



### **About the Joint-Funded Award Opportunity:**

The Stem Cell Network (SCN) is excited to collaborate with the Azrieli Foundation (AF) in this funding competition to offer Joint-Funding Award opportunities for Neurodevelopmental disorder (NDD) translational research. The collaboration between AF and SCN represents a commitment to support research projects in regenerative medicine, specifically with a focus on neurological conditions that are present at birth or arise early in the lifespan (Neurodevelopmental Conditions). In addition to joint funding, the partnership aims to amplify the impact of research through combined expertise and networks. By working together, both organizations seek to foster innovation and support the development of pioneering regenerative medicine solutions for Neurodevelopmental Conditions.

### **About the Azrieli Foundation:**

The Azrieli Foundation is a registered Canadian charity, established in 1989 by David Azrieli. The Azrieli Foundation empowers potential through collaborative networks in eight priority funding areas, including Science and Healthcare, Neurodevelopment & Neurodiverse Initiatives, Education, Fellowships & Scholarships, Holocaust Education & Legacy, Architecture, Design & Engineering and Music Arts & Culture, in Canada and in Israel. Our investments reach a diversity of people, places and needs.

### **Funds Available:**

SCN and the Azrieli Foundation are each providing up to \$2,118,000 CAD to jointly fund regenerative medicine projects in the NDD area. Projects selected for joint funding will receive awards valued at 20% higher than SCN's standard suite of awards. Each project selected for joint funding will be supported 50-50 by SCN and the Azrieli Foundation.

The following SCN programs will be available for Joint-Funded Awards by SCN and Azrieli Foundation:

- **Accelerating Clinical Translation Award:** up to \$780,000 per award over 2 years
- **Clinical Trials Awards:** up to \$1,320,000 per award over 3 years
- **Early Career Researcher Jump-Start Awards:** up to \$420,000 per award over 3 years



- **Impact Awards:** up to \$324,000 per award over 2 years
- **Impact Awards: ELSI & HE Stream:** up to \$258,000 per award over 2 years

### **Joint-funding specific eligibility and criteria:**

- Scope: the Azrieli Foundation's focus for the joint-funding will be for projects that focus on the development or testing of regenerative medicine approaches for treating neurodevelopmental conditions. Neurodevelopmental conditions are defined as follows: A condition affecting the nervous system that manifests in the prenatal and/or early postnatal developmental period(s). This includes neuropsychiatric conditions that arise in development, learning, language or non-verbal communication impairments and/or impaired motor function.
- The eligibility and criteria described in SCN's standard programs will also apply.
- All applications to this joint funding opportunity will be evaluated through SCN's two-stage peer review process.
- In addition to the support offered through this joint initiative, applicants should seek other eligible cash or in-kind partnering.
- Applications that do not meet the Joint-Funded Award eligibility requirements will be considered for funding through SCN's standard suite of programs.

### **Funding conditions:**

- All awards funded through this joint opportunity will be subject to separate agreements between the host institutions and principal investigators of projects selected for joint funding and SCN and Azrieli Foundation; SCN and Azrieli Foundation have no involvement in the other organization's requirements. Azrieli Foundation eligible costs match those followed by SCN. Neither SCN or the Azrieli Foundation will seek to take a stake in any intellectual property (IP) generated. It is recommended that applicants understand this information prior to preparing their application and budget. Indirect costs will not be provided by Azrieli Foundation through this funding opportunity.



- The Azrieli Foundation budget allocation must conform with the [Tri-Agency financial guidelines](#).
- The host institution receiving Azrieli Foundation funds must be a qualified donor as defined in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (i.e., must be a Canadian registered charity).
- All funded awards will be subject to SCN's continual review process.