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Canadian Society of Transplantation and CNTRP partner to launch the new CST-CNTRP Basic Research Catalyst Grant Competition

Ottawa, ON, April 27, 2018: The Canadian Society of Transplantation (CST) and the Canadian National Transplant Research Program (CNTRP) are pleased to announce the launch of a new Basic Science Transplant Research Grant Competition. The CST and CNTRP are providing up to \$100,000 to support peer-reviewed research that addresses basic science questions of relevance to the field of transplantation, with the ultimate goal of generating new knowledge that will improve long-term health outcomes and quality of life for Canadian transplant recipients. The primary focus of the Program is to support impactful basic science research projects related to solid organ transplantation.

“This opportunity will help the grant recipients to execute their ground-breaking basic research that will provide new knowledge ultimately improving patient outcomes,” says Dr. Michael Mengel, President of the CST. “Basic science is the foundation of discovery for advancing our field and these operating grants are reflective of this. The CST provides support to the transplantation community through additional grants and awards and we are thrilled to add the CST-CNTRP Basic Research Catalyst Grant to the list.”

“The CST is a founding partner of the CNTRP and has extensive member engagement across all CNTRP initiatives”, says Dr. Lori West, Director of the CNTRP and Director of the Alberta Transplant Institute. “We are very grateful for the ongoing enthusiastic support from the CST as we continue to work together to address the critical gaps and barriers to effective transplantation for Canadians.”

The letter of intent deadline for applications for the CST-CNTRP Basic Research Catalyst Grant Competition is **May 21, 2018**. For more information about the grant, visit <http://www.cst-transplant.ca/awards-and-grants.html> or www.cntrp.ca.

About the Canadian Society of Transplantation (CST)

The Canadian Society of Transplantation is the organization of professionals dedicated to leading, advancing, and advocating for patient care, research, and education in donation and transplantation in Canada.

The mission of the Canadian Society of Transplantation is to advance the practice and science of transplantation for the benefit of Canadians and society.

For more information about the Canadian Society of Transplantation, visit www.cst-transplant.ca

About the Canadian National Transplant Research Program (CNTRP)

The Canadian National Transplant Research Program (CNTRP) is a national research initiative designed to increase organ and tissue donation in Canada and enhance the survival and quality of life of Canadians living with a transplant. The CNTRP brings together basic and clinical scientists in organ/tissue donation, solid organ transplantation (SOT) and hematopoietic cell transplantation (HCT) together with health economics, legal and ethics researchers, policy experts and knowledge users to overcome challenges to optimal use of donation and transplantation. Learn more at www.cntrp.ca

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