**BioCanRx HQP Travel Award**

**RE: CellCAN pan-Canadian Strategic Forum, September 19 - 21, 2022**

**Summary**

The BioCanRx mission is to build and foster a network that accelerates Canada’s most promising biologically based cancer therapies into clinical trials. Canadian scientists 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. Below is a travel award opportunity for HQP.

The third CellCAN pan-Canadian Strategic Forum is taking place in Ottawa from September 19 to 21, 2022. Event registration link: <https://www.cellcan.com/forum2022/en/registration.aspx>

In partnership with the C3i Center and CCRM, this Strategic Forum represents a great opportunity to identify concrete actions - from manufacturing to commercialization - that can be taken to help stakeholders in our field become better equipped to develop cell, tissue and gene therapies.

Bringing together national and international experts, this forum will:

* Feature how the pandemic biotherapeutic response elements have redefined the CGT and advanced therapies landscape;
* Discuss novel initiatives to increase biomanufacturing capacity, including government programs, public private partnerships and other;
* Delineate how recent investments leverage further investment opportunities and the impact to the CGT ecosystem;
* Discover the key solutions to overcoming the talent shortage to build the required skilled workforce;
* Discuss the impact of regulatory reform creating favorable and globally competitive regulation and reimbursement schema and trends for novel CGT therapeutics;
* Highlight paths to financing and reimbursement that pave the way for market access;
* Identify effective commercialization strategies for the benefit of all Canadians;
* Be a great opportunity for networking.

For more information, please visit <http://www.cellcan.com/forum2022>

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for this award, you must not have received BioCanRx travel award funding in this calendar year; priority will be given to HQP who have not received previous travel awards.

HQP are defined as anyone working in the cell and gene therapy space inclusive of undergraduate and graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and research, clinical and manufacturing staff. This award opportunity is open to all HQP fitting the above criteria; however priority will be given to BioCanRx HQP defined as working with BioCanRx Network Investigators (defined currently or previously receiving research funding.) If you are unsure about the eligibility of your particular situation, please contact Sarah Ivanco, Manager of EDI and Training Programs at sivanco@biocanrx.com.

**Specific Terms of the Award**

BioCanRx will provide up to two awards to HQP. 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 $1,200 CAD 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 awardee following the event.

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

**Deadlines:**

**Travel Award Application Deadline:** June 30th, 2022

**Event Dates:** September 19-21, 2022

**Application Procedure**

Fill out the application form below with the required documentation and send your application package to sivanco@biocanrx.com.

List of Required Documentation:

☐ Completed Travel Award Application, Questions A + B

☐ Curriculum Vitae, Item C

☐ Letter of Support from Current Supervisor, Item D

**APPLICATION**

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Complete all sections below; e-mail to sivanco@biocanrx.com.

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| **Candidate Information** |
| Title:  | Surname:  | Given Names:  |
| HQP - Position & Year of Study (i.e. MSc Student, PhD Student, Post-Doc, Research Associate, Undergrad/Co-op or Technical staff):  | Institution/Organization name: |
| Phone number: | Email address: |
| Citizenship: [ ]  Canadian (including Permanent Resident) [ ]  Foreign |
| \*\*Gender: [ ]  Woman [ ]  Man [ ]  Gender-fluid, non-binary; and/or Two-Spirit [ ]  Prefer not to answer  |
| \*\* Do you identify as Indigenous, that is First Nation, Métis, or Inuk (Inuit)?[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  I prefer not to answer  |
| \*\* Do you identify as a member of a racialized community?[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  I prefer to not answer  |
| \*\* Do you identify as a person with a visible or invisible disability?[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  I prefer to not answer  |
| *\*\* \*\* BioCanRx is an advocate for equity and is committed to ensuring representation in its community. We welcome applications from members of racialized communities, women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities. BioCanRx seeks to maintain its commitment to excellence and recognizes that increasing the diversity of its network supports this objective. These questions are not to tied award decisions; they are a tool that will allow BioCanRx to monitor the equity performance of its programs.* |
| **Supervisor Information**  |
| Title: | Surname: | Given Names: |
| Phone Number: | Email address: |
| Is your supervisor a BioCanRx network investigator? (A BioCanRx Network Investigator is defined as a researcher who has received funds through BioCanRx’s research, core facility or biomanufacturing programs.) [You can find a list of Network Investigators (listed under Funded and Founding Investigators) here.](https://biocanrx.com/about/governance/network-members)   |

**Assessment Criteria for BioCanRx adjudication committee:**

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| **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? |  |  |  |  |

1. Provide an overview of your current research project(s) or research activities that involve research and/or translation of cell and gene therapies into the clinical setting (max. 1000 characters).
2. Describe how the knowledge or skills learned at this event will benefit you, your project/work responsibilities and team (max. 1000 characters).
3. Provide your CV as a separate document.
4. Provide a letter of support from your current supervisor (email is sufficient) describing how your participation in this event will benefit you. Letters should be e-mailed to sivanco@biocanrx.com before the application deadline of June 30th, 2022.