

BioCanRx HQP Travel Award

Summary

The BioCanRx mission is to build and foster a network that accelerates Canada's most promising biologically based cancer therapies into clinical trials. Canadian scientists and students involved in the research and development of cancer biotherapeutics are central to achieving our mission, and we believe that staying current with the field and continually updating one's skill sets are important to your personal success, the network and the entire field.

Distance should not prohibit you from developing your skills and career. BioCanRx HQP Travel Awards enable highly qualified personnel (HQP) to attend exciting and relevant learning and development opportunities, and are awarded on a competitive basis.

The [Pan-Canadian Strategic Forum on Cell & Gene Therapy](#) will bring together national and international experts to discuss the most recent discoveries in cell therapy, including cancer immunotherapy, identify facilitators and barriers to avoid in order to ensure the success of these innovations, define good practices in cell production, and focus on effective commercialization for the benefit of all Canadians. All regulatory issues will also be at the heart of the concerns.

The event will highlight the expertise of renowned presenters through conferences and discussion panels, but will also build upon the ideas and skills of participants through workshops. The purpose of the forum is therefore to identify concrete courses of action to help stakeholders in the field to be better equipped to deal with this major medical revolution.

This is an excellent learning and networking opportunity for HQP in the cancer immunotherapy space to learn about the clinical, social and economic impacts of exciting biotherapeutics for Canadians, our biotechnology sector, and our healthcare system.

Eligibility

- 1) Applicants must register (and attach their proof of payments) for the Pan-Canadian Strategic Forum on Cell & Gene Therapy in order for their application to be considered for this competition.
- 2) This travel award competition is open to all graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, research associates, technical and clinical research staff working at a Canadian academic institution that is not situated in Montreal, Quebec and is eligible for Tri-Council Agency funding.

If you are unsure about your eligibility, please contact Jovian Tsang, Manager of HQP Training Programs, at jtsang@biocanrx.com.

Program Deliverables

The objective of HQP Travel Awards is to lower the barriers to participate in worthwhile learning and development initiatives offered by external organizations. Attendance at this initiative is expected to benefit the applicant's professional development, their lab group/work team, their project/work responsibilities and the greater BioCanRx network.

The timeline for HQP Travel Awards are as follows:

~~November 30, 2016~~ **December 31, 2016** (at 11:59PM EST) – Travel Award Application Deadline
~~December 9, 2016~~ **January 20, 2016** – Awardees Notified
March 9-10, 2017 – Event Dates

Specific Terms of the Award

Successful applicants will be reimbursed for their early-bird registration fees, as well as eligible travel, accommodation and meal (excluding alcohol) expenses, for a total of \$750.00 CAD. All original receipts must be mailed to BioCanRx to be reimbursed. More information about our travel policy will be sent out to successful awardees.

There will be a limit of 15 BioCanRx HQP Travel Awards to this event.

Awardees must complete a post-event feedback form in order to be reimbursed by BioCanRx.

Successful awardees will be reimbursed directly from BioCanRx.

Application Procedure

Fill out the application form below with the required documentation and send your application package to jtsang@biocanrx.com by the deadline ~~November 30, 2016~~ **December 31, 2016**.

Application for a BioCanRx HQP Travel Award

Complete all sections below; e-mail to jtsang@biocanrx.com by 11:59PM EST on **December 31, 2016**.

Event Information		
Event Name: Pan-Canadian Strategic Forum on Cell & Gene Therapy		
Date: March 9-10, 2017	Venue: Hilton Montreal	
Website: https://www.cellcan.com/forum2017/en/home.aspx	City/Province/Country: Montreal, QC, Canada	
Candidate Information		
Title:	Surname:	Given Names:
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Citizenship: <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian (including Permanent Resident) <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign		
Position & Year of Study (i.e. MSc Student, PhD Student, Post-Doc, Research Associate, Undergrad/Co-op or Technical staff):	Institution name:	
Phone number:	Email address:	
Supervisor Information		
Title:	Surname:	Given Names:
Phone Number:	Email address:	

Assessment Criteria for BioCanRx HQP Development Committee:

Will this event benefit...	1 strongly disagree	2 disagree	3 agree	4 strongly agree
... the applicant's professional development?				
... the applicant's lab group or work team?				
... the applicant's current project or work responsibilities?				
... the BioCanRx Network?				

- A.** Provide an overview of your current project(s) or activities that involve research and/or translation of cancer biotherapeutics into the clinical setting (max. 200 words).

- B.** Describe how the knowledge gained at this event will benefit you (max. 200 words).

- C.** Attach a copy of your event registration receipt.
D. Provide your CV as a separate document.
E. Provide a letter of support from your current supervisor (email is sufficient) describing how your participation in this event will benefit you and the lab's cancer biotherapeutics research program as a whole. Letters should be e-mailed to jtsang@biocanrx.com by the application deadline.