KT Canada 2019 Scientific Conference

BC Research Trainee Travel Award

BC SUPPORT Unit

The BC SUPPORT (SUpport for People and Patient-Oriented Research and Trials) Unit (‘the Unit’) is a multi-partner organization created to support, streamline and increase patient-oriented research (POR) throughout British Columbia. Our mission is to support the conduct and implementation of high-quality POR. We aim to support POR through two main areas of focus: doing and studying. We support research teams to do POR and help bring research teams together to study the best ways to do POR.

What is POR?

POR is research done in partnership with patients, that answers research questions that matter to patients and aims to improve health care. For further information about how to decide if your research is POR click on the following link [How Patient-Oriented is Your Research?].

Knowledge Translation

Knowledge Translation may be defined as “using health research to improve health.” This refers to a broad range of initiatives meant to improve the use of research evidence in practice, including:

- Synthesis: integrating study findings into the larger body of knowledge on a topic
- Dissemination: identifying appropriate audiences and tailoring messages to the audience
- Exchange: interaction between researchers and research users resulting in mutual learning
- Application: the iterative process by which knowledge is put into practice

Knowledge Translation (‘KT’) is an integral activity of the Unit, as doing KT (KT Practice) and studying KT (KT Science) will facilitate the uptake of POR research evidence into health care practices and policies and ultimately lead to improved health outcomes.

Funding

The BC SUPPORT Unit is pleased to offer two (2) or more travel awards up to a maximum of $1500 each. [Total funding available $3000]. These awards will support BC based research trainees to attend the KT Canada 2019 scientific conference.

KT Canada 2019 Scientific Conference

The conference will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 30-31, 2019. The theme of the conference is Advancing the science of integrated knowledge translation. For further details see [KT Canada 2019 Scientific Conference]
Eligibility

Applicants must:

1. Be a graduate student (Masters or PhD) living in BC and currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution in BC OR be a postdoctoral-fellow living in BC and currently working at a BC-based institution.
2. Working on a research project, or with a research supervisor, conducting POR in BC.
3. Identify how this opportunity would support their personal learning goals, career development and their ability to conduct POR.

Award Submission and Review Process

- Applications MUST be submitted online [Link to online application form here].
- Applications will be independently reviewed by a committee with representation from KT research scientists, KT practice specialists, patient partners and BC SUPPORT Unit staff.

Important Dates

- Applications will OPEN on February 13, 2019.
- Applications will CLOSE on March 15, 2019 (11:59 PM). No exceptions.
- Award funding decisions will be sent to applicants by email on (or about) March 28, 2019.

Funding Conditions

- Eligible expenses for this award include travel (economy airfare), ground transportation, conference registration, accommodation and food.
- Applicants are required to identify and seek additional funding from other available sources. Funding from this award can be used as top up funds to cover additional travel expenses.
- The final number and amount of funding allocated for each award will depend on the applicants’ funding needs. Final allocation of the funds will be at the discretion of the committee.
- Funds for this travel award will be released after the conference.
- Funds will be payable to the award recipient.
- Recipients will be required to provide proof of attendance and original receipts for claimed expenses.
- Expense reimbursement requests must be submitted by June 10, 2019 (with original receipts from expenses incurred). Expenses forms and submission information will be provided to recipients of this award.

Conflict of Interest

- Applicants must declare potential conflicts of interest with the BC SUPPORT Unit. Applicants who receive salary support in whole or in part from the BC SUPPORT Unit are ineligible for this award [BC SUPPORT Unit partners].

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