



A Research and Knowledge Network on Genetic Health Services and Policy

is launching a call for applications for

ONE YEAR TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS

Application deadline: **May 31st 2010**

Having been awarded a Canadian Institutes for Health Research Emerging Team Grant (CIHR, Institute of Genetics and Institute of Health Services and Policy Research), the APOGEE-Net/CanGèneTest Network is offering several one year training fellowships for students at the MSc, PhD and post-doctoral levels. One of the main objectives of APOGEE-Net/CanGèneTest is to train professionals that will contribute to the development of evidence-based health policies in the field of genetics.

The APOGEE-Net/CanGèneTest Network

There is increasing pressure on the healthcare system to rapidly integrate clinical and public health applications of genetic research. However, the lack of planning and the absence of a structured technological transfer pipeline raises questions concerning the capacity of the healthcare system to efficiently manage the implementation and diffusion of new technological innovations. The need to reinforce the research capacity in this field is becoming increasingly urgent.

The general objective of APOGEE-Net/CanGèneTest is to support the development of health policies in genetics through the creation of a research and knowledge network. This network is an interactive forum linking individuals engaged in the production, transmission, and utilization of knowledge in the field of genetics. It brings together partners from various milieux: universities (McGill, Montreal, Laval, Memorial), clinical settings, advisory bodies (Health Canada, INSPQ), as well as governments (Canada, Quebec, Nova Scotia). The principal investigator of the APOGEE-Net/CanGèneTest Network is Dr. François Rousseau from the Faculty of medicine of Laval University.

The scientific activities of the network revolve around four axis: 1) models of service delivery; 2) genetics and primary care; 3) assessment of emerging genetic technologies; and 4) knowledge translation.

Specific objectives of the APOGEE-NET/CanGèneTest Network:

- Bring together researchers from different horizons to efficiently address questions relevant to the development of health policies and to the organisation of the healthcare system in the field of genetics.
- Foster transdisciplinary research through collaborations.
- Create an interactive forum within which individuals involved in the production, transmission, and utilization of information in genetics can establish constructive and durable links.
- Reinforce the research and evaluation capacity in the domain of policies related to genetics.

For more information on the network visit our internet site <<http://www.cangenetest.org/>>.

Training program

Concerning the last objective mentioned above, the APOGEE-NET/CanGèneTest network is offering several one year training fellowships to students at the master, doctorate, or post-doctorate levels whose interests are consistent with the goals of the network. Fellowships recipients will benefit from a truly original training program.

To reinforce transdisciplinary research capacity and foster cross-fertilization, fellowship recipients will train in different settings - research, advisory and decision-making environments - for periods of either one week, four weeks, or four months. Recipients will have the possibility to work in close collaboration with several members of the network. The training program will be tailored to the academic level and experience of the recipient. Furthermore, the recipient will be required to participate in several network activities, such as the exchange forum. By accepting the fellowship, the recipient agrees to conform to all the requirements of the program and to periodically inform the program managers of his activities in the program.

Candidates profile

All candidates interested in understanding the development of health policies in genetics and willing to pursue studies in this domain in the future are invited to apply, whether or not they have experience in the fields of public health policies and genetics.

Candidates must have a university diploma in the fields of health sciences, social sciences, pure and applied sciences, or human sciences, and be enrolled in a recognized university program leading to a master, doctorate, or post-doctorate.

Because the CIHR program aims to foster the acquisition of new knowledge rather than to specialize the candidate in its original discipline, candidates with no direct experience in the field of the proposed research project will be favored. Research experience in an interdisciplinary team, interest for knowledge transfer, and aptitudes to communicate will be important assets.

Instructions for application

Candidates must submit:

1. a curriculum vitae
2. two recommendation letters
3. a text describing their interest in this project and how this training will influence their future career (2 pages maximum)
4. a copy of their latest university transcript
5. examples of their work such as publications

Applications must be submitted on May 31st 2010 at the latest for a training program starting in September 2010 at the earliest and August 31st 2011 at the latest.

The amounts allocated will follow the CIHR guidelines: \$17 850 for master and doctorate and \$36 750 for post-doctorate. Candidates requiring additional funds to pursue their university program will be required to obtain these on their own initiative. The network will assist them in this regard if possible.

Selection of applications

A preselection will be made based on submitted material. Afterwards, a committee consisting of members of the network will conduct interviews. A final decision will then be made and candidates will be notified by mail in July. Accepted candidates will have to provide a proof of their registration in a Canadian university before the funds are allocated.

Send applications to

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