

## PM Postdoctoral Researcher Program - Guidelines

### OVERVIEW

Value	\$50,000 per year
Duration	One (1) year
Registration Deadline	Wednesday, September 27, 2023
Application Deadline	Wednesday, October 18, 2023

The Princess Margaret Cancer Centre Postdoctoral Researcher Program is funded by generous contributions made to the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation. The awards will be granted to outstanding Postdoctoral Researchers (PDRs) working in any aspect of cancer research at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre (PM).

### VALUE AND DURATION

The awards are valued at \$50,000 CAD per year towards the PDR's salary and are non-renewable. PDRs holding awards are expected to apply for external funding during the tenure of the award. If external awards are granted, they must accept it, and this PM award can be used to supplement remaining salary not covered by the external award. Any unused portion of the award will be returned to the program fund, which will then be accrued and used for additional awards. The number of awards granted each competition will depend on availability of funds and quality of the applicants. These funds are taxable and tenable for 1 year.

### OBJECTIVE

The objective of this award mechanism is to attract and reward outstanding PDRs.

### ELIGIBILITY

1. The candidate must be within 4 years of obtaining their PhD degree and must not have been at their UHN traineeship for more than 2 years at the time of application (October 18, 2023). Candidates who will be completing their PhD by the application year end, are also eligible to apply. Applicants must be supervised by an appointed PM Scientist or Senior Scientist with their primary appointment at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre - Research. Applicants can also be supervised by Clinician-Scientists with designated wet laboratory space who have been appointed by the Research Director and reviewed by the PM Appointments and Promotions Committee.

2. An individual trainee is eligible for a maximum of one award per Princess Margaret Cancer Centre term.
3. If you were unsuccessful in your first application, you are eligible to apply a second time. You cannot apply to this competition more than twice.
4. An individual scientist (supervisor) can only nominate two PDFs per competition, and only one PDF from the same lab can hold an award at any given time.
5. Applicants must not hold a tenure or tenure-track faculty position, nor other staff position.

The funding from the PM Postdoctoral Researcher Program will be used towards the awardee's stipend only.

## **CONDITIONS OF FUNDING**

Successful applicants funded through this opportunity must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. The trainee must meet the minimum commitment of 35 hours per week in the research fellowship role proposed in the application.
2. Awardees leaving the UHN during the award tenure will not be able to transfer the funds to another institution.
3. Awardees are expected to apply for external funding during the tenure of the award.
4. Holders of a PM Postdoctoral Researcher Awards may be required to submit a final report at the completion of the term. Holders may also be expected to participate in events with donors.

## **SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

Submission is a two-step process requiring both: (1) registration submission and (2) application submission. Applicants must ensure that they meet the requirements specified under Eligibility.

## **EVALUATION AND ADJUDICATION**

The Princess Margaret Postdoctoral Researcher Program Grant Review Committee will evaluate applicants on academic merit and impact, as measured by: 1) previous research experience and publications; 2) fellowships, scholarships or other awards obtained; 3) duration of doctoral and/or previous post-doctoral studies; 4) clarity, originality, potential significance and feasibility of the research proposal; and 5) letters of reference, including a letter of support from supervisor.

## **AWARD ADMINISTRATION**

The funds will be administered through the PM Research Directorate.