

HOPE Centre Seed Research Grant

Call for Applications

The HOPE (Health Outcome Promotion and Engagement) Centre for Sexual and Gender Minority People is also housed in the Faculty of Arts. The HOPE Centre conducts community-engaged, interdisciplinary research to understand and promote the health of people who identify as members of a sexual or gender minority community.

The HOPE Centre for Sexual and Gender Minority People is pleased to announce our 1st year of the **HOPE Centre Seed Research Grant** competition. These grants are intended to start new lines of research to expand capacity in sexual and gender minority (SGM) health. SGM health is defined as the mental, sexual, physical, or medical health of people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, trans, non-binary, 2-Spirit, Indigiqueer, and other members of LGBTQ+ communities. We encourage research on intersectional populations, including SGM people who are Indigenous, Black, or other people of colour, or other intersectional populations. Health research encompasses a wide range of disciplines, can be either basic or applied, and may include program evaluations conducted in community settings. Although we will prioritize investigators working in SGM health and collaborations between academic researchers and community-based organizations in SGM health, all research proposals in SGM health will be considered.

Amount: \$8,000-\$10,000

Funding period: 1 year: April 15, 2026-April 14, 2027

Eligibility Criteria (thank you to Gilead for wording on this proposal)

- Applicant's organization must conduct research or programs related to the health of SGM populations.
- Applicant's organization must be based in Canada and serve a population in Canada.
- Community-based organizations must have the legal capacity to conduct research.

Research Criteria:

- Have clear scientific objectives based on scientific hypotheses. For proposals that are descriptive only or fully qualitative in nature, where this may not apply, please explain how results will be used to improve programs or generate hypotheses for future studies.
- Collect appropriate metrics using defined, specific, and appropriate data collection methods.
- Have a plan to present results in a scientific or large community forum.
- The proposed research will not take longer than 12 months to complete.

To apply for the HOPE Centre Seed Research Grant competition, the following components must be included. All documents must use 1-inch margins and should be written in 12-point Times New Roman font. Principal applicants must be members of the HOPE Centre. If the principal applicant is not located at TMU, a TMU faculty member must be a team member on the Seed Research Grant proposal. It is acceptable to apply for membership at the same time as submitting your application for the HOPE Centre Seed Research Grant competition. To apply for membership in the HOPE Centre, please click here: <https://forms.gle/SB8awHPL8qxEGDov6>

1. **3-page research proposal**
 - a. Rationale for research study
 - b. Literature Review
 - c. Methodology, including data collection, data analysis, and feasibility of the proposal
 - d. Potential Implications of the Study Findings
2. **Timeline**
3. **Budget Summary** (1 page maximum)
4. **References** (1 page maximum). Either Vancouver (medical) style or APA style is acceptable for citations and references
5. **Curriculum Vitae (CV)** (including research experience, maximum 2 pages)

Timeline for Review Process and Grant Progress:

- Applications due: February 10th, 2026, 11:59pm EST
- Application decisions will be announced by March 20, 2026.

Expected project start date: 6 weeks after funds are awarded

Expect project end date: 1 year after funds are awarded

Please submit applications via email to: hopecentre@torontomu.ca