

## ***About The Terry Fox Foundation***

The Terry Fox Foundation is an international organization whose mission is to maintain the vision and principles of Terry Fox while raising money for cancer research through the annual Terry Fox Runs, School Runs and other fundraising initiatives. To date, over \$750 million has been raised worldwide in Terry Fox's name to fund the most promising and innovative research. The Terry Fox Foundation headquarters are located in Burnaby, BC and has offices in 9 provinces. Visit [terryfox.org](http://terryfox.org).

## ***What is the Terry Fox Research Institute?***

Launched in October 2007, The Terry Fox Research Institute (TFRI) is the brainchild of The Terry Fox Foundation. The Institute seeks to improve significantly the outcomes of cancer research for the patient through a highly collaborative, team-oriented, milestone-based approach to research that will enable discoveries to translate quickly into practical solutions for cancer patients worldwide. TFRI collaborates with over 70 cancer hospitals and research organizations across Canada. They also function as the research arm of The Terry Fox Foundation. TFRI's headquarters are in Vancouver. They have regional nodes in Atlantic Canada, the Prairies, British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec. Visit [www.tfri.ca](http://www.tfri.ca)

## ***Why do the funds have to go to cancer research and not patient care?***

Terry Fox undertook his Marathon of Hope to raise funds for cancer research, moved by his experience in the cancer ward where a few children had given up hope of a cure. With Terry, we believe that cancer research leads to improved health outcomes for cancer patients. In the long run we believe this process brings more hope to, and helps more patients than supporting immediate patient care.

## ***What role does the Terry Fox Research Institute play in the Terry Fox International program?***

TFRI serves to advise The Terry Fox Foundation on the scientific merit of international research proposals, based on the opinions of its scientific and medical experts serving on its international scientific committee (ISC). If the amount of funds raised from an international Terry Fox Run are not sufficient to warrant a proposal to the ISC for consideration, then TFRI will do a preliminary check into cancer research facilities in the host country.

## ***How does TFRI choose which researchers to invite to submit proposals for funding?***

Cancer research is an essential and expensive enterprise. To make an impact, TFRI likes to pool as much money as possible into well-designed and scientifically valid projects with measurable milestones, rather than simply donating to a local cancer hospital. It is only through aggregation of smaller individual donations raised in Terry's name, that together we have the opportunity to have impact. When funds raised do merit inviting a specific proposal, we look for existing research collaborations with Canadian researchers. In some regions like the UAE, Vietnam and Singapore, we have MOUs in place that allow partner universities to invite cancer research proposals from their own researchers.

## ***What is the TFRI International Scientific Committee?***

The Terry Fox Research Institute has an International Scientific Committee, made up of leading cancer researchers from across Canada. The ISC meets twice a year to review invited proposals. There is a specific application, and guide provided by TFRI.

The deadline for submission is Nov 1st, The review meeting takes place between December and February. Sometimes proposals are sent back with recommendations and then re-submitted and reviewed a second time in the spring.

***ISC Committee members:***

Dr. Carol Cass - Edmonton  
Dr. Simon Sutcliffe - Vancouver  
Dr. Victor Ling - Vancouver  
Dr. Christopher Paige - Toronto  
Dr. Michael Johnston - Halifax  
Dr. Anne-Marie Mes-Masson – Montreal

***How do we guarantee financial transparency?***

Once a project is approved, a Letter of Offer (LOO) is made by TFF, and then an Approval to Release Funds letter is sent to the holder of the funds raised – Run Organizing Committee, Institution or Organization holding the Funds in trust. We require proof of transfer, then an Affirmation form is signed and returned by the recipient institution to verify that the funds were received.

TFF has an annual audit and all organizations that are responsible for holding Terry Fox funds are required to complete a Financial Reporting form, provide bank statements and may be subject to an enquiry directly from our auditors.

***How do we know the funds raised are being used wisely?***

For accountability, TFF asks for scientific progress reports one year after the project start date to ensure that the funds are being well invested and as appropriate, to approve continued funding for multi-year projects. These are forwarded to TFRI for review.

**Funds raised by International Terry Fox Runs are funding cancer research projects at these locations in 2017-18:**

- University of Hong Kong
- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Centre - USA
- The Cancer Institute (WIA) – Chennai, India
- Vision Research Foundation- Chennai, India
- Sultan Qaboos University – Oman
- Rudjer Boskovic Institute – Zagreb, Croatia
- Tata Memorial – Mumbai, India
- United Arab Emirates University
- Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center – New York – USA
- National University Cancer Institute – Singapore
- National Cancer Centre of Singapore
- UBC/Vietnam pediatric oncology fellowship
- Institute of Oncology & Radiobiology of Cuba
- Universidade Technica De Lisboa, Portugal
- Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy-Bucharest, Romania
- Marie Curie– Paris, France