
Award: Immunology Collaborative Postdoctoral Research Award (IMM- CoPRA)

Purpose: To support the development of **NEW** collaborative work between 2 postdoctoral fellows training in two different laboratories within the Department of Immunology.

Eligibility: At the time of application, candidate must be a post-doctoral fellow (PDF) within their first 5 years of PDF training and pursuing their research in laboratories of principal investigators (PIs) with a faculty appointment in the Department of Immunology. Only one award may be held per Postdoctoral fellow during their Postdoctoral training. Although research associates (RA) are not eligible, if a Postdoctoral fellow transitions to RA during the term of award, the award is allowed to continue.

Terms: One award of \$50,000 /year for 2 years (May-April), to be awarded to 2 postdoctoral trainees in support of a collaborative project to be carried out in the laboratories of at least 2 PIs in Immunology, with 25,000 per annum deposited in the research account of the respective PIs.

Budget: The budget is 25,000 per lab per year x 2 years. The budget is to be used for supplies, services and/or animals required for the new project. Up to 10,000 per year per PDF can be used as a stipend top-up, subject to approval of the PI. PI will be responsible for extra employer cost associated with the top up, which is required for employee PDFs.

Reporting: Awardees are expected to present their research at the Immunology retreat upon completion of their 2-year term. A year end budget statement will be required each year.

Application: A research proposal (2 pages maximum, excluding references and figures), which provides the necessary background and rationale for the proposed work, including a hypothesis and research goals and experimental approach. A section outlining the collaborative nature of the proposed work, how this collaborative approach is necessary and how it would benefit training outcomes must be included. An additional one-page budget outline should be included.

Deadline: Please submit your applications by email to tania.watts@utoronto.ca and sarah.crome@utoronto.ca by April 15, 2024 SUBJECT LINE: IMM-COPRA application

Each PI must send a short email to the program chairs indicating that they approve the application and budget.