

# **Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program (CCHCSP)**

## **Rising Researcher Support Program (RRSP)**

### **Program Guide**

#### **Description**

The goal of the Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program is to develop the next generation of clinician scientists recruited from the diverse clinical fields of child and youth health, and trained to lead health research with a transdisciplinary perspective.

The Rising Researcher Support Program aims to provide highly qualified individuals who are training towards certification as a child health clinician with an opportunity to engage in research career planning prior to application to the CCHCSP Predoctoral or Postdoctoral Training Programs. CCHCSP seeks to support clinicians to identify a child health research focus and outstanding research mentors and programs in Canadian Universities and Health Science Centres.

Upon acceptance, the trainee will initiate a process aimed at exploring specific aspects of child health research, identifying a research mentor and designing a research program as a basis for application to either the CCHCSP Predoctoral or Postdoctoral Pathways. The trainee will participate in CCHCSP National Symposia as part of their activities.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

The program is open to Canadians and permanent residents of Canada. Applicants must be engaged in clinical training that will lead to licensure to practice their clinical specialty in Canada.

A candidate must already hold or must be enrolled in a program that will generate an appropriate health professional degree in medicine, surgery, nursing, psychology, nutrition, rehabilitation sciences or communication disorders. The candidate must already meet or must be in the process of completing appropriate education and clinical training to meet the requirements of an appropriate licensing body to practice as a child health professional in Canada.

Applicants who are training within clinical programs at the time of application must be within 24 months of the expected time of certification. Any already certified child health clinician who is within 5 years of completing clinical training is eligible.

Candidates must demonstrate evidence of scholarship, interest in research, should be recognized as strong candidates for research training and must present a strong plan for

developing the ingredients necessary for a subsequent successful application to the CCHCSP for research training.

### **Location of Tenure**

These awards must be held at one of the Canadian institutions, which are part of the Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program (U Alberta, U British Columbia, U Calgary, Dalhousie U, Laurentian U, Laval, U Manitoba, McGill U, McMaster U, Memorial U, U Montreal, U Ottawa, Queens U, U Saskatchewan, Sherbrooke, U Toronto, U Western Ontario).

### **Application Dates**

April 1 and November 1 of each calendar year.

### **Applications**

A complete application consists of the following elements as part of the CCHCSP Early Acceptance Application:

1. Personal statement regarding the candidate's interest in research training and a career in research.
2. A plan for gaining further experience in child health research, identifying a research mentor and designing a research program to serve as a basis for a full training application to the CCHCSP.
3. A detailed budget – specific line items that address specific use of funds and justification for each line item, i.e. how will each budgetary expenditure support your plan. Activities that could be included in your plan are attendance at a scientific meeting, visiting a research program(s) outside of the city in which you reside presently, research activity that would provide a basis for a CCHCSP application, enrollment in a course to enhance your knowledge and/or skills related to research.
4. Three letters of recommendation from individuals who have had a good opportunity to assess the candidate's potential for research.
5. Official academic transcripts
6. For individuals in training at the time of application, a letter of support from the Program Director of the Clinical Training Program including a commitment to provide the trainee with the time required to attend the CCHCSP National Symposium.
7. A letter of support from the CCHCSP Centre Leader in the Centre in which clinical training is being undertaken.
8. A letter stating a commitment by the trainee to participate in the CCHCSP National Symposium.

The original application and eight copies are required. A completed application package must be received at the following address before the closing dates:

Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program  
The Hospital for Sick Children  
555 University Avenue, Room 7252  
Toronto, ON M5G 1X8

### **Selection**

Review and evaluation of the application will be conducted by the multidisciplinary Selection Committee of the CCHCSP based on the qualification of the applicant. The adjudication process will be that of the CIHR peer-review committees.

### **Duration of Support**

Successful applicants will be supported for up to 24 months. Continued support beyond 12 months is contingent on demonstration of activities consistent with the terms of the award.

### **Stipend**

The yearly stipend for a maximum period of two years of support is \$10,000/annum. This stipend is to be used to identify a child health research focus and a research mentor and research program appropriate for subsequent doctoral level or postdoctoral level training. Renewal of funding after the first 12 months is dependent on demonstration of activities consistent with these guidelines and submission of a suitable proposal for continued activities. The CCHCSP will provide full support for attendance at CCHCSP National Symposia during the period of support.

Approved, CCHCSP Executive, January 15, 2004.