



CANTRAIN OPENS **NOW** THE PORTAL FOR THE 2024-2025  
GRADUATES AND POSTDOCTORAL TRAINEES (GPT) SALARY AWARDS PROGRAMS.

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Montreal, Quebec, Canada - The CANadian Consortium for Clinical Trials TRAINING ([www.wecantrain.ca](http://www.wecantrain.ca)), led by Prof. Jean Bourbeau as the Nominated Principal Investigator and leading institution in the Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre (RI-MUHC), are pleased to inform its pan-Canadian stakeholders of the opening of the portal for the submission of the 2024-25 salary awards programs for CANTRAIN. The Application Guidelines for CANTRAIN have been made available since before the first national conference of February 13.

The GPT (Graduates and Postdoctoral Trainees) salary awards programs include CIHR funds via CANTRAIN and other CTTs with additional 1:1 matching funds of partnering contributions from provincial health research foundations / organizations.

<https://wecantrain.ca/home/studentships-fellowships-and-internships/>  
<https://wecantrain.ca/home/studentships-fellowships-and-internships/postdoctoral-fellowship/>

A step-by-step application process has been created to further guide the applicants.

<https://wecantrain.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Step-By-Step-Application-Process-EN-202415031800.pdf>

While the application guidelines for CAN-TAP-TALENT are presently available, they will be coming soon for StrokeCog and CBITN. The portal for these three partnering CTTs will open on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

The application process will close for CANTRAIN, CAN-TAP-TALENT and StrokeCog on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, while May 31<sup>st</sup> for CBITN.

CANTRAIN thank Dr. Sharmistha Biswas to have coordinated and led the development of the guidelines, portal and step-by-step process guide to enable and facilitate applications of GPT from all across Canada academic public institutions and hospitals, research centers and institutes in medical, health and other sciences which studies are related to clinical trials research.

Dr. Bruno J. Battistini expressed satisfaction for this launch, stating, "*This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> salary awards programs, 2024-25, for which we hope to surpass the number of applicants, awardees and funds allocated beyond the initial 2023-24 >\$2M from CIHR to CTTs and matching contributions of provincial health research foundations / organizations (<https://wecantrain.ca/home/funding-partners/>). This is CANTRAIN and above partners' vision and mission to give the opportunity for GPT to develop interest and expertise in clinical trials research*".

The CANTRAIN Consortium envisions a future where well-trained professionals contribute to the advancement of clinical trials research, ultimately leading to improved healthcare outcomes. "BETTER PREPARED. BETTER CARE".

For more information about CANTRAIN and its CTT-clinical trials training programs, please visit <https://wecantrain.ca/home/clinical-trial-training-programs/> or contact [info@wecantrain.ca](mailto:info@wecantrain.ca).



## About CANTRAIN:

CANTRAIN (CANadian Consortium for Clinical Trials TRAINing) is unlike any other training platform. CANTRAIN's vision is not just to train people how to conduct clinical trials research; it is to prepare all Canadians for the future through an innovative, competency-based clinical trials training curriculum enriched by experiential learning and expert mentorship. Competency-based training – Competence encompasses knowledge as well as the skills, abilities and behaviors that contribute to optimal performance. Our focus is not just training people WHAT to do, but HOW to do it well. Scientifically-grounded – Our curriculum is built using adult learning strategies based in cognitive science. Cognitive learning strategies improve comprehension, retention, and the ability to apply knowledge in real-life situations to solve difficult problems more quickly. Patient-centered and inclusive – CANTRAIN is raising the bar on patient engagement by developing evidence-based best practices for training patients and community partners, in addition to advanced curricula for researchers in patient engagement. Real-work relevance, real-world evidence – Preparing Canadians for the future means helping them explore career opportunities in this huge ecosystem, providing a training approach that reflects the operational realities of clinical trial sites, and provides recognized individual and institutional career benefits.