



## Education Fund – 2017/18 PhD/Fellowship Awards Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. *Who is eligible for these awards?*
  - a. Trainees enrolled, full time as of Sept 1, 2017 or before, in a doctoral degree program, or postdoctoral research fellowship program, irrespective of whether the previous doctorate degree was an MD or PhD.
  - b. Trainees involved in cardiovascular research focusing on some aspect of [heart failure](#). This may be broadly interpreted and may include diverse fields of science, medicine, nursing, engineering, public health, etc.
  - c. The proposed project involves collaboration with at least 2 of 3 of the Centre's [partner organizations](#): Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids), University Health Network (UHN), University of Toronto (UofT).
  - d. Trainees with a supervisor affiliated with one or more of the partner organizations including other UofT-affiliated academic health science centres, hospitals or research centres.
2. *What about those with post MD research training, ie not post PhD, but post MD?*

Yes, these trainees are eligible, see 1a above.
3. *Do I need to include my supervisor's CV?*

Yes, please include your supervisor's Common CV (last 5 years only) or NIH biosketch (last 5 years only) with your application.
4. *Are reference letters required?*

No
5. *Who are academic transcripts to be sent to?*

Please submit your academic transcripts with your application. These do not need to be sent directly by the granting institution.
6. *I received CIHR funding of \$17,500 for the school year (2017-18), would I be eligible?*

Depending on the terms and amounts of your award(s), you may be eligible for a supplement or top up from the Centre.
7. *I received another award of \$50,000/year, am I eligible for this award?*

No. The Centre would welcome your participation in its activities and learning opportunities, however, the size of your current award would preclude you from receiving a top up.

8. *My supervisor is associated with one of the Centre's partner institutes, and my project is cardiac/heart failure focused, but my supervisor's research is not cardiac/heart failure focused, am I eligible?*

Yes. Your supervisor does not need to be a cardiac researcher. As long as your work is aligned with the Centre's Mission and Objectives and conforms with 1b and 1c above, your project is eligible.

9. *I am a physician at a Toronto teaching hospital, currently doing my PhD outside of Canada, am I eligible?*

Yes, however, these applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Please be aware that the Centre has a cardiovascular focus, specifically related to heart failure. Also the Centre involves three partner organizations (see 1c above). Research studies are to involve collaboration among these organizations.

10. *How many trainees per supervisor?*

One trainee per supervisor per cycle across both PhD and PDF levels and across all applicants (ie new applicants and those being renewed). A supervisor may be named as a collaborator on more than one application, however, they can only serve as supervisor for one trainee.

11. *Am I eligible for funding for the 5<sup>th</sup> year of my PhD?*

Yes

12. *Are there any opportunities for new/early career investigators, either salary awards or research grants?*

The Education Fund provides trainee awards.

13. *How many awards are being provided per level?*

The number of awards will depend on the quality of the applications received at each level.

In the 2016/2017 competition, 3 Doctoral awards and 6 Postdoctoral Fellowship awards were provided. Please note that many of these trainees are eligible to apply for a second year of funding as part of this year's competition.

We anticipate providing up to 5 Doctoral awards and up to 9 PDF awards, including renewals.