEMBER 2026



### C17 COUNCIL / C17 RESEARCH NETWORK

The purpose of the C17 Research Network is to advance research with the potential to further C17's mission of improving health outcomes and quality of life for children and adolescents in Canada with cancer and blood disorders. The C17 Research Network is set up to foster collaborative, multi-disciplinary, multi-site, Canadian research in pediatric hematology, oncology, and stem cell transplantation. We encourage multi-centre collaboration, new collaborations, mentorship and applications from young investigators.