



CST FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM - CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Dear Members,

The CST is proud to be able to offer a fellowship grant every year. The grant is for a one year period and provides \$50,000 CDN to support fellows engaged in clinical (including translational) or basic research in transplantation.

Pre-amble:

The fellowship is open to trainees of any background. It is intended to primarily be a research focused fellowship. However, clinical and/or other duties are permitted so long as the time commitment for those duties does not exceed 20%.

Terms of Reference

The CST will offer one fellowship grant (1-year duration) in 2016.

1. The applicant can either be involved in basic science or clinical/translational science related to transplantation.
2. Eligibility and application criteria are outlined below.

The purpose of the fellowship grant is as follows

1. To allow fellows the opportunity to engage in transplant research with the goal of developing an academic career in transplantation.
2. To allow fellows to have protected time to carry out high-quality research in clinical or basic science research in the field of transplantation.

Part 1: Description of grant:

The CST will offer a fellowship grant for salary support for Fellows at an early stage of their research training. The fellowship will foster the training of young investigators in any aspect of transplantation research including basic science, clinical investigation or translational research.

1. Duration of grant support: 1 year
2. Financial amount of grant support: \$50,000 CDN
3. Restrictions on grant money: Moneys will only be used for salary support of the applicant. They cannot be used for operating funds, equipment or other costs related to the research project or the supervisors laboratory (see below).

Part 2: Research focus

The fellowship research focus may be basic, clinical or translational and should relate directly to the field of transplantation.

Broadly these categories include:

Clinical research: This includes clinical outcomes research, including registry research, observational studies, and clinical trials. Proposals should test a unique hypothesis and should be aimed at improving our understanding of a specific area of transplantation.

Basic research: This may include any aspect of transplantation biology ranging from pertinent basic immunology to animal studies. All types of organ, tissue, and cell transplants are eligible.

Translational Research: This involves use of samples/biologic materials from human patients that have undergone or will undergo transplantation to assess some clinical problem related to transplantation.

Part 3: Eligibility Criteria:

1. The supervisor must ensure the fellow has a minimum of 80% protected time to carry out research.
2. The fellow and the primary supervisor must be members of the CST.
3. The research project and fellowship must be performed in a Canadian center.
4. The applicant must be at the fellowship training level for the duration of the 1-year training program and cannot hold a faculty level position.
5. Additional income to “top-up” the fellowship amount from the supervisor is allowed. This includes income for clinical duties as long as the time commitment for those duties does not exceed 20%.
6. Fellows who already have salary support funding through a specific agency or grant (e.g. CIHR, NSERC, others) are not eligible for this award.
7. Funds for this award are only for salary purposes and cannot be used for operating or overhead costs.

Part 4: Application Requirements

1. Research proposal: The proposal should include background, hypothesis, aims, detailed study methodology, analysis, and significance of the research. The research proposal is limited to 5-pages single spaced 12-point font (Arial or times new roman). The proposal may be written jointly by the applicant and the supervisor. However, it should be clearly stated what the applicants responsibilities will be in the research proposal. The proposed research plan may be longer than 1-year although the salary support offered through this grant is for a maximum of 1 year.
2. CVs: The applicant CV should be submitted using the Common CV formatted for CIHR. The supervisor's CV should also be submitted in the same format.
3. Letter of support from the supervisor: This should include a description of the environment where the training will take place and the resources that will be available to the fellow. It should also include an assessment of the applicant's long term potential for an academic career in transplantation (Limit 2 pages).
4. One additional letter of support.

Application Deadline: February 29, 2016

Submit complete applications as a single PDF file to: admin@cst-transplant.ca

Part 5: The Review Process

Applications for the CST fellowship will be reviewed by the Awards and Grants Committee. They will make a recommendation to the Board who will select the successful applicant.

The criteria upon which an application is judged will include:

1. The quality of the research project
2. The overall ability of the applicant
3. The background of the supervisor
4. The overall potential of the applicant to ultimately pursue a successful academic career in transplantation as an independent investigator in Canada will be favorably viewed.

A progress report should be submitted at the end of the first year of training. A final report should follow at the end of the second year and must be submitted to the CST within 1 month of completion. The CST should be acknowledged on all publications resulting from work related to the fellowship funding. It is expected that the fellow will submit and present an abstract related to his/her work at the CST annual scientific meeting.

Additional queries may be sent to Chair of Grants & Awards via admin@cst-transplant.ca