

## **Pan-Canadian Resource Network for Tobacco Control Research, Policy & Practice**

We are a group of university based researchers across Canada who are developing multi-disciplinary research capacity for tobacco control. The Network and the Learning Opportunities Program are administered on behalf of collaborating investigators and institutions by the Population Health Research Group at the University of Waterloo. The Network is one of three teams within the Interdisciplinary Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Program.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.ice-rci.org>

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# Learning Opportunities Program

The *Learning Opportunities Program* is offered through the Interdisciplinary Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Program to assist Canadian researchers, graduate students, research staff, policy analysts, and program providers to develop specialized skills and experience to improve the conduct or application of tobacco related research in Canada. Applicants may use funds to learn new lab or analytical techniques; receive mentorship in writing a grant application; gain experience applying research within a policy, practice or advocacy setting; or develop specific research and evaluation skills from an academic mentor.

Funds from the *Learning Opportunities Program* may be used to cover costs for travel, accommodation, and meals to visit one or more mentors in a university, research institute, non-governmental organization, or government agency in Canada. Visits to international destinations will also be considered. Applicants must provide proof that a prospective mentor has agreed to host them.

The *Learning Opportunities Program* will NOT provide funds for an applicant to attend a scientific conference or symposium.

## Who is Eligible to Participate?

An applicant must intend to conduct or use research to reduce tobacco use in Canada. Applicants do not need to have an established track record in tobacco control research, policy or practice. Rather, they must only demonstrate their intention to do so in the immediate future. An applicant must be at least 18 years of age, reside in Canada and fall into at least one of the following categories:

- faculty member or researcher at a recognized university or research institution;
- full or part time student currently registered in a recognized graduate program relevant to tobacco control;
- full time staff member in a tobacco control research organization or university;
- full time professional involved in tobacco control programs, services, policy development or advocacy.

## What Funds are Available?

The *Learning Opportunities Program* will cover eligible expenses to a maximum of \$1,500 per person, or a maximum of \$5,000 for workshops or groups of five or more people. In addition, an honorarium is available to the host mentor upon completion of the learning opportunity.

## How do I apply?

Outline in 750 words or less a response to the following:

- Specific objectives of the visit
- Anticipated outcomes of the visit
- Reporting or dissemination plans
- How this learning opportunity fits with ICE objectives
- How this visit will meet the recipient's needs
- How this visit will meet the host's needs

Applicants must include a budget justification and a letter of support from their opportunity host outlining what the host will provide to the recipient.

## Where do I get more information?

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To view a list of potential mentors and their areas of expertise, visit our website at:

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