



2025 KAYE COMPETITION GUIDELINES



DONALD PAUL KAYE (1928-2022)

A lifetime lived and legacy dedicated to supporting research and quality improvement in the delivery of clinical health services to Albertans

The Kaye Competition is a partnership between the University of Alberta Hospital (UAH), and the University Hospital Foundation (UHF), made possible through a transformational donation from Mr. Donald Kaye to the UHF.



ABOUT DONALD P. KAYE (1928-2022)

Born and raised in the Depression era near the tiny hamlet of Brownvale, Alberta, Donald Kaye gained firsthand knowledge of the true value of a dollar. "No one in the community had very much. What you did have, you hung on to."

Following the tragic death of his father, the young Donald Kaye, along with his brother, kept up the work on the family farm while attending school at the nearby village of Berwyn. For fun, he played baseball. "I didn't have much time for anything else."

After graduating from high school, Mr. Kaye worked with Canadian Propane in Prince George, BC, and later with other national companies in Edmonton as a credit manager, all the time advancing his education by enrolling in courses at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Extension and the Banff School of Advanced Management.

In 1960, Mr. Kaye began investing in real estate. His first purchase was an apartment block in Edmonton's Laurier Heights, followed by a shopping centre in Leduc and the Westbrook Shopping Centre in Edmonton. His investment portfolio also expanded into land development.

Through his naming gift to the University Hospital Foundation, Mr. Kaye is ensuring that his story is far from over. He transformed years of hard work, prudent decision-making and wise investing into one of the largest donations in the history of Canadian healthcare philanthropy. And in doing so, Mr. Kaye's legacy advances patient care and medical research in a way that is both intently focused, and broadly based.

"What he's done in making this gift to the University Hospital Foundation is set a baseline. There is money now available for research and projects in delivering clinical care in innovative ways that will last for a long time, and at the end of it, it will improve health care to benefit all of us."

*Rick Ferguson
Mr. Kaye's friend and lawyer*

"We have all read stories of people who make a gift that has the power to transform a community. Mr. Kaye, this is a truly amazing gift. You will impact patients and their families every day for generations."

W. Guy Scott, Past Chair - University Hospital Foundation,
speaking at the opening of the Kaye Edmonton Clinic on December 3, 2012.

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GOAL

The goal of the Kaye Competition, as envisioned by Mr. Kaye, is to benefit the UAH, which is inclusive of the Kaye Edmonton Clinic (KEC) and Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute (MAZ) by supporting the planning and implementation of innovative research or quality improvement (QI) projects, or more effective approaches to patient care (i.e. models of care, technology, etc.) that result in better outcomes, services and support for patients.

These research and QI projects may fall into the following categories:

- Prevention, maintenance, or care to patients suffering from illness, disease, disability, pain or suffering.
- Medical and clinical research into the causes, prevention, detection, diagnosis, treatment and cures for life-threatening illnesses or chronic diseases.
- Inter-professional collaboration of healthcare professionals to provide a multi-disciplinary approach to patient care at one location.
- Clinical learning opportunities for students or staff in all healthcare disciplines.

INTENDED OUTCOMES

The Kaye Competition Steering and Review Committees will review and evaluate applications in alignment with Mr. Kaye's vision, the [AHS: 2024-25 Business Plan](#), the specialty care provided by the UAH and the UAH priorities focusing on programs and projects that:

- Improve patient and population outcomes
- Improve patient and family experience
- Improve provider experience, and
- Improve financial health and value for money

LETTERS OF INTENT (LOI) PROCESS

Submissions

- LOI submission forms are processed using Survey Monkey Apply - an ONLINE system - [2025 Kaye Competition Application](#).
- The ONLINE system first requires establishing an account in order to access the LOI submission form.

Deadlines

- The LOI submission deadline is **4 pm on November 17th, 2025**.
- It is the sole responsibility of the Lead Applicant to complete all LOI requirements.
- LOI will undergo a review process and selected applicants will be invited in **January 2026** to submit a full proposal.
- The anticipated award announcement is **June 2026**.

*** Applicants must consult with the individual(s) signing their application a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the LOI and full proposal submission deadlines, failure to do so may risk not receiving required approval(s).**

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligible

- As per the donor's wishes, 75% of funding is restricted to the UAH in categories of **cancer, pulmonary, diabetes and neurology**. The remaining 25% may be awarded to other categories, including applications from the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute (MAZ), at the discretion of the Kaye Competition Steering Committee.
- Individual, interdisciplinary or multi-disciplinary team submissions.
- Applicants may include physicians, nurses or allied health staff of the UAH.
- University of Alberta (UofA) Lead and Co-Lead Applicants must hold academic, research, or clinical appointments with the UAH.
- UofA researchers in health fields in partnership with a UAH affiliate.
- Students are eligible to function as a support team member under supervision of a health discipline Faculty from the UofA.
- Projects must directly impact the UAH.
- Research projects must involve human tissue, direct involvement of human patients and/or the use of patient data. This can include clinical research, health services research or the translation of promising interventions that address the causes, prevention, detection, diagnosis, treatment or cures for life-threatening or chronic diseases. The outcomes of the research should generate patient impact within the funding window or be realized soon thereafter.

