

BioCanRx Lab Exchange Program Details

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 trainees and other highly qualified personnel (HQP) 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

The BioCanRx Lab Exchange Program aims to establish partnerships focused on training, in particular skills development and technology transfer, as well as strengthen connections between network members and/or industry partners. Lab exchanges can be any duration, with reimbursement up to a maximum of \$3000 CAD. Exchanges are expected to benefit the participating HQP with their professional development through specialized skills development and networking, their lab group/work team, their project/work responsibilities and the greater BioCanRx network.

In order to meet the dynamic needs of the network, this program has a rolling open deadline. We will be offering two lab exchange awards per fiscal year. The following dates represent fiscal year 2020-2021.

Application Deadlines
Friday, June 19, 2020
Friday, October 2, 2020
Subsequent years' deadlines to be announced

Eligibility

The Lab Exchange Program is open to all BioCanRx Highly Qualified Personnel (HQP): graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, research associates, technical and clinical research staff, other staff working under a BioCanRx founding or currently funded Principal Investigator. This program is also open to BioCanRx Core Facility staff.

The partnering research group or industry partner must be providing specialized skills training or technology transfer not widely available.

Priority will be given to exchanges between BioCanRx research/clinical groups or between a BioCanRx research group and industry partner.

If you are unsure about your eligibility, please contact Megan Mahoney, Manager of HQP Training Programs, at memahoney@biocanrx.com.

Specific Terms of the Award

Each year, BioCanRx will make available funding for 2 lab exchanges. Successful applicants will be reimbursed for travel, accommodation and meals for the duration of the exchange. Funding for lab exchanges will be provided for a maximum of \$3000 per exchange.

Lab exchanges must be completed in the fiscal year that the funding is made available (April – March.)

Reimbursement would be paid out to the candidate directly.

Awardees must complete a post-exchange report and feedback form in order to be reimbursed by BioCanRx. In order to evaluate the long-term impact of the exchange, successful applicants must also participate in a phone interview months later with BioCanRx staff.

Application Procedure

Fill out the application form below with the required documentation and send your application package to Megan Mahoney at memahoney@biocanrx.com by one of the rolling deadlines. Please ensure that application deadlines and award notification dates align with the intended lab exchange dates.

List of Required Documentation:

- ☐ Completed HQP Lab Exchange Application + Completed Questions A, B and C
- ☐ Curriculum Vitae (D)
- ☐ Proposed draft budget (E)
- ☐ Letter of Support from Current Supervisor (F)
- ☐ Letter of Support from Partnered Supervisor (G)