

Call for Applications – Patient-Oriented Research (POR) Doctoral Studentship Program in Diabetes and its Complications 2020-2021

The Diabetes Action Canada Training and Mentoring Program is pleased to launch a new Doctoral Studentship Program for doctoral students who are interested in pursuing Patient-Oriented Research (POR) in diabetes and its related 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. Two (2) awards will be granted.

Eligibility criteria and methods of evaluation are described below. Successful candidates will receive financial support of a maximum of \$15,000 for a one-year period.

Application deadline

- ❖ The deadline for submission of applications is **July 24th, 2020** for funding commencing no later than October 1st, 2020.

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

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- 1) Be Canadian citizens, have landed immigrant status, or have a student/work visa;
- 2) Be accepted in a PhD program of a Canadian institution during the tenure of this award;
- 3) The applicant's supervisor must hold a faculty appointment in a Canadian university and be a registered member of Diabetes Action Canada at the time of the application;
- 4) If an applicant holds a research award from another institution for the same research project, the DAC award will be reduced by the amount awarded from the other institution. Furthermore, if the successful candidate receives a grant or award after they have received the DAC award, they must notify Diabetes Action Canada.

The DAC award will be adjusted accordingly. A recipient may not decline another previously-offered grant or award in order to accept a DAC award.

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

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

Duration of funding

Doctoral students will receive \$15,000 for a one-year term.

Funds will be given in one installment for the following period:

❖ **October 1st, 2020 - September 30th, 2021**

Expectations

- 1) Awardees will be expected to complete a final report after the year of funding (including publications, courses and conferences attended);
- 2) Successful applicants agree to submit a scientific abstract for oral or poster presentation at the annual scientific meeting of Diabetes Canada or other national and international diabetes research conferences and participate in Diabetes Action Canada activities (i.e. POR training, DAC Workshops/Conferences, etc.);
- 3) Successful applicants are required to acknowledge support from Diabetes Action Canada in publications, presentations, and communications arising from the supported research.

Evaluation criteria

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- 1) Scientific merit of the research proposal;
- 2) Alignment with principles of Patient-Oriented Research;
- 3) The candidate's academic record and perceived potential as indicated by supporting documentation (i.e., transcripts and letters of recommendation);
- 4) Research or professional experience, awards/prizes received, and publication record.

Application process

- 1) Submit a completed application form.
- 2) Submit all relevant documents:
 - copy of degree;
 - transcripts;
 - applicant’s CIHR CCV;
 - supervisor’s CIHR CCV;
 - Two letters of recommendation.

All documents must be submitted (in PDF format) to the DAC Training and Mentoring Program Coordinator, Michelle Murray, michelle.murray@umoncton.ca.

Notification

All applicants will be notified of the funding decision by **August 31st, 2020**. Funding decisions will also be posted on the Diabetes Action Canada website.

Any request for additional information can be forwarded to the DAC Training and Mentoring Program Coordinator, Michelle Murray, michelle.murray@umoncton.ca.