

2017-2018 Translational Breast Cancer Research Traineeship Program
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Description

The purpose of the **Translational Breast Cancer Research Traineeship Program** is to encourage and support translational breast cancer research by providing funding for graduate studentships. This program is made possible by a major donation from the Breast Cancer Society of Canada (BCSC) to the Translational Breast Cancer Research Unit (TBCRU) at the London Regional Cancer Program, as well as donations from other groups interested in supporting translational breast cancer research.

Eligibility Criteria

Graduate students working under the supervision of any Western faculty member who is actively engaged in breast cancer research are eligible and are invited to apply. Proposals should have a strong focus on **translational breast cancer research**. See the TBCRU's web page for more information on recently funded traineeships:

http://www.lhsc.on.ca/Research_Training/LRCP/Research_Groups/Translational%20Breast%20Cancer%20Research%20Trainee%20Studentships/TBCRStudentships2016-17.htm

Application information is available online at

http://www.lhsc.on.ca/Research_Training/LRCP/Research_Groups/TranslationalBreastCancerResearch.htm

Funding

Awards will be made for one (1) year. Competitive renewal applications may be submitted, with evidence of good progress. It is expected that recipients of these awards will make every effort to apply for and obtain national or international funding, thus freeing up funds for other candidates as soon as possible.

Value of Awards

The maximum value of the award is \$17,000 for MSc students and \$18,000 for PhD students. Please note that all tuition costs are no longer deducted from the total of these awards, but are the responsibility of the student/department.

NOTE: In addition to full awards, trainees who are already recipients of other external funding (i.e. OGS, QEIISSST, etc.) can apply to top up those awards to the above stipend levels.

Trainees who do not require any funding but would like to participate in the TBCRU program are invited to send a brief email to Dr. Chambers (ann.chambers@lhsc.on.ca) describing their research, its translational applicability and their interest in participating in the program.

It is expected that applicants will be notified of competition results on or about **August 8, 2017**. Awards will commence **September 1, 2017** unless an alternate start date is requested.

Trainees will be expected to provide annual lay and scientific report to Dr. Ann Chambers, Director, TBCRU. As well, trainees and their supervisors will be expected to participate in events relating to breast cancer fundraising, including but not limited to the BCSC's Annual Mother's Day Walk and donor stewardship/lay communication support to the BCSC and the TBCRU.

How to Apply

Submit applications **electronically as a single pdf file** (including scanned signature page) to Charlene Manax (charlene.manax@lhsc.on.ca), Coordinator TBCRU applications, LRCP – Rm. A4-900, by **Tuesday July 4, 2017**. You will receive an email to confirm receipt of your electronic application. Please assemble the following items, in the order specified, into a **single pdf**; do not include any additional pages:

NOTE: All pages must be formatted as follows: single spaced, Arial or Calibri 11 pt font, 1" margins.

1. A 1-page **Scientific Summary** of the research project in **translational breast cancer research**, using the structured format provided below.
2. A short **Lay Summary** which can be used to explain to the fund donors the aims of the research project and its relevance to breast cancer patients, maximum of 150 words.
3. A short **Translational Relevance Statement** describing how the research project fits within the translational breast cancer research aims of the program, maximum 250 words.
4. A list of all external training awards received.
5. An **abbreviated CV of the trainee**, including undergraduate and graduate transcripts (unofficial or PDF made from photocopy). Note: transcripts not required for post-doctoral scholars, although they may be provided.
6. An **abbreviated CV of the mentor** (5 pages maximum), with evidence of sufficient operating funds to support the trainee's project and a list of relevant publications from the last 5 years.
7. If you currently hold a TBCRU award, provide one page **Scientific Progress Report** describing progress during the tenure of the current award, and any presentations or publications produced, external funding received, as well as a short **Lay Progress Report** (150 words maximum), in language suitable for reporting to fund donors.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Scientific quality of the project
- Academic quality and accomplishments of the trainee
- Relevance of the project to translational breast cancer research
- Quality and appropriateness of the mentor

Expectations and Reporting

- Trainees and mentors are expected to participate in donor stewardship activities (i.e. lab tours, fundraising events, community speaking engagements and/or social media) in support of the Breast Cancer Society of Canada and/or other donors as part of their fundraising efforts for breast cancer research.
- Annual lay and scientific reports are to be submitted to the Committee, which will be the basis of reports to the Breast Cancer Society of Canada and other donors.
- Support from the program must be **acknowledged in publications** arising from the trainee's research, as follows: *Supported by a Studentship from the Translational Breast Cancer Research Unit of the London Regional Cancer Program, funded through a donation from the Breast Cancer Society of Canada.*

Translational Breast Cancer Research Traineeship Program

Applicant's Name: _____

MSc Student PhD Student

Western Department: _____

Mentor's Name and Affiliation: _____

PROJECT TITLE: _____

BY SIGNING THE APPLICATION, I AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS OUTLINED

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Mentor

Date

SCIENTIFIC SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL
(one page single spaced, Arial or Calibri 11 pt font, 1" margins)

BACKGROUND:

HYPOTHESIS/OBJECTIVE:

SPECIFIC AIMS:

STUDY DESIGN:

POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESEARCH:

LAY SUMMARY of the proposal (maximum of 150 words)

This should be written in lay language, to explain to the fund donors the aims of the research project and its relevance to breast cancer patients.

TRANSLATIONAL RELEVANCE STATEMENT (maximum 250 words)

This should describe how the research project fits within the translational breast cancer research aims of the program, and how the research may benefit breast cancer patients.

EXTERNAL FUNDING FORM

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

Have you secured external stipend funds for the upcoming academic year?

Yes No (please check)

If you answer "Yes", please complete the following section.

Sources of Funding

Please list all secured external sources of competitive stipend award funding (i.e. OGS, QEISST, NSERC, CIHR) and the amount per year from each source.

Terms	Source	\$ Amount
Sept. 2017 - Aug. 2018	_____	_____
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On the following pages, provide:

An **abbreviated CV of the trainee**, including undergraduate and graduate transcripts (unofficial or PDF made from photocopy).

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