

CAN-AMR-Net Trainee Travel Awards

Terms of Reference and Instructions for Applicants

- **Who we are:** The Canadian Antimicrobial Resistance Network (CAN-AMR-Net) is a Health Research Training Platform (H RTP) funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) from 2024 to 2030. With a central platform management team based at the University of Calgary, five hubs across Canada (BC, Prairies, ON, QC and Atlantic Canada), and four thematic areas, this Pan-Canadian, One Health initiative brings together academic experts, researchers, trainees and interest holders from both public and private sectors. Encompassing over 25 institutions, CAN-AMR-Net focuses on addressing Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) from a One Health approach and leverages diverse expertise to train the next generation of researchers, practitioners, and leaders in AMR and One Health to tackle the wicked problem of AMR.
- **Objective:** The CAN-AMR-Net travel award provides financial assistance to cover expenses to outstanding trainees (graduate students and postdoctoral fellows) who engage in AMR research across diverse disciplines, to attend and present their work at CAN-AMR-Net’s annual conference, as well as at other affiliated educational events and workshops.

This award is typically awarded for expenses such as:

- Transportation - Air or Rail travel (Economy Fare), Uber, etc.
- Accommodation – Hotel costs not covered by Event Sponsors
- Meals - Within specified guidelines
- Event registration fees - If applicable
- Miscellaneous costs – i.e. Visa fees, travel insurance, etc.

The goal of this travel award is to support individuals to network, present their research, and learn from other researchers within the AMR/One Health field. The award aims to enhance the recipient’s professional development, especially if they lack the funding to attend otherwise.

- **Travel award value:** Up to \$1,500 per trip annually, subject to available funding
- **Travel award eligibility criteria:** Applicants must meet the following qualifications:
 - **Eligibility:** The award is open to full-time (domestic and international) trainees in Canada, including MSc students, PhD students and candidates, as well as postdoctoral fellows who are registered in a degree program at a Canadian university. The applicant must be supervised by a Principal Investigator (PI)/member within the CAN-AMR-Net training platform.
 - **Limit per CAN-AMR-Net PI/member:** Each CAN-AMR-Net PI/member can sponsor a maximum of two trainees submit applications per year. However, a maximum of one award per PI/member will be issued annually.
 - **Citizenship:** Unrestricted.
 - **AMR-relevant projects and discipline balance:** Projects must address a topic directly relevant to AMR from a One Health perspective. Applications are encouraged across diverse disciplines (e.g., social sciences, medical, veterinary, and environmental sciences) to promote balanced representation within the One Health framework.

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- **Collaborative project priority:** Priority is given to trainees involved in innovative, collaborative, and transdisciplinary projects within the CAN-AMR-Net training platform, as well as those working with other Health Research Training Platforms, such as the Canadian One Health Training Program for Emerging Zoonoses.
- **Conference participation priority:** Priority is also given to trainees presenting AMR-related research at CAN-AMR-Net annual workshops and conferences, such as the annual CAN-AMR-Net and Canadian One Health Training Program for Emerging Zoonoses conference.
- **Proof of presentation:** Applicants must submit proof of abstract acceptance or presentation for the destination conference.
- **Award limit per trainee:** Each trainee is eligible for only one travel award per the CAN-AMR-NET funding period (2024-2030)
- **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility (EDIA) considerations:** CAN-AMR-Net is committed to EDIA principles. Applicants from underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply, and EDIA considerations will be integrated into the selection process to support fair representation across all sectors.
- **Indigenous trainees:** Two awards per year are specifically reserved for Indigenous trainees.
- **No overlap funding from HRTPs:** Trainees receiving travel support from other Health Research Training Platforms are not eligible for a CAN-AMR-Net travel award.
- **Application Process:** Completed **application form** (available on the CAN-AMR-Net website) along with required documents.
- **Application Deadlines:**
 - Applications for Spring/Summer meetings/conferences are due Jan 31.
 - Applications for Fall/Winter meetings/conferences are due July 31.
- **Administration and Selection:** The CAN-AMR-Net Scholarship Adjudication Committee (SAC) will evaluate applications based on the criteria above and make recommendations to the CAN-AMR-Net Executive Committee (EC), which will make the final decisions, ensuring equitable regional distribution and adherence to EDIA principles.
- **Decision and Notification:** Decisions will be communicated within 8 weeks of the application deadline. Recipients must confirm acceptance within 14 days of notification.
- **Post-Award Requirements:**
 - **Acknowledgment in Publications:** Award recipients **must acknowledge CAN-AMR-Net funding** by including the **CAN-AMR-Net logo** in their conference presentations (will be provided to the recipient).

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- **Expense Documentation for Travel Awards:** Award recipients must submit original receipts, including boarding passes (if applicable), along with a completed expense claim within 30 days of travel.
- **Contact Information:** For questions, please contact **CAN-AMR-Net Project Management team** at canamrnet@ucalgary.ca.