



## EPIC New Connections Grant Application

EPIC New Connections Grants support innovative projects that are fostered through cross-disciplinary collaboration across at least two research groups. Successful proposals will feature joint lead investigators from different university divisions and/or departments and/or EPIC partner institutions coming together for their first significant research collaboration. The joint investigators will tackle an infectious disease research question by applying innovative methodologies that capitalize on their different areas of expertise for impactful outcomes.

### Application Checklist

Please submit all supporting materials as a single, combined PDF document via email to [epic@utoronto.ca](mailto:epic@utoronto.ca). PDF documents should follow the naming convention:

NewConnect\_Last name1\_Last name2.pdf

(Lead Investigator is referenced as Last name1 and co-lead is referenced as Last name2.)

Include "New Connections" in your email subject line when submitting your application. Full details of all application materials can be found at [our website](#).

- Application Form
- Supporting Documents
  - Plain Language Summary (maximum 250 words)
  - Project Proposal (maximum 1500 words, not including references).
  - Statement of collaboration (maximum 250 words)
  - List of collaborators (if applicable)
  - EDI Statement (maximum 250 words)
  - Budget (1-page breakdown and justification of the total budget requested)
  - 'CIHR Academic'-formatted Canadian Common CV for the joint lead investigators
- Demographic Survey
  - All investigators will be asked to complete our demographic survey. Link to be provided. Note that completion of the survey is mandatory for applicants and supervisors. While this survey is required, there is an option to select "Prefer not to answer" for all questions.

All materials should be easily legible, in a minimum of 11-point font with standard document margins (top/bottom: 2.5cm, left/right: 1.9cm).

For any questions or concerns, please email [epic@utoronto.ca](mailto:epic@utoronto.ca) with "New Connections" in the subject line.

All forms and supporting materials must be received by **April 28th, 2023** at 11:59 pm.



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**Project Title:**

**Does the proposed work involve (check all that apply):**

Human subjects                      Animal use for research                      Biologic material or pathogens

Data or materials sharing agreements                      Other permits or agreements considerations

**Lead Investigator Information:**

Name	Primary Institute Affiliation
U of T Faculty*	U of T Department *
Email	I am an early career investigator as defined in the selection criteria for this award.

*\*if primary institutional affiliation is the University of Toronto*

**Co-lead Investigator Information:**

Name	Primary Institute Affiliation
U of T Faculty*	U of T Department *
Email	I am an early career investigator as defined in the selection criteria for this award.

The funds will be awarded to the lead investigator who will administer them over the course of the term, including transfers to the co-investigator, to support activities as outlined in the proposed budget.



**Signatures:**

Lead Investigator Signature

Name:

Date:

Co-lead investigator Signature

Name:

Date:

Signature of Department chair / Institutional research office\*\*

Name:

Date:

\*\*signatory appropriate to the University of Toronto department or the Hospital Institute research office where funding will be administered