The Banting Discovery Foundation 1925-2025 100 years of Discovery Awards have sparked key findings that have transformed the practice of medicine and health care, reduced illness, and improved wellness.

Why are we here?

Some Canadian ideas are big enough to stay bold and fresh for 100 years. And some legacies become deeper and more meaningful with time.

Donors to the Banting Discovery Foundation have created a unique, dynamic, and growing legacy based on a simple idea, and a clear vision for the future.

What we do is in our name.

That means we guide donor investments in our Discovery Awards to identify and support the next generation of high-potential early career health and biomedical discovery researchers.

That big statement simply means that we fund the very best of our young scientists to help improve health and save lives.

Each Discovery Award of \$30,000 supports the work of one promising investigator for one year, as they discover solutions to our most urgent health challenges and improve the health of all Canadians.

Double discovery

Your gift will support two types of discovery – of talented young people, and the new solutions that they find.

The return on your donation is outstanding – and we have a century of success to back up that claim.

The future

To mark our 100-year anniversary, we grew our Discovery Award program to include research on the health impacts of climate change, plus the profound possibilities of artificial intelligence to transform health care.

Among many other concerns, donors have recently funded research into the health impacts of extreme heat, how to prevent dangerous mosquito-borne viruses, and the neurodegenerative disorders affecting children.

We have also strengthened our aid of Discovery Awardees with a new Mentorship Program, to help lift their chances of success.

In a nutshell, our know-how as a unique, talent spotting beacon means that we have learned a lot about increasing opportunity in Canadian health sciences.

The need to find and nurture the best young scientists doing original work, has never been more urgent.

Your gift makes a big difference

No other charity in Canada provides competitive seed funds for promising early career health science researchers across all disciplines.

Your help is essential because many investigators often start their careers with very little financial backing for their bold ideas.

• When you make a gift to support a Discovery Award – you give a worthy recipient credibility, and a strong opportunity to attract further research funds.

How does it work?

Your gift helps researchers get the evidence they need to compete for bigger grants from much larger funding agencies. They just need a little help from you to get started.

Our donors have helped investigators thrive for 100 years and built a unique track record of identifying the best of young Canadian talent.

Please join us!

How to Get Started

Some good ideas just get better with time.

You can support the Discovery Award program with an investment of any amount, either as a one-time gift or through your annual support. You may wish to name a one-time Discovery Award with a gift of \$30,000 to honour a loved one, a family name, a mentor, hero, or the name of your corporation or foundation. Or you may support an annual named Discovery Award over a term of your choosing.

If you give today, you will also be recognized as part of our 100-year celebrations over 2024-2025.

Your gift will make certain that a talented early career researcher can work to improve the health of all Canadians today, and for generations to come.

Visit bantingresearchfoundation.ca to see more details on the discoveries of the latest researchers, to stay informed about our special events – or to find out more about a century of equity and social justice inspired by Nobel Prize winner Sir Frederick Banting's gift of insulin to the world.

Contact Maurine Kwok, Executive Director of the Banting Discovery Foundation to find out more about how you can get involved, or to make your gift today at ed@bantingresearchfoundation.ca, 416 595-9046.

Thank you for your consideration. Charitable Registration No. 108072927RR000

Help discover the next Banting by investing in a young health and biomedical researcher!