

Discover + Adopt Program Package 2026-2027



Vision:

A world where every older person lives a life with purpose, fulfilment, and dignity.

Mission:

To drive the development and adoption of transformative aging and brain health innovations.



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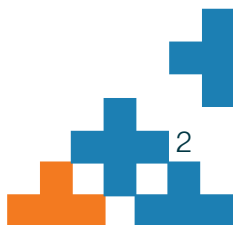


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1. Program Overview





The Centre for Aging + Brain Health Innovation (CABHI), powered by Baycrest, recognizes the barriers that care delivery organizations (e.g., long-term care homes, retirement homes, hospitals, home care and community-based settings) face when adopting innovations.

The Discover + Adopt (D+A) program provides these organizations with funding, training, and skill-building so that they can test and adopt innovations (e.g., products, programs, or services) that improve the quality of care and quality of life of those they serve.

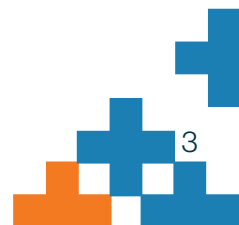
Through a matchmaking process, the D+A program connects organizations with opportunities to source, test, implement, and potentially adopt innovations that address their unique pain points.

 <p>Access funding of up to \$150,000 CAD</p>	<p>Program participants will receive funding in stages throughout the project duration, based on the completion of agreed-upon milestones.</p>
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Program participants can utilize funding and capacity building support to:

<p>Phase 1: Discover</p>  <p>Recruitment + Identify</p>	<p>Phase 2: Plan</p>  <p>Discover</p>	<p>Phase 3: Test</p>  <p>Implement</p>	<p>Phase 4: Procure (Optional)</p>  <p>Adopt</p>
<p>\$100,000 CAD</p>			<p>\$50,000 CAD</p>

 <p>Additional Services</p>	<p>In addition to funding, program participants will gain access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a learning series with practical tools and guidance on how to get ready for implementation, evaluation, and plan for sustainability• 1:1 coaching sessions to help navigate implementation challenges• peer-to-peer networking opportunities• opportunities to engage in knowledge mobilization events and conferences only for post-implementation project
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2. Important Dates

Application Dates

Applications Open

May 5, 2026

Applications Close

June 5, 2026

Selected Applicant Notification

July 2026 (Date TBD)

Program Dates

Start Date

August 3, 2026

Orientation Session

First week of August 2026

Program Phases 1 - 3
(Discover, Plan, Test)

August 2026 - July 2027

Final Report Due

August 31, 2027

Optional Program Phase 4
(Procure)

September 2027 - January 2028

Apply to **D+A** and join the **40+ healthcare and community-based organizations** that have adopted innovation into their settings.



\$5.9M distributed through CABHI's D+A program



150+ innovations available for matching



The D+A program has been a great experience for our team. We appreciated the structure of the program and how it was thoughtfully designed so that it was easy to follow, but also adaptable to our organization's needs. [...] Overall, this program was the perfect opportunity for our recently formed innovation team to jump into a project with confidence, knowing that we had the support of the D+A Program behind us.

– Jenna Naylor, Innovation and Research Manager at The Brenda Strafford Foundation



The D+A program created a great opportunity for members across our organization to come together and each have a part in driving innovation. The structure and support provided by CABHI allowed us to focus on one part of the process at a time and bring various perspectives into each step.

– Project Coordinator at Schlegel Villages



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In LTC, resident safety is a paramount concern, so adopting technology that addresses safety is critical but cannot easily occur without adequate testing and analysis. Our CABHI project focused on tracking residents and enabling them to summon assistance when outside of their rooms. To determine if this technology is effective and adoptable, a robust evaluation was needed. Without D+A, it's likely this technology would not have been considered in LTC for months or even years from now.

– Catherine Bailey, Clinical Project Manager at Vancouver Island Health Authority

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CABHI's D+A program has played an essential role in advancing innovation work at VHA Home HealthCare. The funding, coaching, and expert guidance have been invaluable, not only helping us allocate dedicated resources to the project but also offering important lessons learned from previous technology implementations.

– Jordan D'Souza, Head of Innovation at VHA Home Healthcare

3. Selection Process

1. Online Application:

Applications are submitted online and then reviewed and scored by CABHI's expert review panel based on evaluation criteria.

2. Shortlist Selection:

Shortlisted applicants selected from the online application process will participate in a meeting where the review team can confirm their eligibility for funding and further assess the quality of their application as part of the competitive selection process.

3. Notification:

Applicants will be notified of the status of their application. Successful applicants will receive instructions to proceed with signing CABHI's funding agreement.



4. Eligibility Criteria

Applicant Eligibility:

- The applicant must be an organization that provides care to older adults (e.g., long-term care home, retirement home, hospital, home care and/or community-based organization).
- The applicant must be located in Canada.
- If the applicant is a research or academic institution, they must be affiliated with a healthcare delivery organization that provides care to older adults, where the solution will be tested and implemented.
- The applicant must have staff members who can participate in all program activities (e.g., learning series, coaching update, planning, etc.)
- The applicant must have leadership support to participate.
- Applications must identify a project lead who will be responsible for overseeing the project and provide regular updates to CABHI.
- Project leads must be employed at the organization and are typically individuals in the organization who lead programs and initiatives, including but not limited to, executive leaders, directors of care, clinical managers, operations managers, program managers, quality improvement specialists, innovation leads etc.
- Applicants who have participated in three (3) cohorts are no longer eligible to apply.*
- Applicants who are currently participating in a cohort are not eligible to apply.*

*Exceptions may apply

Project Eligibility:

- The project must identify a pain point that is achievable and within program scope.
- The program requires a co-investment model, aligning with expectations for a matching contribution to CABHI's funding in the form of cash, in-kind contributions, or a combination of both.
- Projects and associated budgets are expected to adhere to milestones and progress tracking with a focus on sustainability and capacity building objectives.
- The project application and budget must adhere to the Eligible Expense Guideline and Matching Funds Guideline (below).

Application Eligibility:

- The application must be written and submitted by the applicant or a designated team member. The use of generative AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT, automated writing software) for responses is not permitted.
- Only one application per project team may be submitted however; multiple projects from different teams within the organization may be submitted.

5. Evaluation Criteria

Organization Alignment + Fit

The degree to which the organization's mission, values, and strategic priorities align with the goals and priorities of the program.

Organization Potential for Impact

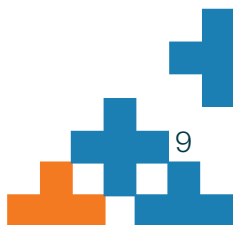
Evaluating the organization's capacity to create meaningful, measurable change through capacity building, sustainability, and spread and scale of its solution or learnings.

Innovation Readiness

The eagerness and track record of an organization's approach to developing and implementing innovations and/or eagerness and preparedness to do so.

Application Quality

The feasibility, clarity, completeness, and clarity of the submitted application, including how well it communicates goals and plans.



6. Links to Support the Application Process

The following links are also available on the CABHI's website as downloadable PDFs:

- [Eligible Expenses Guideline](#)
- [Eligible Expenses Guideline French](#)
- [Matching Funds Guideline](#)
- [Matching Funds Guideline French](#)

CABHI reserves the right to terminate the application process and the program at any time, or change the terms and conditions.

For additional questions, please contact Johan Chen at jchen@cabhi.com.

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