

OIRM FELLOWSHIP AWARD

OIRM is seeking the very best candidates with outstanding potential to be independent leaders in the stem cell and regenerative medicine community.

Guidelines

The Ontario Institute for Regenerative Medicine (OIRM) is a non-profit stem cell institute funded by the Ontario government and dedicated to transforming discoveries into clinical trials and cures. Through our commitment to collaboration and partnerships, we leverage our resources to fund and support promising advances. OIRM is a passionate champion for investigators and their patients as we build a healthier future for Ontario, Canada, and the world.

Fellowship Impact

- One fellowship position is available for the 2019-2020 competition
- This awardee will receive up to \$50,000 CDN per year for up to three years
- The host PI will supplement funds to cover travel costs and health benefits
- The awardee will have the opportunity to present their work at the OIRM Annual Symposium, Till & McCulloch Meetings and other OIRM events
- This is an opportunity to be an active part of Ontario's stem cell community – a global leader in this field of research

Eligibility

The OIRM Fellowship Award is now open to basic research trainees (PhD), as well as health professional trainees (MD, DVM and DDS). Other health professions should contact [OIRM](#) regarding eligibility prior to applying. The supervising PI must be a member of OIRM and have a primary, full-time faculty appointment with an Ontario University or affiliated research institute.

- Applicants must be within 2 years of defending their PhD or within 2 years of starting a research fellowship program (MD, DVM, DDS) based on the OIRM fellowship funding date of April 1, 2019.
- Applicants applying for a second post-fellowship placement (postdoctoral fellowship or research fellowship), must be within 12 months of completing their first fellowship and must provide a strong justification for the second fellowship.
- This program does not support graduate students.
- Applicants may already be enrolled in a fellowship training program with an [OIRM PI](#) or may be a new applicant.
- Only one candidate is eligible to apply per OIRM PI. PIs who have a current OIRM or OIRM-MbD postdoctoral fellow in their lab are ineligible to submit a new application.
- Applicants from anywhere in the world are eligible to apply.
- Projects in the area of cancer stem cells are not eligible as it is a core focus of OICR. However, projects using other stem cell derived therapies to treat cancer may be eligible. Please contact OIRM prior to submitting an application if you are unsure of your projects eligibility.

Process

- Complete the OIRM Fellowship Application Form.

- The research project and fellowship application must be prepared in collaboration with an OIRM PI. The OIRM PI must sponsor the applicant and be prepared to host the successful applicant in their lab for the duration of the training (up to three years).
- All documents should be submitted in one PDF (max 7MB), if this is not possible, a maximum of two PDFs (max 7MB each) can be submitted.
- Applications must be submitted by the OIRM PI on behalf of the applicant by the application deadline of **Friday, January 11, 2019 by 4 p.m. ET.**
- An independent peer review committee will review potential candidates and select **one** successful applicant.
- All applicants and PIs will be contacted directly with the award results. The funding decision will be made public on the OIRM website and in the OIRM newsletter.

Responsibilities of Successful Applicants

- Fellows will be required to attend the OIRM Annual Symposium, the Till & McCulloch Meetings, and select OIRM events to present their work (PIs are responsible for the cost of this travel).
- Fellows must start their fellowship program on or before August 1, 2019 (funds will be available as early as April 1, 2019).
- Fellows who hold additional fellowship awards may be topped up by the OIRM PDF award up to a maximum of \$50,000 per year.
- Fellows who leave their fellowship position for full time employment or other educational opportunities will no longer be eligible for the remaining award funds. OIRM should be notified immediately upon the PDF leaving this position.
- OIRM requires that Fellows acknowledge their funding support in all written and oral presentations, including scientific articles, news releases, news conferences and public lectures.
- Fellows will be required to provide a progress report at 18 months and a final report at the completion of their fellowship.
- Foreign Fellows are required to obtain their own Canadian entry visa.

For any questions on these guidelines and applications, please contact: oirmPDF@oirm.ca