

Translational and Personalized Medicine Initiative (TPMI) / NL SUPPORT Educational Funding Opportunities

The Translational and Personalized Medicine Initiative (TPMI) is a large-scale research initiative working in partnership with private industry, the federal government, the provincial government, and Memorial University, involving many of the same projects, personnel and agencies that are involved in the NL SUPPORT Unit.

A mandate of TPMI is to foster an atmosphere of learning, capacity and sustainability within patient-centric research. Under this mandate we will endeavor to produce the next generation of methodologists and researchers, as well as provide career development for the current cohort of researchers and staff. To that end, TPMI and NL SUPPORT will provide support for a number of graduate students to address recognized methodological needs within the jurisdiction as well as for TPMI-related and other projects making use of the Unit's resources, on an at-need basis.

Placements will provide a well-rounded education for the student but be strategically positioned so upon graduation those students will be particularly suited to the positions that have been identified as current and future gaps within this system. The programs will be sufficiently broad that they will also prepare students for other health care delivery positions as they arise.

As the majority of the researchers involved in these projects are also Memorial Faculty members, it is envisioned that trainees will have a program that will be personalized to meet their needs and to assist them in being competitive in the workforce.

The TPMI Education Committee is responsible for publishing a call for students at both the Master's and Doctoral study levels; students who are presently in Master's Programs will have an opportunity to apply for PhD program funding and continue their studies in their area of interest. The Education Committee aims to hold a bi-annual Studentship Competition in the Spring and Fall.

The role of the Education Committee will be to review the applications to determine their value within the TPMI mandate and report their approvals to the Steering Committee. Applications will be reviewed by the committee and a decision reached by majority vote. Applicants will be informed of the committee's decision by email (such notification will also be copied to applicants' supervisors).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE Fall 2018 COMPETITION

Eligibility:

This award is open to current and prospective trainees doing translational, applied or other patient-oriented research **only**; no funding is available for basic science research. Graduate student applicants must be accepted as a full-time student at Memorial University of Newfoundland before the funding can be made available. The proposed research project (thesis) to be undertaken by the student must pertain to TPMI projects or sub programs such as CHIA or NL SUPPORT (for more information, see: <http://nlsupport.ca/FAQ.aspx>); applicants are not required to have already engaged patients in their research, but a focus on patient oriented research including active patient engagement is a requirement. Applicants must be within the first 12 months of their Master's program or the first 24 months of their PhD program to qualify for support.

Tenure and Value of Studentship:

Funding will be available to successful applicants from January 2019 to March 2020. The value of this award will be up to \$14,000/year (pro-rated) for Master's students and \$18,000/year (pro-rated) for PhDs. Total student funding, including other awards and baseline funding, will not exceed these amounts. While successful candidates can hold their studentship concurrently with other awards, total funding, including other awards and baseline funding, cannot exceed these amounts, and awarded funding will be adjusted during the lifetime of the award to ensure it remains at these funding caps.

Please submit your application in an electronic format to:

TPMI Education Funding Application
Attn: Dale Humphries
dale.humphries@med.mun.ca

Applications must be received by 5.00 p.m. Newfoundland Standard Time on Thursday, November 22nd. Late or incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.

Guidelines for Application:

The application package must include the following:

1. Completed applicant information form (attached) with supervisor's signature
2. Curriculum vitae (education, employment, published papers/abstracts, honors/awards)
3. A copy of all university transcripts (undergraduate, graduate [unofficial transcripts are acceptable])
4. Letters of reference from two individuals familiar with applicant's research experience/potential (these can be electronically forwarded directly to e mail address listed). Letter of reference forms are available [here](#). Supervisors are **not** required to provide a reference letter, but a supervisor letter **is** considered an asset.
5. Curriculum vitae of the applicant's supervisor. If applicant's supervisor has previously been named on a TPML Educational Funding Application, no CV is required. **In the event the student does not have a designated supervisor upon application, they must inform the education committee upon submission. The Education Committee may assist with matching students with faculty if they deem the proposal is of high quality and supervisors are prepared to accept the student.
6. Description of research project and training program (4 pages single-spaced, 12-point font and 1-inch margins) that includes the following headings:
 - **Project Description**, including **Project Title** (3 pages, max.)
 - Must include:
 - projected **patient impacts**
 - planned engagement of **patients as partners**
 - how your project reflects **patient priorities**
 - alignment with **SPOR mandate**
 - **Training Program and Career Goals** (1 page, max.)
7. Details of any additional funding you may hold or is available to you, including amount of funding, source of funding, and date funding expires (see table attached to application form).

For further information, please contact: dale.humphries@med.mun.ca.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM (2018)**

Name of Applicant: _____

Department: _____

Faculty: _____

Degree Program: _____

Year Started: _____
(Proof of enrolment/acceptance required upon award of studentship)

Project Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

I hereby confirm that all the information above and in the attached documentation is accurate:

(Applicant's Signature)

Primary Supervisor: _____

Department: _____

Faculty: _____

I have read and support this application: _____
(Supervisor's Signature)

Submit your application electronically along with your CV, transcripts, Supervisor's CV and your research proposal. Reference letters may be sent directly to Dale Humphries at dale.humphries@med.mun.ca.

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Table of Available Funding

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Currently Held or Applied For	Expiry Date
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