



TRAINEE RESEARCH AWARDS
2026 APPLICATION DEADLINE
DECEMBER 1st, 2025

DESCRIPTION

The Canadian Pain Society is pleased to offer **Trainee Research Awards** to support PhD pain research project(s), one (1) in basic science and one (1) in a clinical-related field.

AWARD

This award includes:

- A grant of \$2,000* to support operating costs associated with the student's dissertation study as outlined in the application (e.g., participant stipends, reagents). The funds cannot be used for trainee stipends. The duration of these grants is for one year, although an additional one-year extension is available upon request if needed**.
- Complimentary registration to the 2026 Scientific Meeting

ELIGIBILITY & GUIDELINES

- Applicants must be current trainee members of the Canadian Pain Society, enrolled as a PhD student in a Canadian university graduate program ([click here to join CPS today](#))
- The CPS will evaluate applications according to a) the applicant's qualifications/research background and b) merit of the proposed research.
- Applicants may be considered for the CPS Trainee Research Awards and the CPS Equity Trainee Research Award. However, successful applicants will only be eligible to receive one Award. Winners of the CPS Trainee Research Award will not be eligible to also receive a CPS Equity Trainee Research Award, and vice-versa. Previous winners of a Trainee Research Award are not eligible.
- The CPS will distribute the award to the trainee's institution once granted***.
- The recipient must acknowledge the CPS Trainee Research Award in publications and presentations associated with research for which the funding is provided.

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

HOW TO APPLY

All applications, submitted in English or in French, must include the following:

- Completion of online form [here](#)
- A copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae (in CIHR Biosketch format).
- One letter of reference from the applicant's current supervisor that addresses their research abilities and potential (max 2 pages, 12pt, Times New Roman Font, with 2cm margins).
- A two-page Research Project Summary briefly outlining the research project. This summary should include the following headings (where applicable): Background, Aims, Methods, and Significance (12pt, Times New Roman Font, with 2cm margins).



All documents must be combined and uploaded into one PDF file. Files cannot exceed 30 MB.

QUESTIONS?

Please email the CPS Awards Committee Chair, Nader Ghasemlou at nader.ghasemlou@queensu.ca

NOTES

- * *This funding does not cover indirect costs.*
- ** *Extension requests should be sent to the awards committee chair. Should any funds remain unspent at the end of that period, they will need to be returned to the Canadian Pain Society. The award start date is January 01, 2026.*
- *** *The \$2,000 grant will be distributed directly to the awardee's institution from the Canadian Pain Society after receipt of details regarding to whom it should be sent and made payable, along with the address and any other information needed for this purpose.*