

2026 SPRING CANCER RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM AWARD APPLICATION

PART ONE

Official copies of each applicable transcript (current program and last full program) must be emailed directly from the institution to admin@bhcri.ca or scanned and emailed directly from the proposed supervisor's institutional email address to admin@bhcri.ca. PDF applicants must include their PhD transcripts. Graduate applicants must include their current program (Masters or PhD), any previous graduate program and undergraduate transcripts.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION AND TRANSCRIPTS: **April 19, 2026, 4pm ADT**

Given Name, Surname:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Institution / Department:

Name of Department Head or Faculty Head:

Department Full Mail Address:

Current Position (incl. start date)

A) Category of Award: If you plan to transfer from Master's to PhD before September 01, 2026, choose the Doctoral category as you'll reviewed with PhD applicants.

Masters (MSc, MASC, MHI, etc.) Doctoral (PhD or equivalent) Postdoctoral (Post-PhD or MD)

B) Undergraduate and Graduate Education/Training: *Begin with undergraduate training and education, include postdoctoral and residency training (if applicable). Include professional experience, including your supervisor.*

Degree/Major/Professional Experience	Start Date (mm/yy)	Completion Date (mm/yy)	Institution or Supervisor
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Title of Thesis (if applicable)

D) Project Title:

Area of Cancer Research

- Discovery/fundamental Clinical/translational Population/epidemiology
- Psychosocial/behavioral Other – please specify:

E) Research Ethics

- Animals Humans Human Blood N/A

IF Yes - to any of the above, please provide a summary describing the ethical considerations of the project and why they are needed to complete the research (e.g. animal endpoints, treatments/injections/diet, consent forms, surveys, etc.) – 100 words max.

F) Data Analysis

Describe the data analysis or statistical methods used in your project (e.g., statistical significance testing, bio informatics, repeated measures, justification for sample sizes) – 200 words max.

G) Applicant's Supervisor(s)

Name	Institution	Email Address	Phone Number
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H) Academic References - Applicants must submit two academic reference letters. One reference should be from a current supervisor. If there are two co-supervisors, both may provide references, but one of the academic reference letters must be from a referee who is not a current supervisor. Please send academic reference letters to admin@bhcri.ca.

Referee Name	Institution	Email Address	Phone Number
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I) Applicant's Stipend or Salary Support (if applicable) – List: a) the sources of your current stipend or salary funding, b) applications to other agencies.

Funding Source	Funding Agency	Funding Period or Application Date

J) Additional Information - please indicate & attach the following as separate pages (if applicable).

- List of Peer Reviewed Articles and Articles in Press or Submitted** - Please describe the role of the applicant in the publication for articles submitted, including acknowledgment from the editor.
- Scientific or Other Presentations**
- Relevant Distinctions and Awards Received, Including Dates Held**

PART TWO

The following documents are required for your application. Please attach each document as a separate page, in the order listed below. Use double spacing, 12-point font, and 1-inch margins. Any additional pages beyond the specified limit will not be reviewed or considered part of your application.

1. Research Project Description

(Page Limit: Graduate Students 3 Pages Maximum, Postdoctoral Trainees 4 pages Maximum)

Required Headings (within page limits):

- I. Link to Cancer: Describe how your project relates to cancer research or outcomes.
- II. Research Question / Aims / Objectives: Clearly outline your central question, goals, and hypotheses.
- III. Methods: Summarize your study design, techniques, and analysis approach.
- IV. Applicant's Role in Project: Explain your specific contributions and responsibilities.
- V. Timeline for Applicant's Work: Provide an estimated schedule or milestones for your portion of the project.

Optional Inclusions (not counted toward page limits):

- i. References/Citations.
- ii. List of Abbreviations (if applicable).
- iii. Figures or Tables (4 single figures or tables max. Each must appear on its own page with accompanying texts. Legends may only describe the figure/table itself).

2. Previous Experience & Projected Trajectory

(Page Limit: 1 Page Maximum)

Please describe a research experience—whether in cancer or another area—that has shaped your academic or professional journey and sparked your decision to pursue cancer research. Explain how your current project, and collaboration with your chosen supervisor, are expected to influence your career development and career advancement. If applicable, please provide a brief explanation for any interruptions in your studies or training.

