



# **CABHI NextGen Support Package Information Kit 2025-2026**



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# About CABHI

The Centre for Aging + Brain Health Innovation (CABHI), powered by Baycrest, helps drive the development and adoption of transformative aging and brain health innovations.

## NextGen Support Package Overview

The NextGen Support Package (NextGen) is a CABHI initiative for student innovators (and recent graduates, within the past two years) in Canada who are addressing pressing challenges in the aging and brain health sector.

The package includes a range of **funding and services** to support the development of their innovative solutions, including:

- \$2,500 (CAD) in support to the founder, upon completion of all NextGen components
- 1:1 support from a CABHI Mentor
- Access to a custom curriculum to learn about the AgeTech market
- Networking session(s) among AgeTech founders across Canada
- User-feedback engagement with older persons through CABHI's Leap platform
- Participation in CABHI's "Innovation Showcase"
- Opportunity to join a cohort of student innovators/peers and be recognized as a CABHI-affiliated innovator

## Objectives



Attract talented post-secondary students into the aging and brain health sector



Support the development of post-secondary student-driven innovations



Create opportunities for post-secondary students to contribute to the brain economy

# Eligibility Criteria

- Applicant must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, and hold a Canadian-based banking account under their own name.
- Applicant must be an individual founder of a venture that specifically addresses one of CABHI's Innovation Themes:
  - Aging at Home
  - Caregiver Support
  - Care Coordination and Navigation
  - Cognitive Health
  - Financial Health and Wellness
  - Women's Brain Health and FemTech
- Applicant must be a current student or recent graduate (up to two years post-graduation) from a post-secondary institution in Canada.
- Applicant must be currently enrolled in an eligible program at a campus-linked accelerator or incubator in Canada.
  - Eligible programs provide structured support, resources, and mentorship for startup ventures.
- Applicant must be accessing and actively participating in programming/support at their enrolled accelerator or incubator, such as:
  - Workshops
  - Mentorship sessions
  - Networking events
- Applicant has incorporated a company no earlier than the past three years, or is currently unincorporated but with a plan to incorporate.
- Applicant currently dedicates a minimum of 20 hours per week to the solution.
  - A detailed project plan or weekly schedule may be requested.
- Applicant's company has not generated any revenue.
- Applicant has not received greater than \$50,000 (CAD) in grant funding or investments toward their company.
- Applicant has not been part of a CABHI program in the past.



# Application Process

## 1. Open Application Call

Applications open to student innovators and recent graduates (within the past two years) across Canada.

## 2. Application Review

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

## 3. Shortlist Selection

Shortlisted applicants selected from the online application process will participate in a meeting where the review team further assesses the quality of their application.

# Evaluation Criteria

## Problem and Solution:

The degree to which the innovative solution addresses a critical need in aging or brain health, with a focus on dementia.

## Strategic Alignment:

The degree to which the solution specifically addresses or supports: older persons, people living with dementia and/or their caregivers,

## Market Opportunity:

The size, growth potential, and accessibility of the target market. Projects with a well-defined market, backed by data or validation, will be scored higher.

## Founder Fit:

The qualifications that differentiate the founder and/or solution from other applicants.

# Important Dates

| Application Dates                |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Applications Open                | August 26, 2025               |
| Applications Close               | September 26, 2025            |
| Application Review and Selection | September 26-October 10, 2025 |
| Duration of NextGen              | October 14-December 31, 2025  |
| Final Report Due                 | January 31, 2026              |

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **How do I know if my solution is eligible?**
  - *Eligible solutions (program, product, or practice) will align with one of CABHI's six Innovation Themes: Aging at home, caregiver support, care coordination and navigation, cognitive health, financial health and wellness, and women's brain health & FemTech.*
- **Can I apply to NextGen as a team?**
  - *NextGen is meant to support individual founders. While your team may consist of multiple founders and members, this package, including all its components and requirements, will apply solely to the individual applicant.*
- **What does the Final Project Report entail?**
  - *A summary of progress throughout the term, any impact stories or testimonials obtained during this time, a statement of next steps, and a review of the package itself.*
- **What can the \$2,500 payment be used for?**
  - *While CABHI encourages founders to use funds towards supporting and scaling the business, there are no restrictions on use of the funding.*

# Apply for the NextGen Support Package today!

**APPLY NOW**

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