

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

McMaster Institute for Research on Aging and the Labarge Centre for Mobility in Aging

# Matching Funds for Research Opportunities

The McMaster Institute for Research on Aging (MIRA) aims to optimize the health and longevity of the aging population through leading-edge research, education and stakeholder collaborations. The Institute intends to amplify McMaster's strength in aging-focused research through stimulating new partnerships, facilitating access to research funding, raising the profile of McMaster's research platforms, and building capacity among students and faculty members.

In order to improve the positioning of McMaster's researchers in external funding competitions, MIRA and the Labarge Centre for Mobility in Aging (LCMA) have allocated funding that could be used to match or leverage external funds. The process for requesting these funds is outlined below. This process is intended to be used for requests related to **externally funded, peer-reviewed grant competitions that require a matching component.**

**Deadline:** Submissions to MIRA should be sent to [MIRAFund@mcmaster.ca](mailto:MIRAFund@mcmaster.ca) **at least one month** before the grant submission is due.

## Funding Categories

Total Project Budget	< \$500,000	\$500,000 to \$1M	> \$1M
Potential contribution from MIRA, combined cash and/or in-kind	Up to \$25,000	Up to \$50,000	Up to \$100,000

## Requirements

The matching funds are available to members of MIRA, and must be allocated to support projects conducted by McMaster researchers. Research proposals must be aligned with the research goals and approach of MIRA and/or LCMA, as articulated at the MIRA website, [mira.mcmaster.ca](http://mira.mcmaster.ca). The LCMA funds, in particular, are available to support projects with mobility as a central theme, and are not intended to support infrastructure, especially that which requires a source of funding for sustainability.

The matching support is not intended to replace funds that would normally be provided by the Department, Faculty or University. The intention of the funds is to support activities that would not otherwise be possible, or to enhance the positioning of McMaster researchers who are applying for external funding by providing a contribution beyond support that has been provided through traditional channels. The transfer of funds is conditional upon the success of the submission to the external funder.

## Application process

Interested researchers should develop a 2-3 page document outlining the proposed research and describing the targeted external funding opportunity. The document should outline what amount is requested and how the MIRA/LCMA funds will be used. The proposal should first be submitted to and approved by the appropriate Associate Dean (Research) or Department Chair. The ADR/Chair approval should come in the form of a letter (addressed to the MIRA Executive Committee) which outlines the value of the Faculty/Departmental cash contribution and the added value MIRA's support would offer to the project.

The submission should also include a copy of the full proposal and budget; draft form is acceptable.

The proposal and letter will then be reviewed by MIRA and a proposed contribution will be discussed with its Executive Committee; the Committee will offer a recommendation to MIRA's Scientific Director regarding the proposed support, if any, for the project. The MIRA Scientific Director or Managing Director will communicate the outcome of the review to the researcher(s).

These funds are available on a continual basis, subject to the number of requests that are submitted, as well as the allocated amounts (we anticipate supporting 1-2 projects per year with these funds). The funds are one-time and non-renewable and will only be awarded if the application to the external funder was successful. MIRA will not distribute funds for proposals that are not successful in the intended funding competition.

For further information, please email [MIRAFund@mcmaster.ca](mailto:MIRAFund@mcmaster.ca)