

2022 Summer Student Awards Program

Call for Applications/Program Guidelines



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Introduction

CFN (Canadian Frailty Network) is a not-for-profit network funded by the federal Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) program, with a mission to improve the care of older adults living with frailty to support their friend/family caregivers.

A crucial part of our NCE mandate is to develop the next generation of Highly Qualified Personnel (HQP) – the scientists, clinicians, and health and social services professionals capable of developing, evaluating, disseminating, and implementing the tools, technologies, and interventions that will improve care for older adults living with frailty. [CFN's Training Program](#) has been designed to meet this mandate.

CFN invites eligible undergraduate students to submit applications for our 2022 Summer Student Awards Program. This interdisciplinary, experiential program has been designed to provide participants with a frame of reference for examining healthcare experiences for Canada's older adults living with frailty.

Funding & Minimum 100% Matching Funding Requirement

Minimum of ten (10) awards of a maximum of \$5,000 each are available from CFN. The student's supervisor must also guarantee that the student will be provided with a minimum of 100% matching funds (to that of CFN funding) paid as salary and benefits. Each award covers 14 weeks of full-time student participation between Monday, May 16 to Friday, August 19, 2022.

Matching funds must be NCE-eligible. NCE eligible sources include corporations, not-for-profit organizations, and government, but exclude the federal funding bodies such as Granting Councils, CFI, other NCEs and CECRs, and Genome Canada. Please consult the [Tri-Council guidelines](#) for more details on eligibility.

In New Brunswick, the competition is presented in collaboration with the New Brunswick Health Research Foundation (NBHRF), with students from New Brunswick (NB) being funded under the terms of the collaboration, with NBHRF as the matching fund partner for NB applicants.

Important Dates

Application deadline	Friday, March 25, 2022 at 12 noon ET
Announcement of Awards	Early April 2022
Term of Award	Monday, May 16 – Friday, August 19, 2022
Student Evaluation and Award Completion Report due	Friday, September 30, 2022

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for an Award, a student must:

- Be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree program at an eligible Canadian university at the time of application
- Have completed all the course requirements of at least the first year of university study (two academic terms) of their degree
- Be in good academic standing at their university

Additionally:

- Their Supervisor must be eligible to receive grant funding from CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC, holding an academic or research appointment at a Canadian university eligible to receive and administer TriCouncil funds and
- The Supervisor's Host Institution must have, or be willing to execute a Network Agreement with CFN

Requirements and Evaluation Criteria

In addition to completing the activities outlined in their Learning Plans, successful Applicants must also complete four (4) online modules of the CFN Training Program during the Award period:

- Orientation to Canadian Frailty Network
- Overview of Frailty and Frailty Assessment Tools
- Overview of Best Practices for Patient/Citizen Engagement
- Overview of Cultural Competency

As well as attend all webinars in the Canadian Frailty Network Webinar Series during the award period, complete all online quizzes related to the webinars, and participate in online discussion posts following each webinar.

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. Alignment of the proposed summer activities with the strategic priorities of CFN
2. Scientific/academic excellence of the proposed summer activities
3. Capacity and aptitude of the student to be successful in the Award Program.

How to Apply

A complete Application Package is comprised of the following and should be emailed to training@cfn-nce.ca:

1. Application form
2. Learning plan
3. Student's curriculum vitae (CV)/resume
4. Endorsement from the proposed Supervisor
5. Student's unofficial transcript

It is the student Applicant's responsibility to ensure that all materials have been successfully received by CFN by the deadline. Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered.

Funding Conditions

- CFN funds will be paid to the Host Institution in two installments: 75% when complete Award Acceptance documentation is received by CFN, and the balance when all requirements have been completed, including submission of Award Completion documentation to CFN by the specified deadline.
- Each award covers 14 weeks of full-time student participation. If a student does not complete the full 14 weeks on a full-time basis, or fails to meet other Award requirements, the Award will be pro-rated accordingly by CFN.
- If the matching funds are less than specified in the Application, CFN funding will be reduced accordingly.
- All funds may only be used for student income and related mandatory contributions, although host institutions are encouraged to fund mandatory contributions.
- If the work the student will be undertaking during the Award tenure requires ethics approval, proof of ethics approval must be submitted with the Acceptance of Award documentation, or the offer will be rescinded.
- A student may only hold one CFN Summer Student Award throughout their post-secondary academic career. Award recipients are required to acknowledge CFN in any communication or publication related to their summer activities.

Contact for Further Information

For questions about the CFN Summer Student Awards Program, please contact training@cfn-nce.ca.



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