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**In partnership with the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation,
Clinical Trials Training Programs (CTTPs) Award \$97,500 to Four
Graduate and Postdoctoral Awardees across Saskatchewan**

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Montréal, QC – The Canadian Consortium of Clinical Trial Training, [CANTRAIN](#), in partnership with [CAN-TAP-TALENT](#) – the Canadian Training Platform Leveraging Existing Networks, [CBITN](#) – the Canadian Behavioural Interventions & Trials Network, and [STROKECOG Platform](#) - Innovative Clinical Trials Training Initiatives for STROKE and COGnition, has successfully concluded a successful CTPP Studentship/Fellowship Awards Program 2024-25 Competition. Together, over \$2.1 million in funding, including co-funding from several provinces, has been awarded to a total of 87 trainees across Canada – with 46 from CANTRAIN, 20 from CBITN, 16 from CAN-TAP-TALENT and 5 from STROKECOG.

In Saskatchewan, 4 new awards were announced, representing a combined investment by the partners of \$97,500.

Dr. Michele Monroy -Valle

CANTRAIN Postdoctoral Fellowship (Top- up award)

School of Public Health, University of Saskatchewan

Supervisor: Dr. Hassan Vatanparast

Ms. Anna Dollimount

CBITN Doctoral Award

Department of Psychology

University of Regina

Supervisor: Dr. Kristi Wright

Ms. Matea Gerbeza

CBITN Master's Award

Department of Psychology



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University of Regina
Supervisor: Dr. Kristi Wright

Mr. Mohsen Keramati
CAN-TAP-TALENT Doctoral Award
College of Kinesiology, University of Saskatchewan
Supervisor: Dr. Saija Kontulainen

"SHRF is pleased to partner with the CTTs to support these outstanding trainees pursuing clinical trials training and research in Saskatchewan. Clinical trials are essential to advancing patient care, and it is crucial to build this capacity locally so that Saskatchewan patients can benefit now and, in the future," explains Mr. Patrick Odnokon, SHRF CEO.

"Our goal with CANTRAIN, a CIHR funded project, is to harmonize and enhance training, mentoring and networking across the continuum of people engaged in the conduct and successful outcomes of clinical trials. We are pleased again this year to have worked with our fellow partnering CTTs and SHRF by operating the Awards Program for Graduate and Postdoctoral Training in Clinical Trials submission and evaluation process. We are pleased with the selection of Dr Monroy-Valle and the contribution of SHRF. She will have access, like all the others, to the CANTRAIN Curriculum of courses and mentorship program," explains Dr. Jean Bourbeau, CANTRAIN-Nominated Principal Investigator.

"Congratulations to our mentees in Saskatchewan for their commitment to excellence in behavioural intervention research. The work you do is shaping the future of the field of behavioural interventions, and we appreciate the leadership you are providing to the next generation of trainees and researchers," shares Professor Simon Bacon, NPI for CBITN (Canadian Behavioural Interventions and Trials Network).

In addition to financial support, all awardees will have access to support from mentors through CANTRAIN's mentorship program "CANTRAIN Connect" and CANTRAIN's expanding offering of online learning modules. Awardees also receive an all-expense paid opportunity to participate in the [2025 Clinical Trials Training Summit](#) – to be held in February 2025 at The Fairmont Hotel, Vancouver. The Awards Program for Graduate and Postdoctoral Training in Clinical Trials was coordinated by CANTRAIN in collaboration with the partnering CTTs, from applications to review and decisions.



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Dr. Michele Monroy-Valle, University of Saskatchewan School of Public Health, CANTRAIN Post-Doctoral Fellowship 2024-25, shares: *“Participating in this experiential learning program is essential for me as an epidemiologist working within a clinical trial because it will enhance my professional competencies through a distinctive combination of online training and hands-on learning experiences. Being supported by expert mentors who guide me in applying research standards will not only advance my career development but also ensure that the trial participants' data is handled with the highest level of expertise and care. Moreover, the chance to learn from diverse professionals and tailor the training to my specific needs will empower me to effectively contribute to and lead complex clinical research initiatives.”*

Congratulations to all Saskatchewan-based awardees of the CTTT Studentship/Fellowship Awards Program 2024-25 Competition from CANTRAIN, CBITN, CAN-TAP-TALENT and STROKECOG!

The CTTT [Award Programs](#) will return in 2025-26.

CTTP Funding Acknowledgement

Funded through the Canadian Institutes for Health Research's [Clinical Trials Fund](#), CANTRAIN represents the largest of seven Clinical Trials Training Programs (CTTPs). Together Canada's CTTPs play a key role in delivering on Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's (ISED's) Biomanufacturing and Life Sciences Strategy.

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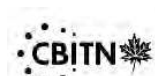
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