



## Canadian MSK Rehab Research Network - Trainee Conference Travel Support

We are pleased to announce the return of our annual **Canadian MSK Rehab Research Network Trainee Conference Travel Support**. Now in its eighth year, this program will provide funding to:

- Foster the development of future leaders in MSK health rehabilitation research.
- Enhance trainee involvement in interdisciplinary musculoskeletal rehabilitation research.
- Support the career advancement of trainees.
- Provide financial assistance to trainees attending conferences.

**Call for Applications: The second cycle of 2026 applications will open on June 15<sup>th</sup>, offering up to \$15,000 in total funding.** Trainees presenting at conferences in or after June 2026 are eligible to apply. Applicants are eligible to receive support **once per calendar year**.

### Funds Available

The Network will be offering a total of up to \$15,000 in three tiers of reimbursements based on travelling distance:

- Within Province or Virtual Presentation (please note for virtual presentations trainees will only be reimbursed for conference registration): up to \$500 per person
- Neighbouring Province (ex. Ontario to Quebec, Alberta to BC): up to \$1,500 per person
- National or International Travel: up to \$2,000 per person

These reimbursements are intended to cover conference travel, registration expenses, lodging, and meal expenses to attend a conference at which the trainee has been accepted to present their research. Applicants will submit expenses or a proposed budget of CIHR-eligible costs, and reimbursements will be given based on incurred/budgeted expenses up to the maximum of each funding tier above.

### Description

The purpose of the reimbursement is to assist trainees with travel expenses to present their research at a conference related to MSK rehabilitation (via poster, oral or other form of presentation). Note that reimbursements will be subject to abstract submission and acceptance at the conference you plan to attend. Applications will be adjudicated.

Please note that additional trainee opportunities will be launched by the MSK Rehab Research Network throughout 2026. Please access the MSK Network website to stay up to date with trainee opportunities: <https://mskrehabnet.com>

**Deadline:** The application deadline is **5pm ET August 31, 2026**. Applications will begin being reviewed on September 1, 2026.



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### Eligibility Criteria

- Registered as a full-time graduate student, postdoctoral fellow or clinician scientist in training at a Canadian institution.
- Accepted to an accredited program.
- Supervised or co-supervised by a current Network Member.
- Typically, students must receive acceptance to the conference for which they are applying prior to submitting their application to the Trainee Conference Travel Support opportunity.
- Engaged in research that is clearly relevant to musculoskeletal health rehabilitation.
- Outstanding potential to contribute to musculoskeletal health rehabilitation research.
- Study protocols will not be funded.
- Podium presentations will be prioritized for funding.
- International conference presentations will be prioritized for funding.

Please note that we may not be able to fund more than one student from the same lab per application cycle.

### Expectations

- Indicate the conference at which you will be presenting, including travel distance. Please indicate whether you have been invited for a podium or poster presentation.
- Include a proposed budget and justification of funds for travel to a national or international conference specific to MSK rehabilitation research.
- Provide details on the research topic for the conference at which you will attend and present your project.
- Students must report their study results.
- Submit reporting, as requested by the Network.

### Recipient Requirements

- Upon completion of travel to the conference, awardees are required to **submit all itemized receipts** (i.e., travel, lodging, meals, registration), **proof of conference attendance** (i.e., photo of registration badge or photo presenting), and **boarding passes** (if travelling via plane or train) to the research project coordinator via email.
- To receive reimbursement for conference expenses, awardees will be required to submit to the research project coordinator via email a **photo of themselves at the conference they were funded for** along with a **lay summary of their project**. Lay summary templates will be provided and expected to be followed. The photo and lay summary will be displayed on the Network website, newsletter, and social media accounts.

Please complete the Qualtrics form: [https://uwo.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3gfVHBDHGjKNtGe](https://uwo.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3gfVHBDHGjKNtGe)

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