

2023 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 competitive **Research Studentship Program** providing 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 to 12 weeks. This Research Studentship Program provides 50% of funding for the position (up to \$5,000), 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.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must obtain sponsorship of a primary supervisor who holds a scientific appointment at CAMH as Independent Scientist, Senior Scientist, or Clinician Scientist only.
- Applicants must be registered in a health professional program during the year they begin the award.
- Applicants must meet eligibility requirements for CAMH Research Trainees as set out in policy [AR 1.2, Research Trainees](#).
- Koerner Research Scholars especially welcomes applications from First Nations, Métis and Inuit, racialized and 2SLGBTQ+ communities, women, people with disabilities (including people who have experienced mental health and substance use challenges), and those not listed who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

Conditions of Award

- Awards are limited to a 10 to 12 week period of support.
- Awards are to commence during the period of June 1, 2023 – February 28, 2024.
- Applicants must 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

provide the CAMH Research Operations, Services and Support Office with an annual update of their current clinical or academic positions/affiliations for a total of five years.

Application Instructions

1. Notice of Intent

Applicants must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) online using the following form:

<https://form.jotform.com/223414066794257> by **March 17, 2023**. The NOI must identify the supervisor(s), include a brief description of the proposed project (250 words) and provide 3-5 project area and methodology keywords. Information from the NOI will assist the Grants & Awards team with matching applications to academic experts in the review process.

2. Research Assurances and Approvals Form (RAAF)

A RAAF must be submitted via the [eRA Portal](#) by **March 24, 2023**. For guidance on RAAF submission, please see the [Research Portal](#).

3. Application

Full applications must be submitted by **March 31, 2023**, and should include the following:

a) General Information:

- **Applicant Name**
- **Signatures** – The application must be signed by the Applicant, digital signature is fine.

b) Project Information:

- **Project Title** – **Limit of 640 characters, including spaces.**
- **Lay Title** – **Limit of 200 characters, including spaces.** Provide a title for the project that is in a language clear to the general public
- **Lay Abstract** - **Limit of 2000 characters, including spaces.** Describe the project in a way that is accessible to a lay audience.
- **Research Project Summary** - **Limit of 4000 characters, including spaces, references included.** 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. 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; describe the data to be collected and the method of data analysis proposed. Clearly define the population.
 - **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:

Limit of 1750 characters, including spaces. 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, and how the training

goals or plan align with the trainee’s career path. An in-depth description of the role and responsibilities of the applicant in the supervisor’s research should be included.

4. Common CV

a) Applicant CV

Provide a **CIHR Academic CV**. Please consult CIHR’s [instructions](#) for completing the Academic CV template via the [Canadian Common CV \(CCV\)](#) interface.

b) Supervisor CV

- Supervisor CVs should also be in the Canadian Common CV format using the CIHR [Academic](#) or [Biosketch](#) templates.
- Other CV templates will also be accepted, with a limit of 6 pages.

5. 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 must 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.

6. Submitting the Application

Email internal.funding@camh.ca by **March 31, 2023** with the following:

- Subject: Applicant’s LASTNAME, FirstName – 2023 Koerner Research Scholar Application (e.g. DOE, John – 2023 Koerner Research Scholar Application)
- Attachment: One (1) pdf document named “Applicant’s LASTNAME, FirstName” (e.g. DOEJohn). This will include all documents outlined above in the correct order (Application Form/Applicant CV/Supervisor CV/Proof of Registration).

Note: Supplemental material and material exceeding the specified length will not be considered in the review process. The reviewing committee consists of academic experts but not necessarily specialists in the applicant’s specific subject area.

DEADLINES AT A GLANCE
Notification: March 17, 2023
RAAF: March 24, 2023
Full Application: March 31, 2023
Notice of Award: April 2023