

**Canadian Asthma Allergy and Immunology Foundation (CAAIF) / AllerGen NCE
Research Fellowship in the area of Clinical Immunology and Allergy**

Canadian Asthma Allergy and Immunology Foundation (CAAIF) in association with AllerGen NCE and Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (CSACI) are pleased to announce a competition for one 12-month Research Fellowship in the area of Clinical Immunology and Allergy.

The goal of the *CAAIF / AllerGen Research Fellowship* is to enable trainees in the field of Clinical Immunology and Allergy to pursue further research. The goals of the Foundation are to raise awareness for the following diseases: asthma, allergic rhinitis, atopic dermatitis, chronic urticaria, food allergy, anaphylaxis, immune deficiency and other immunological diseases. Studies relevant to any of these conditions covering any of the four pillars of CIHR research are eligible for funding.

There is one Award available for 2017, for a postdoctoral fellow (PDF) (MD, PhD or other equal professional degree) that wants to obtain further research training in any area relevant to Clinical Immunology and Allergy.

DETAILS OF THE AWARD

1. Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Immunology and Allergy

Eligibility: Trainees that have obtained their PhD or MD degree or equal professional degree, within the last six years in Canada or abroad and who are pursuing postdoctoral research training in any area relevant to Clinical Immunology and Allergy at a Canadian University or Research Institution. Both the applicant and the proposed supervisor must be members of CSACI at the time that the Fellowship is awarded.

Duration: The fellowship is for one year, non-renewable.

Financial support: The fellowship will cover up to \$50,000 for salary for the PDF and will also provide a \$5,000 research and travel allowance.

The Fellowship must be held at a Canadian University or Research Institute and the supervisor must have an academic appointment in that University or Institute. Should a successful applicant already hold a concurrent award, CAAIF will top up the other Award to \$50,000 per year. In that case, the Research Allowance may be increased to a total of \$10,000. Should an awardee receive additional Awards after this one, similar changes to the value of the Award will be made. Awardees are required to notify CAAIF immediately of any and all other awards received during the term of this Award.

EVALUATION PROCESS

Applications will be screened by CAAIF Head Office for completeness and eligibility. Complete, eligible applications will then be subject to peer review by a committee appointed by CAAIF, which will rank and recommend applicants for a final decision by the CAAIF Board in consultation with AllerGen NCE.

Evaluation Criteria:

The quality of the trainee, the research project and the training environment will be considered by the Committee that will adjudicate the Award. More specifically, points considered in the assessment of an application are as follows:

- Academic achievements of the applicant
- Quality and clarity of the proposed research project and the potential to increase research capacity in the area of Clinical Immunology and Allergy research
- Appropriateness of the proposed research or training project to further the applicant's research career
- Publication record of the applicant and contributions to published work
- Supervisor qualifications as a mentor and strength of learning environment.
- Sponsor assessments and strength of references

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Awardees must acknowledge the assistance given by CAAIF and AllerGen NCE in any publication or presentation that is the result of work done under this award.

The successful applicant will also be expected to present the results of the work undertaken under this Fellowship in a future CSACI meeting.

TERMINATION OF THE AWARD

This Award may be terminated at any time with 30 days written notice for good and sufficient reason by the Awardee, the host University or CAAIF. If terminated, all unspent funds as at the termination date, must be returned immediately to CAAIF.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Candidates are requested to complete the CAAIF / AllerGen Research Fellowship application form and required attachments and submit along with 2 letters of reference in sealed and signed envelopes.

Please forward your application via email by January 15, 2017 to info@caaif.ca

You can subsequently send your originals by regular mail to:

**CAAIF Research Committee
c/o CAAIF Head Office
P.O. Box 51045
Orleans, ON K1E 3W4**

KEY DATES

- **Application Deadline:** **January 15th 2017**
- **Adjudication:** **March 2017**
- **Notification:** **Early April 2017**
- **Start date:** **July 1st 2017**

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding the completion of the application and the peer review process, contact Louise Tremblay at the CAAIF Head Office at 613-986-5869 or by email at info@caaif.ca