



# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

## SMART Training Platform Funding

The SMART Healthy Cities Training Platform addresses an urgent need to build capacity in implementation science to support the development of healthy cities from a systems and equity perspective, utilizing state-of-the-art methods that range from effective community engagement to computational science.

The SMART Healthy Cities Training Platform was established in 2021 through a Healthy Cities Training Grant from CIHR-NSERC-SSHRC. The original team included faculty from 10 post-secondary institutions from across Canada, 11 non-governmental agencies/community partners and the Public Health Agency of Canada. Since 2023, the SMART Training Platform trainee awards program has expanded eligibility to support trainees at all Canadian post-secondary institutions. Also, all perspectives of healthy cities and implementation science are eligible for consideration.



**APPLY NOW!**



Please contact [admin@smart-training.ca](mailto:admin@smart-training.ca) with any questions





## OUR PROGRAM

Our initiative stands out for its innovative approach to addressing urban challenges. Utilizing extensive and varied datasets, we work together to develop intelligent solutions customized for urban communities. With a focus on experiential learning, participants tackle societal issues through both independent projects and collaborative efforts, employing cutting-edge methodologies like design thinking and co-creation. Embracing digital technologies and big data, our program facilitates interdisciplinary collaboration and cross-sectoral partnerships, driving rapid progress towards our overarching objectives. Apply now to join this dynamic and impactful academic endeavour!

The SMART Training Platform funding aims to provide competitive awards to support trainees in their pursuit of training and research within the realm of healthy cities. Our program offers foundational courses that equip trainees with a foundational understanding of implementation science. Furthermore, we offer a variety of opportunities such as annual conferences, summer schools, webinars, experiential learning, and more, fostering a diverse and immersive environment where trainees can apply their knowledge and research to effect real-world transformation!

## KEY DATES

**Application due date:** June 15th, 2024

**Funding decision date:** August 1st, 2024

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please complete the SMART application package and submit along with supporting documents through the online portal. Questions to be directed to [admin@smart-training.ca](mailto:admin@smart-training.ca)





## FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Two streams of awards are available to support students at different stages of their program. Some limitations are in place to help support as many students as possible through the training program. The same application can be used to apply for either or both streams.

| 1 Year Bursary* | Amount     | Number of Awards | Funding Term |
|-----------------|------------|------------------|--------------|
| Undergraduate   | \$5,000*** | 3                | 2024-2025    |
| Masters         | \$15,000   | 5                | 2024-2025    |
| Doctoral        | \$15,000   | 2                | 2024-2025    |
| Post Doctoral   | \$15,000   | 5                | 2024-2025    |

| 2 Year Major Award** | Amount                 | Number of Awards | Funding Term |
|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Undergraduate        | n/a                    | n/a              | n/a          |
| Masters              | \$25,000 year/ 2 years | 3                | 2024-2026    |
| Doctoral             | \$35,000 year/ 2 years | 5                | 2024-2026    |
| Post Doctoral        | \$50,000 year/ 2 years | 2                | 2024-2026    |

\* These awards are not renewable but students may apply subsequently for the 2 year major award.  
 \*\* These awards are not renewable & not eligible for further funding.  
 \*\*\* May be used as research assistantships or summer support. Must clearly define a healthy cities and implementation project.

*The SMART Training Platform is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.*





## ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

- No more than 2 applications from the same supervisor.
- Students must be deemed admissible to their home institution's, undergraduate, Master's, PhD or PDF program. Confirmation of enrolment will be required prior to start of funding.
- Students must have plans for thesis related or project/publication focused on a 'healthy cities topic and relevance to implementation.
- Students must have a committed advisor to supervise a healthy cities-focused research paper as part of the Methods Café course.
- Students may apply for one or both award categories.
- Graduate and postdoctoral students must commit to completing the following:
  - Methods Café course (mandatory, offered in Fall semester)
  - Attend annual Healthy Cities conference (travel supports available to defray costs)
  - Commitment to experiential learning placement

### Optional Offerings

- Team Implementation Lab course
- Agent Based Modelling Course
- Summer School
- Webinars

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