

Bastable-Potts and Goran-Enhoring Early-onset and Late-onset Asthma

Graduate Student Research Awards

Application Deadline: Friday, June 29, 2018 (by 8 pm in the applicant’s local time zone)

Asthma Canada and AllerGen NCE Inc. (AllerGen) have partnered to co-fund graduate student research awards related to early-onset and late-onset asthma.

Asthma Canada is a national organization that provides evidence-based, age-appropriate asthma information, education, management tools and support programs for Canadians with asthma. Asthma Canada also supports strategic research to improve the quality of life of people living with asthma, and to ultimately find a cure.

AllerGen is a member of Canada’s Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) program with a mandate to support research, networking, commercialization, knowledge mobilization and capacity-building activities that contribute to reducing the morbidity, mortality, and socioeconomic impact of allergic and related immune diseases.

These graduate training awards will create value-added opportunities for the training, education, and professional development of graduate students who will strengthen Canada’s knowledge base and scope for innovation. These awards will build capacity amongst young Canadian researchers to ensure continued improvement of asthma treatments and progress towards finding a cure for asthma.

Eligibility:

- Research projects must contribute to an improved understanding of the mechanisms and/or treatment, management or cure of early-onset asthma (18 years and younger) or late-onset asthma (over 18 years).
- Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents.
- Applicants must be full-time graduate students pursuing a PhD or Master of Science degree (e.g., MSc, MScN) in Canada.

Value of Training Awards:

Asthma Canada and AllerGen will jointly fund the top-ranking candidates in the following amounts:

Asthma Canada / AllerGen NCE Goran-Enhoring Graduate Student Research Awards	
Early-onset Asthma	One MSc award with a value of \$10,000 One PhD award with a value of \$20,000
Asthma Canada / AllerGen NCE Bastable-Potts Graduate Student Research Awards	
Late-onset Asthma	Two MSc awards with a value of \$10,000 each One PhD award with a value of \$20,000

Conditions of Funding:

- All conditions specified in the [CIHR Grants and Awards Guide](#) shall apply, unless otherwise communicated.
- Awards are non-renewable one-year grants.
- Should a successful applicant hold a concurrent award, the Asthma Canada/AllerGen award will be pro-rated, and reduced accordingly. The maximum amount that a successful applicant can hold in concurrent awards without reduction is \$20,000.
- A successful applicant's host institution must agree to administer the award.
- Awardees must submit a detailed Final Report demonstrating achievement of the milestones and deliverables outlined in their applications.

Proposal Requirements:

The maximum length of the project proposal is two pages and must include the following:

- Introduction to proposed research project and focus
- Hypothesis
- Project objectives
- Research methodology and its appropriateness
- Anticipated research outcomes, clearly defining what will be achieved through the research award

Application Submission:

A completed application form must be accompanied by the following attachments:

- Research proposal (maximum two pages)
- Applicant's full CV, including any relevant publications, presentations, experiences (any format)
- Supervisor's full CV (last 5 years)
- Applicant's official transcripts of all years of undergraduate and graduate study (including GPA)
- Three reference letters:
 - One from supervisor
 - Two professional/academic based reference letters (not including supervisor's letter of support)

Applications will be screened by Asthma Canada for completeness and eligibility.

Evaluation Process:

Applications will be reviewed by AllerGen’s Advanced Education and Training Opportunities Advisory Committee (AETOAC). AETOAC will rank applications based on the following criteria:

Excellence of the Applicant	Applicant’s achievements, including transcripts, publications, presentations, experiences, and the strength of reference letters
Excellence of the Project	Quality and scientific merit of the proposed research, including the strength of the hypothesis, research objectives, methodology, and anticipated deliverables
Quality of the Training Environment	Supervisor’s research and training environment (e.g., publications, grant support, number of trainees supervised, etc.)

Important Dates:

Completed applications must be sent electronically in a single PDF to Mehnaz Rahman at mehnaz.rahman@asthma.ca no later than Friday, June 29, 2018 (8 pm in the applicant’s local time zone). Late applications will not be accepted.

Successful applicants will be notified no later than Friday August 31, 2018.

For more information contact:

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Please carefully read all instructions and include all necessary documents. Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that the materials have been successfully submitted.

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