

## **Call for Applications – Patient-Oriented Research (POR) Intercentre Trainee Internship Award in Diabetes and its Complications 2019-2020**

Diabetes Action Canada is launching its 2019-2020 Intercentre Internship competition for master's students, doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows, residents and research professionals interested in Patient-Oriented Research (POR) in diabetes and its complications. The goal of this award is to promote networking and optimal integration of trainees into the Diabetes Action Canada (DAC) Network and the Canadian diabetes research community. Up to three (3) annual internships will be awarded to trainees. The DAC Network invites researchers who are PI's or Co-I's of the Network to propose collaborative projects in the areas of diabetes and its complications and for which a trainee will complete their training in another laboratory (in another research centre). This project will involve a DAC Network PI or Co-I with one or more collaborators of another research centre. Every collaborator must become a member of the DAC Network and participate in its activities.

Eligibility criteria and methods of evaluation are described below. Successful candidates will receive financial support of a maximum of \$10,000 for a one-year period to allow the establishment of the trainee-based collaboration between the collaborators.

### **Application deadline**

- ❖ The deadline for submission of applications is **June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019** for funding commencing no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Applications submitted late, incomplete or which do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be evaluated. Funded projects must be completed within the year of holding the award.

If the trainee is not a DAC Network member at the time of application, they must apply to become a member of the DAC Network in order to receive the grant. Recipients must complete a final report at the end of their year of funding and agree to respond to subsequent annual short questionnaires for an additional two (2) years to document the impact of this internship experience.

### **Eligibility criteria and evaluation:**

- 1) The PI or the Co-I (*the trainee's supervisor*) must be a regular member of the DAC Network;
- 2) Every collaborator as well as the trainee must become a member of the DAC Network;
- 3) **Only one application per competition as PI** may be submitted for each intercentre internship competition. There is no limit as co-investigator. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, a maximum of one application per researcher will be funded annually;

- 4) The applicant must propose relevant and integrated training in an intercentre collaborative project;
- 5) The applicant must include a research centre represented by at least one researcher who is a regular member of the DAC Network and at least one other research centre in Canada or internationally;
- 6) The applicant must demonstrate the structuring effect of this collaboration for the laboratories involved as well as the research within the DAC Network, according to its objectives (e.g. establishment of new multidisciplinary and/or intersectoral collaborations within the Network or international and/or patient-oriented);
- 7) The PI agrees to provide a brief progress report after the one-year funding period to demonstrate the leverage effect of the program (i.e. obtaining scholarships and/or external grants).

For the trainee who will be trained:

- 1) The applicant must be a master's student, doctoral student, a postdoctoral fellow, a resident or a research professional and a member of the DAC Network upon receipt of the grant (not necessarily at the time of submission of the grant). The trainee's supervisor must be a member of the DAC Network before applying to the competition.
- 2) Excellence and involvement:
  - ❖ For master's students, doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows or residents:
    - a. Must have an excellent record of publication and participation/involvement in scientific activities.
  - ❖ For research professionals:
    - a. Must be actively involved in structuring activities related to priorities of the Network, for example: research platforms, multicentre projects, networks, provincial, national or international research.
- 3) Demonstrate motivation to pursue a career in Patient-Oriented Research (POR) in diabetes and its complications.
- 4) Successful candidates agree to submit a scientific abstract for oral presentation or posters at the annual scientific meeting of Diabetes Canada or other national and international diabetes research conferences.

- 5) Successful candidates agree to provide a brief report after one-year of funding and complete a short annual questionnaire for another 2 years to document the impact of the internship (i.e. new collaborations, scholarships and/or or external grants).
- 6) Note that a master's student/doctoral student/postdoctoral fellow/resident/research professional may not be awarded more than once in this competition.

### **Eligible Expenses:**

Any expenses related to internship support for the recipient according to CIHR research grant standards. This may include:

- Transport, accommodation and living expenses (if necessary depending on the distance) for the trainee in the collaboration laboratory;
- Shipping costs between the main laboratory and the collaboration laboratory(ies) in connection with the trainee's stay;
- Purchase of supplies necessary for the trainee's setup in the collaboration laboratory(ies) (the purchases can be made in the host laboratory or in the main laboratory).

### **Ineligible Expenses:**

- Transport, accommodation and living expenses for the trainee in their main laboratory;
- Salary for trainees or other researchers.

### **Who can apply:**

The Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator (member of the DAC Network) is responsible for the application.

### **Materials required for application:**

- 1) Application form for the Intercentre Internship completed.
- 2) CIHR CCV (with the *Detailed Contributions* section) of all participating researchers and the trainee to enable the evaluation of scientific excellence.

All documents must be submitted (in PDF format) to the DAC Training and Mentoring Coordinator, Michelle Murray, [Michelle.Murray@umoncton.ca](mailto:Michelle.Murray@umoncton.ca).

## **Application Evaluation Criteria and Process:**

All applications will be assessed according to the eligibility criteria of the competition and the following criteria. Successful candidates will be notified by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

### For DAC PI's, Co-I's and collaborators:

- 1) Excellence in home and host laboratories: Description of performance, scientific contribution and expertise of the laboratories involved in the collaboration;
- 2) Relevance and quality of the proposed intercentre training: Immediate or potential impact of mentoring for the original laboratory and research within the network, according to its objectives (e.g. establishment of new multidisciplinary and/or intersectoral collaborations inside the DAC Network or at an international level, knowledge transfer, patient-oriented research, standardization of methods, establishment of a platform or common resources, etc.);
- 3) Feasibility of the proposed budget: Relevance of the proposed use of funds.

### For the intern:

- 1) For master's students, doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows or residents:
  - a) Holding an excellent record of publication and participation/involvement in scientific activities.
- 2) For research professionals:
  - a) Must be actively involved in activities related to the priorities of the DAC Network as in research platforms, multi-centric projects, provincial, national or international research networks.
- 3) Demonstrate motivation to pursue a career in research areas related to diabetes and its complications.

Note: Although not a criterion, applicants from rural or less connected communities will be given priority if proposed research project is deemed appropriate.

*The Diabetes Action Canada Network supports equity in its Internship program and encourages applications from qualified individuals, women or men, including Aboriginal people, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities.*

Any request for additional information can be forwarded to the DAC Training and Mentoring Coordinator, Michelle Murray, [michelle.murray@umoncton.ca](mailto:michelle.murray@umoncton.ca).