

Sainte-Justine UHC Foundation Postdoctoral Scholarships for Excellence
In support of the world's future leaders in mother-child biomedical research
Presented by the Sainte-Justine University Hospital Research Center

Description of the Competition

This year the Sainte-Justine University Hospital Research Center, with the support of the Sainte-Justine UHC Foundation, is launching the 2nd Sainte-Justine UHC Foundation Postdoctoral Scholarships for Excellence competition. The competition is intended for the world's postdoctoral elite in evaluative, clinical and fundamental biomedical research. Three CAD\$150,000 scholarships over three years will be awarded. Each one comes with CAD\$15,000 seed funding in the first year provided by the Sainte-Justine University Hospital Research Center. The determinant selection criteria are the excellence of the file and the applicant's official mentorship under one of the Center's "active researchers."

The Sainte-Justine UHC Foundation Postdoctoral Scholarships for Excellence are a veritable springboard for the careers of the world's future leaders in mother-child biomedical research. They enable future postdoctoral students to carve out a niche for themselves among investigators who enjoy international acclaim in the 1st mother-child center in Canada and 4th in America, within the university hospital research center's six areas of priority research: Health Outcomes, Brain Diseases, Musculoskeletal Diseases and Movement Sciences, Viral and Immune Disorders and Cancers, Fetomaternal and Neonatal Pathologies and Metabolic Health.

Deadline for submission of applications: March 31, 2012

Eligibility

Canadian and international applicants

The competition is open to all Canadian citizens and non-Canadians who have pursued training in an appropriate scientific discipline and obtained their doctorate (PhD) after December 31, 2010. Nevertheless, applicants who have completed their doctorate at the same institution of learning as the active researcher's home institution that is supporting their application in the competition are not eligible. A functional understanding of English or French is required.

Applicants with medical degrees

Medical degree holders who apply must also hold a PhD or an MSc in addition to their MD.

Existing postdoctoral students of the Sainte-Justine University Hospital Research Center

All postdoctoral students of the Center are eligible to the competition provided that their arrival at the Center dates back after January 1, 2012. If a postdoctoral student works under the supervision of a senior researcher, this researcher shall commit by writing that he will recruit an additional postdoctoral student, in the event the candidate wins one of the Postdoctoral Scholarships for Excellence.



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Official mentorship with an “active researcher” at the Sainte-Justine University Hospital Research Center

To be eligible for the competition, applicants must be officially mentored with one of the Sainte-Justine University Hospital Research Center’s “active researchers.” That is to say that they must have obtained the endorsement of one of these researchers before submitting their application. Award recipients who have entered into a mentorship agreement in this way will be called upon to work as a member of their researcher’s team and the researcher will become their postdoctoral fellowship supervisor. To learn more about the investigators and their research areas, themes and interests or to contact them to ask for their backing, please consult the “**Our Researchers**” page on the Center’s website. Before contacting a researcher, however, please contact us to make sure the researcher is “active”.

Admission to graduate school

Once a finalist has been designated as an award recipient in the competition, it is incumbent upon the Sainte-Justine University Hospital Research Center’s responsibility to file an application to have the recipient admitted into a postdoctoral program in the graduate school with which the active researcher who supported the award recipient’s application is affiliated. Ultimately, the awarding of a postdoctoral scholarship for excellence is conditional upon the winner’s final admission in accordance with the specific admission criteria of the institution in question.

Deadline and dates for unveiling the results

All applications must be postmarked and received by **March 31, 2012, at the latest**. Applicants will be advised of the results in April 2012. Finalists will be invited to come and present their work to the scientific community at the Sainte-Justine University Hospital on June 15, 2012. Travel and accommodation fees will be paid by the Center and its partners. The names of the award recipients will be revealed at the end of June 2012.

How to apply

- A complete application file must include:
 - a completed application form. Forms can be downloaded from the Center’s website at www.chu-sainte-justine.org/research/students/scholarships ;
 - a National Institutes of Health (NIH) format curriculum vitae. Blank NIH format CVs can also be downloaded from the Center’s website at the above URL address;
 - a list of publications;
 - a letter of intent, including a short description of the applicant’s achievements, research interests and career objectives;
 - a sealed letter supporting the mentorship agreement signed by the active researcher who is backing the application and the mentorship application;
 - a one-page summary of the proposed research project;
 - three letters of reference, signed and sealed.

- The application file must be mailed in and addressed as follows:

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About the Sainte-Justine University Hospital Research Center

The Sainte-Justine University Hospital Research Center is a leading mother-child research institution affiliated with the Université de Montréal. It brings together more than 1200 people, including over 200 researchers and clinician-researchers and 450 graduate and post-graduate students who carry out fundamental, clinical, and evaluative research on mother and child health. Research work falls under six research axes, namely Health Outcomes; Brain Diseases; Musculoskeletal Diseases and Movement Sciences; Viral and Immune Disorders and Cancers; Fetomaternal and Neonatal Pathologies; and Metabolic Health. It is focused on finding innovative prevention means, faster and less invasive treatments, as well as personalized approaches to medicine. The Center is part of the Sainte-Justine University Hospital Centre, which is the largest mother-child centre in Canada and one of the four most important pediatric centres in North America. For more information, please visit www.chu-sainte-justine.org/research.

About the Sainte-Justine UHC Foundation

The mission of the Sainte-Justine UHC Foundation is to mobilize the community and support Sainte-Justine UHC in its mission in order to provide the children of today and tomorrow with one of the highest levels of healthcare in the world. www.fondation-sainte-justine.org.