



CANTRAIN FIRST OFFERING OF A COHORT OF 6 WEBINARS FOR COMPETENCY TRAINING OF THE 2023-2024 GRADUATES AND POSTDOCTORAL TRAINEES (GPT) OF THE FIRST >\$2M SALARY AWARDS PROGRAMS.

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Montreal, Quebec, Canada - The CIHR-funded 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 a first mentor-led webinar this past week for the 1<sup>st</sup> cohort of graduates and postdoctoral trainees, regrouping the 2023-24 awardees of CANTRAIN, CAN-TAP-TALENT & StrokeCog via its LMS-Leaning Management System.

CANTRAIN has created an initial series of 6 webinars to guide the first cohort of trainees while each courses of CANTRAIN's levels of e-learning (such as the regulatory compliance and common core foundation levels; <https://wecantrain.ca/home/clinical-trial-training-programs/>) will have such mentor-led approach toward combining knowledge with competency in the months' ahead.

CANTRAIN thank Ms. Linda Hunter to have engaged with trainees for this first webinar on Communication and Teamwork, Dr Lisa Goos to have recruited and guided mentors and assembled this series, Dr. Sharmistha Biswas to have coordinated the on-boarding of all awardees and our IT team to have successful enabled its conduct via our LMS.

Dr. Bruno J. Battistini expressed satisfaction for this launch, stating, "*This is the first series of mentor-led webinars dedicated for the 2023-24 awardees. This and the next 2024-25 cohort (application now open: <https://wecantrain.ca/home/studentships-fellowships-and-internships/msc-phd-studentships/>) will further benefit from the on-going release of all regulatory compliance and common-core foundation courses with mentorship classes. This is CANTRAIN vision, leveraging expertise of mentors to complement Canadian-made and JTF-Joint Task Force curated knowledge-based courses*".

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 CTPP-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.

