



Breakthrough T1D Canada Clinician Investigator Fellowship Program

SUMMARY

This fellowship provides salary support for fellows registered in the *Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) Clinician Investigator Program (CIP)* pursuing a graduate (MSc or PhD) degree or completing postdoctoral training in the field of type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. This fellowship is not intended to augment residency salary from Provincial Health Services, rather replace that salary where not available.

Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolled in medical residency and completing/applying to the CIP at a Canadian University. This award may be held simultaneous to Provincial Health Services residency salary as well as other external (e.g., CIHR) or internal (e.g., departmental) funding. The amount of available funding will be dependent on other salary sources. Applicants are eligible to hold this award anywhere in the world, according to the policies of their home institution. Breakthrough T1D is committed to funding a diverse group of trainees and encourages people from underrepresented groups to apply. Please reach out to research@BreakthroughT1D.ca if accommodations are needed.

Institutional Eligibility

Breakthrough T1D abides by the funding rules of the Tri-Agencies (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC). The applicant's host institution must be [eligible to hold Tri-Agency funding](#).

Fellowship Details

This is an award of up to \$50,000 CAD to support the salary of the applicant during their enrollment in the CIP. This fellowship will be granted for 1-year, with potential to renew for an additional year based on progress, merit, financial need, and grant availability. Applications are due to Breakthrough T1D in November 2024, notices of decision will be released Spring 2025, and funding will begin July 1, 2025. For fellows interested in a January start date, please email research@BreakthroughT1D.ca to discuss.

DETAILED FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Breakthrough T1D Clinician Investigator Fellowships are designed to attract and promote clinician scientists in the field of T1D research. These fellowships are open to medical residents who are pursuing graduate studies or training via the RCPSC CIP through a Canadian University. The fellowship will contribute to the salary of the applicant so that they may dedicate their time to research activities related to T1D. Any projects that align with [Breakthrough T1D's global mission strategy](#) will be considered. Fellowship duration will be 1-year, with eligibility to renew dependent on Provincial funding available through the host institution and the duration of graduate studies, as well as research progress,

merit, financial need, and external grant availability. Award holders will be expected to indicate an Expression of Interest (EOI) for renewal by January of their award year.

Applicant Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

1. Applicants have applied to or are enrolled in the CIP program and will maintain RCPSC residency status and/or be considered a clinical research fellow for the duration of the award.
2. Applicants receiving a full Provincial Health Services residency salary simultaneous to this award may be eligible to hold the award at a reduced value.
3. Applicants completing the CIP training in the fractionated pathway, can only apply for funding during blocks of at least 6-months in the program. This will be considered on a case-by-case basis and the value of the fellowship will be pro-rated based on the block duration if needed.

*We acknowledge that each institution administers the CIP according to provincial and institutional regulations and agreements. The award may be adjusted on a case-by-case basis to fit an applicant's situation. Please contact research@BreakthroughT1D.ca to confirm eligibility.

Location

Research can be conducted at any institution domestic or foreign, according to the host institution guidelines. Inter-institution training is encouraged and can be facilitated by Breakthrough T1D.

Reporting Requirements

Progress reporting will be required semi-annually through interim progress update calls and annual written progress reports.

Application Details

Applications are due to Breakthrough T1D on **November 30, 2024 at 11:59 PST**, notices of decision will be released in Spring 2025, funding will begin July 1, 2025. Applicants are required to submit a complete application package using the [online application form](#). The following materials must be included:

1. Letter of Support from primary research supervisor, which should include the availability and appropriateness of resources required to carry out the proposed research (max 2 pages)
2. Applicant CV (any format, including Canadian Common CV, will be accepted)
3. Future Career Plan Statement (max 2 pages)
4. Research Plan (max 2 pages)

Please note: all materials can be from CIP or graduate program application packages as long as they fit within the page limits noted above. French applications will be accepted and can be max 2.5 pages for each section (with the exception of the CV of any length).

Review

Applications will undergo peer review and be evaluated based on alignment with Breakthrough T1D's mission, applicant merit, environment for the research, strength of the career plan statement, and strength of the research plan. Applicants may be requested to revise the research plan based on review feedback, before funding decisions are made.