



CTN INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

The CTN is a nationally funded partnership committed to developing treatments, prevention and a cure for HIV, Hepatitis C and other sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections (STBBIs) and related health conditions through the conduct of scientifically sound and ethical clinical research. Sponsored by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and supported by the University of British Columbia and St. Paul's Hospital, the CTN provides a full range of clinical research resources from its National Centre in Vancouver and several clinical research sites across Canada.

Purpose

The purpose of the CTN International Postdoctoral Fellowship is to train scientists who are committed to developing and conducting HIV treatment or prevention research studies in a resource-limited country. For a list of resource-limited countries, please refer to The World Bank at http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low_income

Fellowship holders remain eligible for operating grants from other organizations (CIHR, CANFAR, etc.). With 75 per cent of their work schedule dedicated to the CTN project, fellows also have the option to allocate some of their time to other projects.

Supervision

Supervision must be a joint effort between a Canadian researcher affiliated with the CTN who is collaborating with a resource-limited country group or university, and a local supervisor who must be willing to provide the applicant with formal experience training in the development and management of an HIV treatment or prevention research project.

Amount

The value of this award will be comparable to the country's rates up to a maximum of \$35,000, of which \$10,000 is retained by the CTN to cover travel costs for the CTN annual meetings, including attendance at the Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR) annual conference, and a pre-approved international conference or training.

Eligibility

Applicants must have completed a medical degree or a PhD from a recognized academic institution. Medical applicants must have either completed or be currently enrolled in an accredited medical residency program. Non-medical applicants must have completed their PhD.

Adjudication

The Postdoctoral Adjudication Committee will favour applicants deemed to have high potential for developing into future principal investigators of HIV treatment or prevention studies. The priority areas for adjudication are (i) strength of the applicant, (ii) strength of the proposed training and supervision, and (iii) strength of the proposed research to be developed or undertaken.

How to apply

The deadline for receipt of applications is January 31, 2021. Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered. The award, if approved, will be announced at the spring CTN annual meetings.



A complete application must include:

1. Cover letter from the applicant summarizing relevant experience and training to date. The applicant must prepare a work plan and a detailed budget describing how the proposed fellowship will fit into his/her career plans.
2. Applicant's CV.
3. A maximum of 2,000 words or 4 pages (single spaced) description of the proposed research project to be conducted under the fellowship.
4. Letter, signed and dated from the applicant's proposed local supervisor discussing (i) the applicant's suitability, (ii) how the training will enhance the institution's current and future plans, and (iii) a summary of the supervisor's current position, background and relevant supervisory experience.
5. Letter, signed and dated from the applicant's Canadian supervisor outlining the proposed collaboration and how the training will be conducted.
6. Letter, signed and dated from the institution where the training will take place, confirming that it is prepared to support this fellowship and provide the applicant with suitable space and research facilities.
7. Both supervisors CVs and list of current collaborations in resource-limited countries.
8. Any other document(s) that the applicant and/or supervisor feels are pertinent to the application.

The Adjudication Committee

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