



2022 CAMH Koerner Research Scholars: Research Studentship Program for Health Professional Trainees

Background

Koerner Research Scholars is dedicated towards providing health professional trainees with the opportunity to work with distinguished scientists, to develop sound research methodologies, and to experience excellent mentorship while exploring mental health research across a broad spectrum of scientific disciplines.

This program is open to all health professionals currently in a training program and at any stage of their chosen vocational program, including physicians, psychologists, nurses, occupational therapists, and social workers. In addition to completing the proposed research and engaging in mentorship opportunities within their supervisor's research group, trainees will be invited to attend research meetings/rounds, as well as participate in an end-of-program get-together where trainees will present and discuss their respective projects.

Award Guidelines

Koerner Research Scholars is a **Research Studentship Program** competition to provide support for health professional trainees to complete a mental health research project at CAMH, under the supervision of an Independent, Senior, or Clinician Scientist appointed in CAMH Research. The objective of this competition is to provide health professional trainees with exposure to the breadth of mental health care and research, including hands-on research experience, training and mentorship from CAMH scientists.

Koerner Research Scholars positions are full-time for a duration of 10-12 weeks. This Research Studentship Program provides 50% of funding for the position, to be matched (1:1) by the proposed supervisor, for total funding of up to \$10,000, conditional on availability of funds.

Selection will be based on project proposal strength and feasibility, mentorship environment, and applicant CV. The selection will be made by a subcommittee of CAMH Independent, Senior, or Clinician Scientists, based on CIHR standards of excellence.

Within the annual call for applications, the applicant will indicate the period that the position will be completed, related to their individual academic calendar. In choosing to accept an award, an applicant will be required to indicate agreement to provide the CAMH Research Operations, Services and Support Office with an annual update of their current clinical or academic positions / affiliations.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must obtain sponsorship of a primary supervisor at CAMH who holds an appointment in one of CAMH's research programs (Clinician Scientist, Senior Scientist, or Independent Scientist only).
- Awards are limited to a 10-12 week period of support.
- Awards are to commence during the period of June 1, 2022– February 28, 2023
- Applicants must be registered in a health professional program when they complete the award.
- Applicants must meet eligibility requirements for CAMH Research Trainees as set out in policy [AR 1.2, Research Trainees](#).
- **Women and members of under-represented minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.**

Instructions

1. Notification

Supervisors should send an email to grants.awards@camh.ca indicating the applicant(s) that they would like to put forward for the **2022 Koerner Research Scholars** competition by **March 11, 2022**. The applicant should be copied on the registration email. Please include 1-2 sentences to describe the proposed research to facilitate selection of appropriate reviewers.

2. Application

Full applications must be submitted by **March 25, 2022**, and should include the following:

a) General Information:

- Applicant Name – Indicate your official name, as identified on government issued IDs. This can include your common or familiar name in brackets.
- Signatures – Ensure that you and your supervisor (and if applicable, co-supervisor) are clearly indicated

b) Project Information:

- Project Title – **Limit of 640 characters, including spaces.**
- Lay Title – **Limit of 200 characters, including spaces.**
- Lay Abstract - **Limit of 2000 characters, including spaces.**
- Research Project Summary - The research project summary should be written in general scientific language, and should include the specific hypothesis of the research and describe your role in the proposed project. Make sure that the summary provides a concise account of the subject matter; an overview of each part of the research plan, specific project aims and the methodology. **Limit of 4000 characters, including spaces, references included.**
Please use the following headings:
 - Background - summarize the state of knowledge relevant to the proposal.
 - Hypotheses/research questions - state these clearly and concisely
 - Methods - give essential details of methods
 - Originality - state how the project will advance knowledge if it is completed as planned and meaningfully extend the knowledge and/or skills of the applicant.

c) Research Supervisor Statement:





The description should be detailed and include information related to space, facilities and personnel support that will be available to carry out the proposed research; relevant grant support, research training opportunities, and other sources of income should be specified. This section should demonstrate the commitment of the proposed supervisor(s) to support the applicant's research development. A description of the role and responsibilities of the applicant

in the supervisor's research should be included. **Limit of 1750 characters, including spaces.**

3. Common CV

a) Applicant CV

Go to common CV site <https://ccv-cvc.ca/indexresearcher-eng.frm>

- Log in (or create an account if you do not already have one)
- Choose CV tab → select Funding from dropdown menu → select CIHR from dropdown menu → click on NEXT → select CIHR Biosketch from the dropdown menu → click NEXT
- On the main screen you will see a list of all the sections that need to be completed. The left hand side of the screen will contain icons:
 -  This icon will allow you to enter or edit the section
 -  This icon indicates that the section does not contain any errors
 -  This icon indicates that the section contains errors.
- Enter data.
- Ensure there are no s on your screen.
- Click PREVIEW and review the pdf document that is generated. Edit if needed.
- Once you are satisfied with the content, submit and save the pdf document that is generated.

b) Supervisor CV

- Supervisor CVs should also be in the Canadian Common CV format using the CIHR Biosketch Template.
- CVs not in a Canadian Common CV format using CIHR Biosketch Template can be submitted however please ensure they are no longer than 6 pages.

4. Academic Documentation

a) Proof of registration

A letter from the University registrar indicating that the applicant is registered in a Masters or PhD program or some equivalent proof of registration should be submitted as part of the application. If the applicant is not yet registered at the time of application, this letter is required prior to acceptance of the award.

5. Research Assurances and Approvals Form (RAAF)

A RAAF must be submitted via the [eRA Portal](#) by **March 18, 2022**. For guidance on RAAF submission, please see the [Research Portal](#).

6. Submitting the Application

Email grants.awards@camh.ca by **March 25, 2022** with the following:

- Subject: Applicant's LASTNAME, FirstName – 2022 Koerner Research Scholar Application (e.g. DOE, John – 2022 Koerner Research Scholar Application)
Attachment:
- 1 pdf document named "Applicant's LASTNAME, Firstname" (e.g. DOEJohn). This will include all documents outlined above. (Application Form / Applicant CV / Supervisor CV [in this order])

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Notification: March 11, 2022

RAAF: March 18, 2022

Full Application: March 25, 2022

Final Decision: April 2022