



PERSON WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF PAIN TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

December 01, 2025

DESCRIPTION

The Canadian Pain Society (CPS) in collaboration with Pain Canada is pleased to announce the availability of travel scholarships to support individuals with lived experience of pain in attending our upcoming annual scientific meeting in Quebec (2026). These scholarships aim to enhance the diversity of voices at the conference, ensuring that the perspectives of those directly affected by pain are represented and heard.

Scholarship Details:

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must have lived/living experience with chronic pain* and demonstrate an interest in contributing to the discussions and activities at the CPS meeting. Eligible applicants must register and attend the annual scientific conference as a PWLE as their primary role. Individuals who are part of a scientific symposium are not eligible to apply, as travel funds are expected to be covered by the affiliated research grant. In some cases, symposium participants may be considered if research funds are not available; this should be outlined in the application statement.
- **Eligible expenses:** Travel expenses, accommodation, and/or conference registration fees are eligible for reimbursement. You will be asked to indicate what types of expenses you would like covered on the application form.
- **Application Deadline:** December 01, 2025. Successful applicants will be notified by February 2026.
- **How to Apply:** Interested individuals should submit an application including:
 - A brief personal statement (250 words max.) detailing your lived/living experience with chronic pain and explaining why attending the CPS meeting would be meaningful to you.
 - Contact information (name, address, email, and phone number).
 - Requested expenses for travel (mileage, flight, train, bus), registration, hotel.

[CLICK HERE](#) to submit your application through our online form.

Selection Process: Applications will be reviewed by a committee of CPS and Pain Canada members and representatives with lived/living experience of pain. Recipients will be selected based on the strength of their personal statements and the impact of their participation at the meeting.

For more information about the Canadian Pain Society and the annual meeting, please visit www.canadianpainsociety.ca

Join Us in Advancing Pain Research and Advocacy: The CPS meeting is a unique opportunity to engage with leading researchers, clinicians, and advocates in the field of pain. Your voice and experience are invaluable in shaping the future of pain management and policy. We encourage all eligible individuals to apply and look forward to your participation in this important event.

Questions: Awards Committee Chair: Nader Ghasemlou, nader.ghasemlou@queensu.ca



The Canadian Pain Society is strongly committed to diversity within its membership. Diversity strengthens both research and clinical practice in pain. We encourage nominations by and for racialized persons, Black, Indigenous and people of colour, women, 2SLGBTQ+, persons with disabilities, and others who bring diverse perspectives to the field of pain.

**Based on PCORI definition of «patient partners», including people with lived experience of pain, family members, and caregivers. PCORI Engagement Rubric. PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) website. <http://www.pcori.org/sites/default/files/Engagement-Rubric.PDF>. Published February 4, 2014. Updated October 12, 2015*