



2026/27 New Investigator Recipients

The New Investigator (NI) Personnel Award program of Heart & Stroke provides salary support for Canada's best young researchers. These individuals are pursuing research at universities, hospitals and institutes across Canada.

The 2026/27 competition saw **25 applications**, with **8 highly rated** applications being funded. This represents a competition **success rate of 32%**. We are pleased to celebrate the following recipients:

Caveney, Nathanael (University of Toronto)

STRUCTURE AND GUIDED ENGINEERING OF ONCOSTATIN M IN CARDIAC DISEASE

Chew, Derek (University of Calgary)

The Economics and Cardiovascular Health Outcomes (ECHO) Research Program: Informing Health Policy Through Evidence

Franklin, Daniel * (University of Toronto)

Wearable Health Technology Innovations for Cardiovascular Diseases

Gunawan, Felix (University of Toronto)

Uncovering biomechanical control of heart valves and blood stem cells in development, disease and regeneration.

McLaughlin, Kelsey (Mount Sinai Hospital)

Advancing maternal cardiovascular health through improved hypertensive disorder prevention and management

Odutayo, Ayodele (Sunnybrook Research Institute)

Expanding and Optimizing Treatments for Cardio-Kidney-Metabolic Disease

Quigley, Adria (Dalhousie University)

Equity in Access to Rehabilitation and Neurorecovery

Walsh, Jeremy ** (McMaster University)

Characterizing and addressing cerebrovascular and metabolic dysfunction in cognitive decline

* *McDonald Scholarship*

** *Barnett Scholarship*