



Graduate Fellowship Program

Canadian Blood Services offers a Graduate Fellowship Program to attract and support young investigators to initiate or continue training in the field of blood transfusion science. This program is offered to graduate students who are undertaking full-time research training in a Canadian graduate school leading to a Ph.D. degree.

Canadian Blood Services has active research programs within transfusion science and applications will be evaluated for relevance to the current four priorities:

- **Therapeutic Immunoglobulins:** These plasma protein products include IVIg, subcutaneous Ig, and anti-D. This priority includes proposals related to their replacement, mechanism of action, or adverse effects.
- **Pathogen Reduction/Inactivation:** In this approach, blood or blood components are treated proactively to eliminate infectious agents. This priority area is not restricted to existing pathogen reduction technologies, which currently have limitations.
- **Product Quality:** This priority includes proposals related to the storage, processing, or quality assurance of blood products, and to related aspects of donor research.
- **Improved Cellular Products:** This priority area encompasses not only modified red cells and platelets, but also stem cells and cellular therapies.

The fellowship has a value of \$25,000 per annum. A yearly research and travel allowance of \$1,000 per annum is provided with each fellowship. Students may be supported for a maximum of 4 years. The initial term of the fellowship is 2 years with possible renewal for an additional 2 years upon reapplication.

All applications submitted to the 2015 competition must fall within these research priorities. If you are uncertain whether your research idea fits within these priorities, please contact the Associate Director, Research, prior to submitting your application.

Candidates are required to submit a completed application form (GFP-15) that is available either at www.blood.ca (click on 'Researchers' – 'Funding Opportunities') or by contacting Cheryl Hubert, Coordinator, Centre for Innovation, Canadian Blood Services, 1800 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa, ON K1G 4J5, Telephone: 613-739-2230, Fax: 613-739-2201, E-mail: cheryl.hubert@blood.ca.

Completed applications will be accepted for the following deadlines:

Application Deadlines: Completed applications will be accepted for a May 15, 2015 deadline for funding in September 2015, and for a November 16, 2015 deadline for funding in February 2016. Late applications will not be accepted.