3. Research Summary for Non-Scientific Audiences

(Page Limit: 1 Page Maximum)

Using the [Guidelines for Writing Lay Summaries](#), please provide a general overview of your research. Your lay summary must be written in plain language suitable for a Grade 10 student. To ensure accessibility, please calculate the Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level of your summary and confirm that it scores 10 or lower. You can use free online tools like the [Flesch-Kincaid Calculator](#) to check your score. *Tip:* to ensure clarity, consider having family members or friends review your lay summary before submission.

Required Headings :

- I. What is the problem you are addressing?
- II. Why is this issue important?

4. Supervisor's CV - (Page Limit: 5 Single Spaced or Double Spaced Pages Maximum)

Required Sections:

- i. Publications from last 5 years.
- ii. Record of Graduate/Post Graduate supervisory experience, including any previous CRTP trainees (list of their cancer-related publications and major cancer-related presentations during that time).
- iii. Funding sources.

5. Supervisor's Statement of Support - (Page Limit: 1 Double Spaced Page Maximum)

Required Headings:

- i. Supervisor BHCRI Status (Senior Scientist, Scientist, Associate Member).
- ii. Source and Duration of Operational Funding for the Project.
- iii. Training Environment, Facilities and Collaborative Resources That Will Contribute to the Successful Completion of the Proposed Project.
- iv. Role of Applicant and Supervisor (incl. Co-Supervisor if applicable) in Research Project.

PART THREE

Applicant Signature

I hereby agree to abide by BHCRI regulations governing the Spring 2026 Cancer Research Training Program (CRTP) Award Competition as described in the [Terms of Reference](#). I consent to having my name, academic program, institution, research title, lay summary, and research summary stored in a database used for the dissemination of future BHCRI notices - including newsletters, websites, social media channels - and sharing with funding partners. I will notify BHCRI if I receive another award.

Please note: additionally, BHCRI may provide details including project title, applicant name(s), award amount(s), partner organization(s), and lay summary to the Canadian Cancer Research Alliance (CCRA) for the Canadian Cancer Research Survey (CCRS). For more information on this survey, please visit their [website](#).

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Supervisor (s) Signature

By signing below, I confirm that I have reviewed and approved this application. I acknowledge and agree to support the trainee's participation in the CRTP program in accordance with the Spring 2026 Cancer Research Training Program (CRTP) Award Competition [Terms of Reference](#). I confirm that all necessary resources will be available to support the trainee's project for the duration of the CRTP award.

I understand that:

- BHCRI-funded trainees must maintain at least 80% attendance throughout their CRTP award tenure. If attendance falls below this threshold and does not improve within three months—unless justified by extenuating circumstances, funding may be discontinued. In addition, failure to meet overall program obligations may result in temporary ineligibility to apply for CRTP funding for up to 12 months.
- Supervisors are encouraged to attend all CRTP sessions but are required to attend at least two CRTP sessions per year, per funded trainee, for continued funding eligibility.
- Trainees are expected to pursue one cancer-related experiential training opportunity per year.
- A final report emphasizing cancer relevance must be submitted to BHCRI at the end of the award term. All abstracts and publications arising from this research should demonstrate clear cancer relevance and be submitted to appropriate journals.

If requested, I will participate in a pre-award meeting with the trainee and a representative of the BHCRI Training Committee. I authorize BHCRI to provide a copy of the lay summary, scientific abstract and/or application to the funding partners and to the Canadian Cancer Research Alliance (CCRA) for the Canadian Cancer Research Survey (CCRS), as outlined in the approval letter and explained on CCRS's [website](#). I agree that the research title, lay summary, and research summary be shared in newsletters, websites, and social media channels.

Signature of Supervisor : _____

Date:

Signature of Supervisor : _____

Date:

Checklist

- √ All sections in PART ONE have been filled out and are completed.
- √ All sections in PART TWO are within page limits, contain required items and headings, and are attached as separate pages to the application.
- √ The application is signed by the applicant.
- √ The application is signed by the supervisor(s).
- √ All sections are saved within a single .pdf file.