CPCoE CPS Postdoctoral Fellowship for research on Chronic Pain in Canadian Veterans

Applications Open	November 16, 2026
Application Deadline:	February 16, 2027 at 9:00am EST
Notice of Decision:	Spring 2027

Description

The Chronic Pain Centre of Excellence for Canadian Veterans (CPCoE) and the Canadian Pain Society (CPS) are pleased to offer a Postdoctoral Fellow Salary Award focused on clinical, health services, or health policy research relevant to Canadian Veterans living with chronic pain. This award is jointly led by CPCoE and CPS, with enhanced funding and trainee support provided through the CPCoE's partnership with Mitacs to build research capacity and develop the next generation of researchers in Veteran health and chronic pain.

Award

The award includes salary support of $70,000. The duration of the award is for one year, and must begin prior to March 2028.

- *Note: This funding does not cover indirect costs. The institution is responsible for any additional employer costs (e.g. benefits).*

Eligibility and Guidelines

- ✓ Applicants must be current members of the Canadian Pain Society (click to join CPS today)
- ✓ Applicants must have identified a postdoctoral position at a Canadian university and a supervisor willing to host them at the time of the award. This information should be stated in the supervisor's letter of reference.
- ✓ Applicants must have fulfilled all degree requirements for a PhD, PhD equivalent, or health professional degree before the start of the award and within 4 years at the time of application.
    - *Note: This window of eligibility could be extended if the applicant had their career interrupted for extenuating circumstances, such as parental leave, illness, health-related family responsibilities, pandemic-related reason, etc.*
- ✓ The CPCoE and CPS will evaluate applications according to:

  - a) the applicant's qualifications / research background
  - b) merit of the proposed research
  - c) impact of the proposed research for Canadian Veterans with chronic pain
- ✓ Previous year award winners are not eligible.

- ✓ The CPCoE will distribute the award through the trainee's institution once granted. CPCoE distributes awards through a partnership with Mitacs (link).
  - *Note: Successful applicants will be required to submit an application through Mitacs with CPCoE's support prior to receiving funds.*
- ✓ The recipient must acknowledge CPCoE in publications and presentations associated with the research for which the funding is provided.
- ✓ Applications received after the deadline will note be considered.
- ✓ The awardee must attend the Canadian Pain Society 2028 Annual Scientific Meeting to receive the award (note: no additional funds will be provided).

To Apply

All applications, submitted in English or French, can be submitted to research@vcp-vdc.ca by the deadline and must include:

- ✓ One letter of reference from the applicant's current or proposed supervisor that addresses their research abilities and potential, and any financial or resource commitments that they (or their institution) are making in support of the proposed research.
- ✓ A two-page Research Project Summary briefly outlining the research project. This summary should include the following headings (where applicable):
  - Background, Aims, Methods, Significance
  - *Note: Please use 12 pt Times New Roman Font with 2 cm margins*
- ✓ A 500-word statement on how the proposed research project is relevant to Veterans living with chronic pain.
- ✓ The Applicant's Canadian Common CV (Biosketch Form) – https://ccv-cvc.ca/indexresearcher-eng.frm

Adjudication

- All adjudication will be completed jointly by CPCoE and CPS according to the Postdoctoral Fellowship Applicant Rating Scale.

Questions

Please reach out to research@vcp-vdc.ca with any questions.