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Asthma Canada Announces New Graduate Student Research Awards in Partnership with AllerGen NCE Inc.

TORONTO, ON, July 11, 2017 – Asthma Canada announced today the establishment of a new National Research Program, an initiative to provide grants to young Canadian researchers involved in early-onset and late-onset asthma research. In partnership with AllerGen NCE Inc. (AllerGen), in 2017, the Program will grant two awards to Masters level (MSc/MScN) student researchers; and two awards to PhD level student researchers. Applications are now open.

“Asthma is the third most common chronic disease in Canada,” said Vanessa Foran, President & CEO of Asthma Canada. “By investing in young Canadian researchers and supporting their promising research, we ensure continued efforts to search for a cure for asthma, while making real strides towards better treatment options for the three million Canadians living with asthma.”

The National Research Program is an expansion of Asthma Canada’s Bastable-Potts and Enhorning Funds, which have awarded and recognized established Canadian investigators involved in asthma research since 2014. For the first time, funding will also include student researchers.

“AllerGen is delighted to partner with Asthma Canada on this exciting initiative to create value-added opportunities for the training, education, and professional development of graduate students,” said Dr. Judah Denburg, Scientific Director and CEO of AllerGen. “Supporting graduate studies, which is at the core of basic biomedical science, and in need of creative funding opportunities in this country, is an important goal in early- and late-onset asthma research.”

The Asthma Canada / AllerGen Goran Enhorning Graduate Student Research Awards support research for early-onset asthma, while the Asthma Canada / AllerGen Bastable-Potts Graduate Student Research Awards support investigations into late-onset asthma. Each partnered award includes one grant of \$10,000 for a Masters of Science student researcher and one grant of \$20,000 for a PhD student researcher.

Asthma Canada and AllerGen invite graduate student asthma researchers to respond to the [Call for Proposals](#) and [Application](#).

About Asthma Canada

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 ultimately, find a cure.

About AllerGen

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.

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