



Canadian Vascular Network

Scholar Award

Application Details

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Application deadline: April 1, 2016

The Canadian Vascular Network, a CIHR funded Emerging Network, is pleased to announce its second call of the “Vascular Network Scholar Award”, which provides a **two-year salary matching or salary top-up award** for graduate students (Masters and PhD level), and Post-Doctoral and MD (residents, fellows) trainees.

Note:

- ***Applicants are required to have an existing Vascular Network Investigator as the primary or co-primary supervisor for the project and provide a sponsor letter***
- ***Applicants with existing salary support will be eligible top-up awards only***

The Vascular Network is a multi-disciplinary, pan-Canadian group of researchers committed to improving the health of all Canadians through innovative and effective prevention and detection of vascular conditions. By working together, investigators in the Vascular Network aim to break down barriers between disciplines and vascular diseases.

Current priority research areas for the Vascular Network include:

- 1)** Identifying targets for early detection strategies for populations at high risk for vascular diseases
- 2)** Using large study cohorts to identify novel biomarkers of microvascular dysfunction which could be used for early detection of vascular disease
- 3)** Development of robust preclinical models of vascular cognitive impairment (VCI)
- 4)** Prevalence and management of vascular disease risk factors in primary care settings in Canada
- 5)** Inventory of models for the prevention and management of vascular conditions in Canada
- 6)** Development of quality indicators to evaluate process, structure, and outcomes of programs in vascular prevention and management

In addition to its current priority research areas related to small vessel disease (SVD) in the context of vascular cognitive impairment (VCI) and hypertension, the Vascular Network encourages applications that relate to SVD in heart failure and preserved ejection fraction (HFpEF) and pulmonary hypertension.

Successful applicants will be provided with opportunities to participate in exciting new projects across the Network. Vascular Network Scholars will take on leadership roles within the Network: writing grants, heading videoconferences, participating in committee meetings, and running Network Trainee workshops.

Eligibility

Students are encouraged to apply if they meet **the following conditions**:

- Masters, PhD, MD (fellow or resident), or Post-doctoral candidate currently attending or planning to attend a recognized educational institution in Canada interested in working on one of the priority areas stated above
- A **Vascular Network Investigator has agreed to be the primary (or co-primary) supervisor** for the project and can provide a sponsor letter
- Has not received a CVN Scholar Award previously

Support of the CVN Scholar Award:

- The Scholar Award funding will consist of the following salary support over two (2) years, with matching funds from the Scholars' host institution, for a grand total of \$25,000 (Masters' and Ph.D) and \$50,000 (Post Doctoral Fellow/MD):
 - Masters' and Ph.D - \$12,500 annually (matched funding: \$12,500 per year)
 - Post Doctoral Fellow/MD - \$25,000 annually (matched funding: \$25,000 per year)

Note: Applicants with existing external, non-CVN scholarships at \$15,000/year or greater, are encouraged to apply for a top-up award of \$5,000/year.

Interested candidates should complete the Vascular Network Scholar Award application form and follow the included application instructions. Number of awards distributed will depend on funding availability. These Vascular Network Scholar Awards are non-transferable. In the event that a Scholar completes his/her academic program before the funding period is complete, the Scholar Award recipient is required to notify the CVN administration to terminate the award. Further, if the Scholar receives a scholarship during CVN Scholar award period, he or she will need to inform the CVN and the Scholar Award will be changed to a "top up" award. All questions regarding this posting and the application process should be directed to Heather King-Andrews, CVN Program Coordinator at heking@ohri.ca.