

The Owerko Centre Spark Trainee Grant

Description:

The Owerko Centre Spark Trainee Grant provides an opportunity for Owerko Centre graduate students and post-doctoral fellows to expand their research scope and skillset beyond their current expertise. The purpose of this scholarship award is to support successful applicants in initiating new techniques, experiments, and collaborations that will complement their current thesis/research projects.

Number of available awards: 1

Award value: Up to \$5,000 each

Duration of award: Must be used within 12 months of award acceptance

Application deadline:

11:59 PM on March 15, 2022

Eligibility:

- Registered graduate student (Masters, PhD) at the University of Calgary
- Post-Doctoral Fellows
- All applicants must have an Owerko Centre investigator as one of their supervisors

Application requirements and instructions:

- Completed application form
- A single page project description
- A single page overview of current projects
- A detailed budget of planned expenditures and costs
- Applications must be approved by the applicant's research supervisor
- A 2-page version of the applicant's CV
- Combine all into a single PDF document and send to owerko.centre@ucalgary.ca

Application considerations:

- Demonstrate that their proposal for knowledge acquisition is different from their current projects and is not an existing project in their lab
- Demonstrate that they will use techniques/methods different from those used in their current projects
- The development of new collaborations is not mandated, however applications including this component will be considered more favorably
- Has relevance to neurodevelopment and mental health research

Evaluation criteria:

Eligible applications will be reviewed by members of the Owerko Centre Executive Committee, in conjunction with the Owerko Centre Education Committee. Applications will be adjudicated based on the following criteria:

Evaluation criteria continued

- Quality of the applicant (e.g., academic and research excellence);
- Significance, quality, and feasibility of the proposed project;
- Applicability of the new project in enhancing the research scope and skillset of the trainee;
- Alignment of the proposed program of study with the mission, vision, values and goals of the Owerko Centre; and
- Alignment of proposed research collaboration with other labs and/or providers.

Please submit any questions to mark.agius1@ucalgary.ca.