



CANADIAN PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIA SOCIETY  
SOCIÉTÉ D'ANESTHÉSIE PÉDIATRIQUE CANADIENNE

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# CPAS Scientific Research Starter Grant

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**Application Submission Deadline:** Tuesday, June 30, 2026 — 23:59 EST

**Award Decision Notification:** Friday, July 31, 2026

**Award Presentation:** CPAS Annual Meeting — September 25–27, 2026, Montreal, QC

**Funding Start Date:** After October 1, 2026

## Purpose and Overview

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The CPAS Scientific Research Starter Grant aims to advance the field of pediatric anesthesiology by supporting a Canadian anesthesiologist investigator. This two-year, \$10,000 grant provides seed funding to foster clinical and scientific inquiry that improves safety and outcomes in pediatric anesthesia.

Preference will be given to junior or mid-career faculty who will be mentored by an experienced researcher. It is expected that funded projects will generate pilot data for future grant applications. All applicants must be members of CPAS and must acknowledge CPAS support in any resulting publications or presentations.

## Eligibility

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Applications are open to junior or mid-level anesthesia faculty (no higher than Assistant Professor) at a Canadian hospital caring for pediatric patients, who are current CPAS members.

## Submission Instructions

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All applications must be submitted electronically as a single PDF file containing the complete Application Packet in the following order:

- A. Application
- B. Budget and Budget Justification
- C. Curriculum Vitae of the Principal Investigator
- D. Departmental Chair's Letter of Support
- E. Institutional Review Board (IRB) Submission or Approval Letter

If IRB approval is obtained after submission, please email the approval letter separately to:

Dr. Heng Gan, CPAS Scientific Committee Chair - [science@pediatricanesthesia.ca](mailto:science@pediatricanesthesia.ca)



## Application Packet Guidelines

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### A. Application

#### I. Cover Page

Include all of the following on the cover page:

- Project title
- Designation as Scientific Inquiry, Quality Improvement, or Other
- Applicant's full name, degrees, title, affiliation, office address, phone, and email
- Names, degrees, and affiliations of all investigators and consultants
- Department Chair's name, address, and phone number
- Sponsoring institution and financial officer's contact information
- Project start and end dates with timeline
- Page numbering at the bottom right corner (beginning with the cover page)

#### II. Research Summary

A single paragraph (250–500 words) summarizing the project's objectives, background, and significance.

#### III. Research Plan

Maximum 5 pages for sections IIIa and IIIb (excluding references). Formatting: 12-point Times New Roman font, 1-inch margins. Appendices are discouraged, except for essential materials such as data collection tools not yet published, or critical, accepted but unpublished manuscripts. The mentor's CV should be included in the Appendix.

##### IIIa. Introduction

1. Objectives
2. Background
3. Specific Aims
4. Significance and Applicability
5. Preliminary Data (if available)

##### IIIb. Research Methods

6. Data collection procedures, techniques, number of participants/experiments; include evaluation of intervention impact (if applicable)
7. Data analysis plan including statistical, sample size, and power analyses
8. Potential limitations and mitigation strategies



#### **IV. Discussion**

- Interpretation of anticipated results
- Study limitations
- Significance and expected impact
- Future directions

#### **V. Timeline**

Provide a detailed timeline covering major milestones for both study years.

#### **VI. Protection of Human or Animal Subjects**

Include:

- IRB or ACUC approval or submission documentation
- Sample patient consent form outlining risk mitigation strategy
- Explanation of risk–benefit rationale, if applicable
- Sample data and reporting forms required by Canadian regulatory authorities

### **B. Budget and Budget Justification**

#### **I. Budget (Maximum Request: \$10,000)**

Provide an itemized table of expenses by project year, including:

- Personnel
- Equipment
- Supplies
- Other direct costs
- Total funds requested

#### **II. Budget Justification**

Provide a clear explanation for each item, detailing the role and necessity of each cost to the project.

#### **III. Current and Prior Support**

List all current and pending research support for the principal investigator, co-investigators, collaborators, and mentor (if applicable), including source and amount.

#### **IV. Facilities and Resources**

Describe the facilities, equipment, supplies, and services available to carry out the proposed research.



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## C. Curriculum Vitae

Include a current CV for the principal investigator.

## D. Letter of Support (From Department Chair)

The letter should include:

- The applicant's research time availability and current research commitments
- The Chair's assessment of the applicant's capability and enthusiasm for the project
- Confirmation of the availability of required facilities
- An agreement to return unused funds if the project is not completed, and to return remaining funds upon study completion

## E. IRB / ACUC Documentation

Submit either the approval letter or the submitted application to your institutional ethics or animal care committee.

## Submission Deadline

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**Application Due:** Tuesday, June 30, 2026 (by 23:59 EDT)

**Submit Via Email:** Dr. Heng Gan, CPAS Scientific Committee Chair — [science@pediatricanesthesia.ca](mailto:science@pediatricanesthesia.ca)

A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of your submission.

## Reporting Requirements

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- A progress report must be submitted to the CPAS Scientific Committee 12 months after funding begins.
- Findings are expected to be presented at a future CPAS Annual Meeting and prepared for submission to a peer-reviewed journal.

**Good luck with your application!**

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*We look forward to supporting your contribution to the advancement of pediatric anesthesia research in Canada.*