



## 2025 Schwartz Reisman HPB Centre Research and Innovation Grant

Sent to: All UHN HPB Faculty and Staff

Dear UHN HPB team,

We are writing to announce the Call for Applications for the **2025 Schwartz Reisman HPB Centre Research and Innovation Grant**.

### **Timeline**

- Submission Deadline: September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- In-person presentation (Dragon's Den): Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Notice of Award: Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Term of Award: November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2028

### **Overview**

The purpose of the Schwartz Reisman HPB center research and innovation grant is to invest in HPB cancer projects using novel approaches supported by sound rationale and a feasible experimental plan. The projects should be collaborations across disciplines and led by early career investigators (within 5 years of academic appointment at UHN). Ideally, this seed funding would be used to create pilot data for a scalable project in the future.

### **Funding**

Up to 2 awards of up to \$50,000-100,000 will be awarded annually. The one-time award may be used for research over a 12-36 month period, at the discretion of the Principal Investigator (PI).

### **Eligibility**

The principal applicant must be a clinician or scientist with experience treating HPB cancers at UHN, and is a young investigator within 5 years of his/her academic appointment at UHN. The proposed projects require a multidisciplinary framework to enhance collaboration among different HPB cancers disciplines. Co-applicants can hold more than 5 years of their academic appointments at UHN and/or be a trainee (fellows/residents). Timelines for deliverables must be within a 12-36 month period. Utilizing SR Centre resources (ie: research staff time/expertise, clinical data curation, regulatory/specimen management) is encouraged. One member of the team must be available to present the proposal in-person at the Schwartz Reisman Research Innovation Retreat on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **Application Process**

Complete applications should be submitted via email to the SR HPB team ([SRHPBresearchcentrer@uhn.ca](mailto:SRHPBresearchcentrer@uhn.ca)). The application should be prepared using standard type font (Calibri-11, Arial-11 or Times Roman -12). Pages should be numbered and have minimum margins of 0.5"/1.27 cm on all sides. All pages to be submitted should be included in one pdf file.

Registration for the retreat can be completed at: [SR Retreat Registration](#) after August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to be confirmed at the time of submission.

Applications to be submitted for review in the following order:

- 1) Cover page
- 2) Abstract (scientific) (limit ½ page)
- 3) Research proposal and plan (limit 2 pages)
- 4) Figures and Tables (limit 1 page)
- 5) References
- 6) Budget Page(s) including justification/narrative
- 7) Curriculum Vitae (limit 5 pages)
- 8) Supporting Documents
- 9) Other funding currently held or applied for related to the proposed work

### **Evaluation**

Applications will be reviewed, scored and ranked together by the Peer Review Panel comprising basic and clinician scientists with expertise in HPB cancers. Panel members are selected by the SR HPB co-leads. Grants will be assessed on scientific merit, potential impact and feasibility of the experimental plan.

### **Conditions of the Award**

- 1) Funds will be sent as quarterly instalments to a UHN Functional Cost Centre owned by the PI
- 2) Budgets should not include indirect costs. Personnel, consumables and other (incl. publication costs, data access, patient reimbursements) are eligible expenses
- 3) Periodic progress reports are required (frequency dependent on period of funding). A final progress report is required after the end of the proposed project
- 4) The intent of these grants is to fund research that will be in the open domain. All manuscripts, presentations, abstracts, etc. must acknowledge funding by SR HPB center. Grantees should make every effort to publish all findings related to the project and to acknowledge HPB SR center in media events.