



TRAINING PROGRAM IN REGENERATIVE MEDICINE
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INFORMATION FOR COMPLETION OF APPLICATION FORM

A. Guideline Summary for Training Program

The TPRM offers students with exceptional academic performance from across Canada an opportunity to participate directly in medical/health research in regenerative medicine during the academic year. The objectives for the TPRM are:

- To produce the next generation of scientists and highly qualified personnel to meet the needs of Canada and the international community's healthcare and industry sectors.
- To instill in trainees an interdisciplinary and team-based approach to the understanding and treatment of organ failure.
- To develop and offer an innovative curriculum to support the development of well-rounded health researchers and personnel.

Eligibility

Those candidates who meet one of the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- registered in an Canadian based graduate degree program in a medical or health-related field;
- registered in an MD program, and who may also hold a graduate degree;
- currently in the last term of their graduate degree and who have applied either to Medical School or for a post doctoral fellowship that would start within the funding period.

TPRM supervisors sponsoring candidates to this program must have a record of productive research and sufficient funding to ensure the satisfactory conduct of the research. A separate research project must be submitted for each student. The supervisor must be prepared to provide direct and continuous supervision during the term of the award.

The regenerative medicine course is a requirement for any recipients of the TPRM training award. Graduate students must take this course for credit whereas Post Doctoral Fellows must audit the course. Failure to register in the course during your program period will result in withdrawal of your training award. More information on the course is available at www.regenmedcanada.com and www.ims.utoronto.ca/courses/description/msc7000y.htm.

Students must be willing to participate in a regenerative medicine research project for the duration of the award and agree not to change supervisor and/or project during the term of the award. The term is for one year.

The award component will provide funds to the sponsoring institution to be used as a stipend for the period of the award.

B. Application Deadline and Evaluation Procedure

Applications must be received by the TPRM by **September 21st, 2010**. Applications that are not complete, or in which the required information is not provided in the manner requested, will not be considered by the Selection Committee.

In evaluation of each application, the Selection Committee will look primarily for evidence that: (1) the candidate has an excellent academic record, and (2) the supervisor is conducting a productive research program in an area relevant to the objectives of the TPRM.

The candidate can only submit one application. Results of the TPRM competition are usually available approximately 6 weeks after the close of the competition. Candidates will be informed by their sponsoring supervisor regarding the outcome of their submission.



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C. Instructions for Completion of Application Form

The TPRM is a Strategic Training Initiative in Health Research (STIHR) under the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). As such, the information on the attached Personal Data page will be for TPRM and CIHR use ONLY.

- (a) It is important that the instructions for completing the form be followed precisely. The application must be completed with a font size of 12 pt.
- (b) One application, complete with CV, candidate's up-to-date official transcripts, three (3) letters of reference (sealed in an envelope, signed across the flap by the referee) [Letters are from the Proposed TPRM Supervisor, and 2 Mentors], and a project outline are required by TPRM.
- (c) Extraneous information such as additional letters of reference, abstracts etc. **will not** be submitted to the Selection Committee.
- (d) Candidates in their **final year** of a graduate program **MUST** submit evidence of registration in or application for their academic/career path forward (i.e. post-doctoral position).

Terms of Award

The CIHR Training Program in Regenerative Medicine consists of the following:

- Graduate Regenerative Medicine course (registration for Credit/Audit within the year funded);
- Participation and attendance at select workshops/seminars offered by the TPRM and its partnering institutions;
- Fellowship Funding in support of candidate's regenerative medicine research with TPRM supervisor(s)/mentor(s);
- Attendance at Visiting Lecture Speakers Series (4);
- Attendance at Annual Regenerative Medicine Symposium.
- Acceptance into the TPRM is for a one year period commencing in January 2010.

Final Report

Students and supervisors will be required to submit a final report to the TPRM upon completion of the award. When details are available, information will be provided to successful applicants. This information is used for yearly progress reports which are submitted to CIHR and TPRM's partnering institutions.

Stipend

The stipend is currently set based on [CIHR guidelines](#):

- A minimum stipend of \$17,850.00 per annum for a graduate student paid in whole or in part from a CIHR grant. The total stipend paid to the student must also comply with policies established by the student's academic department.
- A minimum stipend for a postdoctoral fellow with a PhD of \$36,750.00 per annum. Postdoctoral fellows with a PhD degree must begin their postdoctoral training within five years of obtaining their doctoral degree.
- Fellows with a health professional degree such as medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, optometry, veterinary medicine, nursing or rehabilitative science, with or without licensure in Canada, may be supported during the first four years of research training. Registration for a master's or PhD degree is not a requirement. Those who are neither Canadian citizens nor permanent residents of Canada will not be eligible for such support beyond the eighth year following receipt of their health professional degree. The minimum stipend levels for those with a health professional degree and holding licensure in Canada are dependent upon the number of years of academic experience since obtaining the health professional degree. For 0-2 years of postgraduate academic experience, a candidate will receive a minimum \$36,750.00 stipend per annum. For two or more years of postgraduate academic experience, a candidate will receive a minimum \$47,250.00 stipend per annum.
- Fellows with a health professional degree who do not hold licensure in Canada may be paid between \$17,850.00 and \$36,750.00 depending on the policies of the institution.



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- Those with a health professional degree and a PhD may be supported during the first three years following receipt of the PhD (same stipend level as the fellows with a health professional degree). If a PhD degree was obtained prior to studies for the health professional degree, CIHR will accept this as being equivalent to one extra year of experience. Each year of post-PhD training completed before the health professional degree will also be recognized as additional experience.

Renewals

TPRM awards are renewable; however, it is the responsibility of the student to apply for renewals. The TPRM will not notify the candidates directly but notification is provided on the TPRM website at www.regenmedcanada.com. TPRM awards are renewable for a total period of 3 years for Graduate fellowships, and 5 years for Post Doctoral Fellowships.

If you would like to speak with someone at the TPRM, please contact Anna Cocco at (416) 340-4800 extension 6315 or anna.cocco@uhn.on.ca