

BioCanRx HQP Travel Award 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

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.

In order to meet the dynamic needs of the network, this program has a rolling open deadline. We will be offering 4 travel awards per fiscal year. The following dates represent fiscal year 2020-2021.

Application Deadline
Friday, June 19, 2020
Friday, September 11, 2020
December 11, 2020
Subsequent years' deadlines to be announced

Eligibility

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

1. Priority will be given to highly qualified personnel (HQP), which includes, but is not limited to students, post-doctoral fellow, research associate, technical or clinical research staff) working under a BioCanRx founding or current 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, Summit4CI (i.e. you are still eligible for this award if you have received a Travel Award to attend the Summit4CI).

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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 and vaccines
 - 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 one month after the Travel Award application deadline date

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, national and international scientific conferences and training workshops. If you are unsure about the eligibility of your particular situation, please contact Megan Mahoney, Manager of HQP Training Programs at memahoney@biocanrx.com.

Specific Terms of the Award

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.

Application Procedure

Fill out the application form with the required documentation and send your application package to memahoney@biocanrx.com at the award deadline that is at least one month before the event.

List of Required Documentation:

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