

HRF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE HEALTH RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

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2019 GUIDELINES

In 2019, the Health Research Foundation (HRF) of Innovative Medicines Canada will award two (2) research Fellowships in the area of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Health Research in its impact on health care in Canada. One of the Fellowships will focus on AI's impact on health system sustainability, while the second Fellowship will focus on AI's impact on patient outcomes.

The objectives of these HRF Fellowships is to support outstanding MD and/or PhD researchers to become our future scientists and health care leaders with the tools to contribute to the innovative health care system of tomorrow, and to facilitate collaboration, teamwork, and trust between academic research centers and the pharmaceutical industry to find better ways to transfer knowledge from research to the health system.

Each fellowship will have an award of \$100,000 and is available to one person per fellowship. The Prize is awarded with the expectation that the recipient will continue to demonstrate excellence in their field of work.

Eligibility and Criteria

The Selection Committee will use the following criteria in assessing applications:

1. Candidates shall be outstanding researchers who are Canadian citizens or have landed immigrant status in Canada, with the intention to work professionally in Canada.
2. Candidates shall be affiliated with a Canadian academic or clinical research institution.
3. Research shall be in an AI health research discipline.
4. Candidates shall provide a clear research project with a scientific rigor and innovation.
5. Candidates must demonstrate relevance of the research project in terms of focus on 1) AI and Health System Sustainability, or 2) AI and Patient Outcomes.
6. Candidates must hold an M.D. (or equivalent) and/or a Ph.D.

Funding and Payment

The Fellowship is a \$100,000 grant to be used to support the research project. Disbursement of funds will be 80% upon award, with remaining 20% provided upon receipt of the final research report.

Disbursement of the Fellowship to the recipients shall take place at the presentation to the Fellowship winners at the HRF AI Health Research Event in Montreal on November 20, 2019.

Recipients must submit a testimonial regarding the importance of the funding received and/or participate in other marketing activities which may be displayed on the HRF website. A statement of progress must be provided after completion of the funded year of study. Recipients must represent the HRF by presenting their research to a relevant audience, with recognition of HRF for their support.



Review Process

Applications must be received by the deadline date of September 27, 2019. Receipt of applications will be acknowledged by email within one week.

Applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee and final decisions on Fellowship recipients approved by the HRF Board of Directors in October 2019.

Applicants will be confidentially notified of Fellowships by November 4, 2019.

The Prize will be awarded in person at the HRF AI Health Research Event in Montreal in November 20, 2019.

Application Documents

Please create an application file with the following documents in the order listed:

1. A completed and signed application form.
2. A cover letter written by the applicant.
3. Nomination letter by the Dean of the applicant's Faculty.
4. Letter of recommendation from a faculty member (i.e. research supervisor) with first-hand knowledge of the applicant's academic ability.
5. A current academic curriculum vitae (CV), including an up-to-date list of publications, and details of any funds/grants received to date.
6. A copy of the applicant's Web of science h-index and citation report.
7. Confirmation that the applicant is a Canadian citizen or has landed immigrant status in Canada. (e.g.: A photocopy of the main page of the applicant's passport.)

Please scan the final application package to PDF format and submit by September 27, 2019 to hscott@imc-mnc.ca.

Please title and submit the package as indicated: Last Name_First Name HRF Fellowship Application.pdf

Questions should be directed to hscott@imc-mnc.ca.