



## 2017 Research Trainee Program

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### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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**1. Why is there only a post-doctoral fellowship competition for trainees?**

We consulted with the research community, and the consensus was that investing in PDFs is the most efficient way for MSFHR to both support “trainees,” while also supporting established researchers in a meaningful way.

**2. How many research trainee awards will you fund?**

The number of awards we fund will depend on the budget allocated to the program, and the number and quality of the applications. Past success rates have ranged from 25 to 27 percent.

**3. What is the start date of the award?**

The start date of the MSFHR Research Trainee Award is September 1, 2017.

**4. Why is 30 percent of funding allocated to applications targeting the five British Columbia health system priorities?**

In keeping with MSFHR’s stated goal of being responsive to the BC health sector, the dedicated allocation is to encourage and support outstanding researchers conducting research in these key priority areas.

**5. For partnered awards, is the funding shared evenly between MSFHR and the partner?**

Normally it is a 50-50 funding share between MSFHR and the funding partner. However, it is possible that an MSFHR Research Trainee Award may be funded by more than one partner, or that MSFHR and a single partner may decide to contribute unequal portions to one particular award.

**6. If I fail the relevance match of the partner, will that affect my chances of receiving a regular research trainee award?**

No. Your chances of receiving a regular research trainee award are not affected by your interest in a partnered award.

**7. Do both the supervisor and the co-supervisor require a faculty appointment at a BC university?**

Yes.

**8. What is a foreign national?**

A foreign national is a person who is not a citizen or permanent resident of Canada but is legally allowed to study or work in Canada.

**9. Am I eligible to apply for the MSFHR Research Trainee Award if I am a health professional?**

You are eligible to apply as a health professional if you have not held the health professional degree for more than 10 years for the duration of the MSFHR award, and be eligible to hold a post-doctoral fellowship position at a BC university.

**10. I have a health professional degree and am not in active clinical practice. Am I eligible for 50 percent protected time for research?**

No. A health professional not in active clinical practice must commit to 75 percent protected time for research.

**11. Am I eligible to apply to the MSFHR Research Trainee competition if my post-doctoral fellowship appointment at a BC institution is dependent on my getting the funding from MSFHR?**

Yes, you are eligible to apply. If you are successful, MSFHR will release the award upon written confirmation of the post-doctoral fellowship appointment from your host institution.

**12. I've had my PhD for more than five years. Am I eligible to receive the highest stipend award amount of \$47,000?**

You are not eligible to apply if you have held your PhD degree for more than five years.

**13. Will the stipend levels change during the term of the award?**

The stipend level is calculated as of the full application deadline date. No changes are made to the stipend amount during the award term.

**14. I would like to submit a research project solely focused on KT science, but I need more information about KT science.**

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