Ineligible

- Submissions exclusively involving UofA researchers
- Incomplete submissions
- Awardees who have a history of non-compliance with UHF reporting requirements
- Any individual who has previously received Kaye Competition Funding, whether as a Lead Applicant or Co-Lead Applicant, shall be ineligible to apply for another grant under the Kaye Competition for a period of two years from the date they receive their most recent award.
- Current Kaye Grant awardees (Lead and Co-Lead Applicants) with an active project extension or otherwise incomplete projects shall be ineligible to apply for the Kaye Competition until completion of their projects.
- Basic science research involving the improvement of scientific theories or protocols that do NOT directly involve human tissues, patients, or patient data, or where the benefits to patients is expected to require additional research after the study.

TEAM MEMBER FUNCTIONS AND OBLIGATIONS

- **Lead Applicant** – assumes administrative and financial responsibility of the grant and is responsible for leading and reporting on the proposed activities, note students are ineligible for this role.
- **Co-Lead Applicant (if applicable)** – shares responsibility with the Lead Applicant and contributes to the proposed activities, note students are ineligible for this role.
- **Team Member** – contributes to the proposed activities by providing expertise needed to complete the project. Students are eligible to contribute as team members under the supervision of health discipline faculty from UofA Lead Applicant.

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- **Collaborator (if applicable)** – provides financial or in-kind supports and or resources needed to complete the project.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Level and Term of Funding

- Project budgets can range from \$25,000 to \$250,000
- The total amount available for distribution for the 2025 competition is \$1,174,150 million
- A maximum of 24 months is allowable to achieve project outcomes

Allowable Costs

Funding requests may include:

- **Equipment and technology** – freestanding equipment and technology required for the proposed project
- **Essential project personnel** – salary and benefits of (non-AHS personnel) whose participation is essential for completion of the proposed project
- **Additional activities of AHS personnel** – salary and benefits of personnel employed by AHS for activities that are not part of their regular government-funded services
- **Project supplies and services** – used exclusively for the program or project

Ineligible Costs

Funding requests **must not** include costs for:

- **Structural changes** – involving renovation, installation or building change costs
- **Regular government funded services** – salaries and benefits of AHS employed personnel to carry out regular government-funded services
- **UAH construction and maintenance** – of buildings and facilities of the UAH, or any other medical facilities which may exist
- **Agreements and applications** - involving Intellectual property (IP), patent applications or commercial product development¹
- **Conferences** – any costs associated with conferences, including, but not limited to, attendance and travel

LOI EVALUATION

Letters of intent will be adjudicated by the Kaye Competition Steering and Review Committees for relative strengths and weaknesses guided by the following criteria:

- Alignment with the Kaye Competition objectives and intended outcomes
- Importance and relevance of the research or QI program or project to AHS and the UAH

¹ See the [AHS IP Policy](#) and the [University of Alberta IP Policy](#)

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- Composition of proposed budget
- Feasibility of proposed milestones
- Sustainability of services and patient care post funding
- Expertise and experience of the research team
- Research/QI merit
- Patient/family engagement
- Direct patient impact
- Value for investment
- Diversity and inclusion related considerations
- Opportunities to leverage and scale research/QI outcomes
- Clinical learning opportunities for students and/or staff of any health discipline

Adjudication Process

- LOI scores will be assigned in accordance with the [5-point CIHR rating scale](#).
- Upon completion of this review, a rank-order list of applications will be generated and applications will be recommended in top-down ranked order.
- Successful applicants will be invited to progress to the Full Proposal stage.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

- The LOI submission must be approved by the **AHS Executive Director/Director** for the clinical program within which the research/QI project is being conducted at the UAH, through their signature on the application.
- A list of the AHS Executive Directors/Directors at the UAH can be found in the LOI Instructions, which is available within the LOI form on SurveyMonkey Apply (<https://uhf-apply.smapply.ca/prog/>)
- In the event that the AHS Executive Director/Director is also the Lead or Co-lead applicant, signature approval request will need to be submitted to the UAH Senior Operating Officer.
- Additional signatures will be required at the Full Proposal stage, which will include, but is not limited to, the signature of each team member and collaborator; and may include the University of Alberta Chair or Director for the involved department or division (if applicable).
- **Applicants must consult with the individual(s) signing their application by November 3rd, 2025, failure to do so will risk approval not being obtained prior to submission deadline.**
- **All signatures must be received before the application can be submitted.**
- **Late applications will NOT be accepted.**

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- Award recipients must acknowledge funding support from the UAH, UHF and the UofA in all presentations, media and publications that result from the funded project.
- Funding distributions to approved projects are subject to an interim progress report submitted at the award midpoint. A final report is required within 90 days after the award is completed.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information, please contact grants@givetouhf.ca.