

BioCanRx HQP Travel Award

BioCanRx’s mission is to build and foster a network that accelerates Canada’s most promising biologically based cancer therapies into clinical trials. Canadian scientists, staff 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.

Program Deliverables

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

The HQP Travel Awards program has a rolling open deadline with the following deadlines and notification of award dates:

Application Deadlines	Notifications of Award Status
November 18, 2016	December 9, 2016
February 17, 2017	March 10, 2017
June 9, 2017	June 30, 2017
August 18, 2017	September 8, 2017

Eligibility

Applicant

Interested applicants must meet the following criteria in order to apply for a BioCanRx HQP Travel Award:

1. Must be a HQP (which includes student, post-doctoral fellow, research associate, technical or clinical research staff) working under a BioCanRx investigator, or at a BioCanRx Core Facility
2. HQP’s project or work responsibilities directly contribute to BioCanRx’s mission
3. Must not have received a BioCanRx HQP Travel Award before*

*This criteria excludes those who have received HQP Travel Awards to the Summit for Cancer Immunotherapy.

Event

Events must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for a BioCanRx HQP Travel Award:

1. Must relate to one of BioCanRx's therapeutic or priority areas:
 - a. synthetic antibody therapy
 - b. immune cell therapies
 - c. oncolytic viruses
 - d. clinical, social and economic implications of cancer biotherapeutics research
2. The learning objectives directly benefit HQP's project (or work responsibilities), career development, team and BioCanRx's overall mission and network
3. Must take place after Travel Award application deadline date (ex. If a conference begins January 15, 2017, HQP would apply by the November 18, 2016 deadline)

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

Specific Terms of the Award

Each year, BioCanRx will make available funding for 8 HQP Travel Awards, 2 per quarter. Eligible expenses that can be reimbursed include travel fare, accommodation and meals (excluding alcohol) not provided at the event. Each award will offer up to \$1,000 in reimbursement. Please note that BioCanRx cannot reimburse event registration costs. More information about our travel policy will be sent out to successful awardees.

The value of the award is reimbursed directly to the HQP following the event.

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

Funding Available

The HQP Travel Award program has an annual budget of \$8,000 for a total of 8 awards, each worth up to \$1,000 per successful applicant.

Application Procedure

Fill out the application form below with the required documentation and send your application package to jtsang@biocanrx.com at least 2 month before your event.

List of Required Documentation:

- Completed HQP Travel Award Application, Questions A + B
- Curriculum Vitae, Item C
- Draft Budget, Item D
- Letter of Support from Current Supervisor, Item E

Application for a BioCanRx HQP Travel Award

Complete all sections below; return to jtsang@biocanrx.com by one of the quarterly deadlines.

Event Information		
Event Name:		
Date:	City/Province/Country:	
Event Website:		
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 research project(s) or research activities that involve research and/or translation of cancer biotherapeutics into the clinical setting (max. 1000 characters).

- B.** Describe how the knowledge or skills learned at this event will benefit you, your project/work responsibilities, team and the BioCanRx network (max. 1000 characters).

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