<u>The Application Process - PDF</u>

The application is available [here](#) and asks you questions about:

- *Socio-demographics about you*
- *Why you are interested*
- *Any previous experiences*

<u>**Once you have submitted your form, we will contact you for a brief interview.**</u>

The questions we ask were adapted from the following sources:

1. The Vancouver Foundation Volunteer Advisors group to bring patient and community perspectives into their award process.[1]

2. The results of the scoping review by [Frisch et al](#) from 2020.[2]
   - A scoping review is an article that gives a summary of research about a topic
   - This summary describes the skills, knowledge, and expertise for being on a research team
   - A panel of patient and community advisors reviewed the article before it was published

This is what the researchers found:

"The most important contributions a patient brings is having lived experience of the condition being studied, experience of navigating the health system, and the willingness to share those experiences. Additional competencies would include an understanding of research and the research methods being used and a desire to contribute to the research team effort."

Additional information about our CAB:

- We have funding to support 10 CAB members. We are seeking a group of diverse individuals. We are accepting applications until February 1, 2023.

- Research experience – you do not need to be a researcher or coder to be on our team! We value diverse experiences that will contribute to the richness of our team.

- Interpersonal and communication skills: the CAB is a team environment where members discuss issues and make decisions as a group.

- If you have never been involved in health research before you can find more information online by visiting the Supporting Patient Oriented Research (SPOR) unit's [website](#) in your area

- Courses on health research are available from the Alberta SPOR at this [website:](#)

  - Patient Partner Engagement in Health Research
  - Health Data Video series

- This online [introductory course on AI](#) explains common concepts and information about types of AI.

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[1] https://www.vancouverfoundation.ca/sites/default/files/documents/VF_Application-FOI_Advisor_HSD.pdf

[2] Frisch, N., Atherton, P., Doyle-Waters, M.M. *et al.* Patient-oriented research competencies in health (PORCH) for researchers, patients, healthcare providers, and decision-makers: results of a scoping review. *Res Involv Engagem* 6, 4 (2020).