

## **FAQ Discovery Fund Talent Development Competition**

### **Can I apply to both Azrieli and Discovery Fund as a postdoctoral fellow?**

Yes. If your work is aligned with both the clinical pillars of the Azrieli competition and the strategic priorities of the Discovery Fund, it is possible to apply for both. Your application will be included in both competitions. You will need to submit two full applications to show alignment with each of the priority areas; however, you may submit just one abstract.

### **My work is focused on addictions. Is this covered in the Discovery Fund strategic priorities?**

Any application based on an addictive disorder by itself or as a comorbid condition is eligible as long as it is linked to suicide, cognitive dysfunction, functional disability or psychosis. This is similar to any other mental health condition.

### **I am unsure of how my work aligns with the strategic priorities of the Discovery Fund. How can I ensure my project is aligned?**

If you are unsure of how your work aligns, please further discuss your proposal with your supervisor. You can also contact Lina Chiuccariello for further discussion.

### **My work fits into the research themes but I am not sure if it is aligned with the strategic priorities. Can I still apply?**

Setting priorities for funding allows us to ensure we are working together to discover the causes and cures of mental illness. Your application should align with both the research themes and strategic priorities. The Discovery Fund strategic priorities were developed to broadly capture many research areas.

### **I am not sure if my work is aligned with the strategic direction to reduce disability, are there any examples of the type of research that would be aligned?**

This strategic direction is meant to be broad enough to capture many different research areas. Some examples of research might include:

- Biological and mechanistic studies on disability, such as cognitive dysfunction;
- Disability associated with highly prevalent mental disorders such as depression or substance-related disorders; and
- Disability observed among populations with severe mental illnesses.

If you require further clarification about the alignment of your research to this priority area or any of the other areas, please feel free to reach out to Lina Chiuccariello.

### **My research theme or strategic priority has changed slightly since my abstract submission. Is this ok?**

Yes, as long as your proposal is still aligned it is acceptable if your abstract has changed slightly since original submission.

**I graduated from my Ph.D. more than five years ago. Am I eligible to apply to the postdoctoral fellowship award?**

This is determined on a case-by-case basis. An aim of the Discovery Fund is to provide opportunity whenever possible. Please first connect with Lina Chiuccariello regarding your eligibility.

**I already have external funding. Am I eligible to apply?**

As long as your funding does not overlap with the anticipated start dates of the award, you are still eligible to apply. However, the Discovery Fund competition aims to provide all students and postdoctoral fellows with a fair chance to obtain the awards; therefore, current Discovery Fund awardees are not eligible to apply for two consecutive awards.

**My supervisor is not an assistant professor. Am I eligible to apply?**

This Discovery Fund competition is focused on creating opportunities for trainees of emerging scientists; therefore, this competition is limited to trainees of assistant professors who may be working to build innovative lines of research. If you have more than one supervisor, one of whom is an assistant professor, please connect with Lina Chiuccariello to discuss eligibility.

**Why can only one application per supervisor be submitted?**

The Discovery Fund wants to ensure equal opportunity across CAMH and therefore only one graduate student and one postdoctoral fellow per supervisor will be awarded.

**When will applicants be made aware of the outcome of the competition?**

Announcements will be made by May 2019.

**Where do I apply online?**

After the abstract submission deadline closes, you will be sent a link to submit both your application and reference forms.

**Can I use part of my application to other external funding agencies to apply for the Discovery Fund?**

The Discovery Fund Talent Development competition is based on the CIHR standards of excellence and some parts of your application may overlap. It is fine to use text from other applications as part of this application but it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all requirements of the Discovery Fund are adequately addressed. As a reminder, if you are successful in obtaining an external award, you must notify Lina Chiuccariello to free the award for another applicant.

**I have not yet graduated from my Ph.D., am I eligible to apply for the post-doctoral fellowship award?**

All Discovery Fund Talent Development awardees must be registered as a CAMH research trainee and be able to start the award between July 1 and December 31, 2019. If you plan to graduate within this time frame, it is still possible to apply for this award. However, if your graduation date is uncertain, please confirm your eligibility with Lina Chiuccariello.

**I have not yet been accepted into my training program. Am I eligible to apply?**

You will be required to provide proof of enrolment if you are a successful applicant to the Discovery Fund Talent Development competition. If you anticipate being accepted by a university program following the notification of award, you are still eligible to apply as long as your acceptance is between July 1 and December 31, 2019. However, if you are successful in the Discovery Fund Talent Development competition but are not accepted into a university program within those dates, you must decline the award.

**Why do I need to apply for additional external awards?**

The Discovery Fund aims to provide funding opportunities for as many research trainees as possible. Applying to external competitions increases funding opportunities for all trainees interested in completing their graduate studies or postdoctoral fellowship at CAMH.

**What is a RAAF and why do I need to submit this?**

The Research Assurances and Approvals Form ensures access to the necessary resources and feasibility of the research proposal. This allows for the opportunity for everyone involved in the proposed work to review the necessary requirements to successfully complete the research at CAMH.

**Can I include figures and charts in my application?**

Yes, as long as it fits within the character limit outlined.