

Alex R. Cummings Trainee Travel Award

Description of Award

The Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute is pleased to offer the Alex R. Cummings Trainee Travel Awards on a competitive basis to eligible trainees who are presenting their research at an International or National conference or symposia. The aim of the award is to develop presentation skills among trainees and enhance networking opportunities.

The Charbonneau Training and Education platform welcomes applications for travel awards from graduate or postdoctoral trainees registered full-time under the supervision of a Charbonneau Member, conducting research in the area of cancer.

To be considered for the Alex Cummings Trainee Travel award, trainees must meet the following requirements:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Master's students: one travel award over the course of their training period;
- PhD students: two travel awards over the course of their training period;
- Postdoctoral fellows: one travel award over the course of their training period
- Proof of abstract submission and conference registration
- the applicant must present an oral or a poster presentation

(If an applicant received a Charbonneau travel award during their Master's program and then subsequently transferred into the PhD program, they are only eligible for one travel award during their PhD program.)

Award Amount:

The value of the award will not exceed a maximum of \$500. **The final amount of award granted will be decided based on application pressure and the evaluation criteria noted below.**

Eligible expenses include conference registration, travel, accommodation, and meals (no alcohol). Meal per diems are only available for meals not provided by the conference.

Application Deadlines:

Applications are accepted as follows:

- March 1 (for travel after March 1)
- June 1 (for travel after June 1)
- September 1 (for travel after September 1)
- December 1 (for travel after December 1)

Applications must be submitted prior to departure. Applications for travel that has already occurred will NOT be accepted.

Evaluation Criteria:

If application pressure exceeds available funds The Alex Cummings Travel Trainee Award will be adjudicated based on the following criteria:

- Priority will be given to talks over poster presentations
- Priority will be given first to International Conferences and then to National conferences
- Priority will be given to students with more seniority in their program

Application Procedure:

The completed application package must include:

- Completed Alex Cummings Trainee Travel Award application form, found on the Charbonneau [website](#).
- Note: Application must be signed/supported by the supervisor.
- Confirmation of abstract submission and conference registration are required at the time of application. Confirmation of abstract acceptance required prior to funds being distributed.
- Copy of the submitted abstract.
- Trainee's updated curriculum vitae (including biographical information, education, research experience, publications and abstracts, awards and honours).

Application packages should be sent electronically to Carmen Coelho at charb.education@ucalgary.ca

Questions:

Please contact Carmen Coelho at charb.education@ucalgary.ca or 403.210.3934 with any questions