

Conditions of Award

1. General

- 1.1. Compliance with these Conditions of Award is mandatory for Praxis Spinal Cord Institute's (Praxis) support of this award. Award recipients and host institutions are required to respond in a timely fashion to any request from Praxis personnel regarding the verification of compliance with the Conditions of Award.
- 1.2. The successful principal applicant and their host institution will be required to comply with the terms set out in a Grant Agreement.
- 1.3. Funding received from Praxis can only be used for the purpose intended by the award.
- 1.4. Successful applicants are required to confirm their acceptance of the award within the stipulated time indicated in the award notification package, or the award will be rescinded.
- 1.5. Recipients of Praxis awards must comply with the ethical and research policies outlined by the host institution and the [Tri-Agency Framework: Responsible Conduct of Research](#). This includes, but is not limited to:
 - [Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans \(2022\)](#)
 - [TCPS 2 – Chapter 9: Research Involving the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples of Canada](#) if the research involves Indigenous peoples
 - [Canadian Council on Animal Care Policies and Guidelines](#)
 - [Canadian Biosafety Standards and Guidelines](#)

When appropriate, award recipients must also comply with the First Nations principles of [OCAP®: ownership, control, access and possession](#).

Any breach of ethics, conflict of interest or scientific integrity must promptly be reported to Praxis by the host institution.

- 1.6. Praxis will not be responsible for any expenditure over and above the approved amount of the award, or for any expenses incurred prior to or after the funding period of the award. All unexpended funds at the end of the award funding period must be returned to Praxis.
- 1.7. Award recipients must advise Praxis promptly in writing of any major changes to the approved activities during the funding period. Praxis will determine the impact of the change and may decide to continue funding or, in some cases, terminate the award.
- 1.8. Where activities include research, Recipients must ensure compliance and alignment with the federal [Open Access Policy on Publications](#) and the [Research Data Management policy](#). The Recipient should adopt Open Science principles that maximize the value of all research activities, including by making negative research findings accessible where possible.

- 1.9. Award recipients consent to the disclosure of their information under the following circumstances:
- Praxis reserves the right to publish and/or disseminate information regarding the award and award recipients. Discretion will be observed when referring to unprotected intellectual property and/or details regarding proprietary technology/products.
 - To meet Praxis’s obligations for public accountability and the dissemination of information, details of awards and award recipients will also be made available on Praxis’s website, in reports and documents, and in other disclosures to government, partners, stakeholders and/or the public.
- 1.10. Principal applicants and project team are required to complete the [NASCIC SCI Research Advocacy Course](#), which is free to access, by March 1, 2026.

2. Acknowledgement of Praxis and Funders

Award recipients must acknowledge the support given by Praxis and its funders (if applicable) in any publication or public messages made regarding activities supported by Praxis and/or partner funds.

3. Reporting Requirements

Award recipients must submit all required reports within the stipulated time. Praxis will provide the relevant reporting templates. Required reporting includes the following:

- 3.1. Progress Report and Countersigned Financial Statement: due April 30, 2025;
Final Report and Countersigned Financial Statement: due April 30, 2026;
Grant Report Meetings: schedule to be determined in agreement with Principal Applicant.
- 3.2. Successful applicants will be expected to report on the outcomes of the project to Praxis, which may include but not limited to the below performance targets:
- # of learning events
 - # of participants in learning events, disaggregated by EDI categories
 - # of participants indicating that they have developed new skills, knowledge and/or experience
 - \$ spent on learning events
 - # of partnerships
 - # of new partnerships
 - # of international collaborators
 - # of individuals with SCI, family members, care partners engaged and involved in this project
- 3.3. Contribute to Praxis’s monitoring, review, and evaluation of programs by participating in annual reviews, surveys, and other activities organized for the purpose of collecting information to assess progress and results. Award recipients are required to participate in these activities during the course of their award and up to five years post-award.

- 3.4. Praxis reserves the right to contact Praxis award recipients at any time during or after the award end date as an evaluation activity to track middle- and longer-term evaluation and research impact outcomes.
- 3.5. Recipients of partner funds may be required to complete additional requests for information to support the partnership.
- 3.6. Award recipients may not submit a new application to any Praxis funding program until all outstanding award information requested by Praxis (e.g. final report, financial statement, etc.) has been received.

4. Termination of the Award

Praxis reserves the right to terminate the award:

- 4.1. If there is significant lack of progress, or for any unacceptable changes to the approved purpose and/or objectives identified in the application.
- 4.2. If changes were made in excess of 10 percent to the total budget submitted with the application where prior approval has not been received from Praxis.
- 4.3. If there is a major deviation from these Conditions of Award. Any remaining funds must be returned by the host institution to Praxis.