



Robert Davidson Fellowship

Terms of Reference

The Canadian Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (CPFF) provides support for all people affected by pulmonary fibrosis (PF), and is the voice of patients living with PF. The CPFF is proud to support eligible physicians who wish to further their training in PF in order to advance clinical, translational, or basic science knowledge in the field and deliver excellence in clinical care to the PF patient community in Canada. The Fellowship is named after Robert Davidson, an IPF patient and lung transplant recipient, who founded the CPFF in order to provide education and support for patients and families affected by PF and to support Canadian PF research.

The Robert Davidson Fellowship will support a one-year fellowship in PF in Canada with at least 75% of time protected for research-related activities. The combination of clinical and research activities will provide candidates with the opportunity for academic career development that will enable candidates to become key national and international members of the ILD community. Candidates will be expected to lead a research project at their training institution, with the goal of also participating in multicentre activities that will establish nationwide connections with other Canadian centres.

CPFF will not consider applications that focus on research not associated with pulmonary fibrosis. CPFF will not consider research not done in Canada. Grants will not be awarded solely for travel purposes. Work must be relevant to Canadians and Canadian patients.

The CPFF Robert Davidson Fellowship Award is supported by generous donations from Canadians and unrestricted educational grants from Boehringer-Ingelheim Canada.

Eligible Applicant:

Applicants should be Canadian citizens who have completed respirology training in a Canadian fellowship program and are applying to an ILD training program at an established Canadian ILD centre that is actively engaged in ILD research. Trainees from outside Canada will be considered on an exceptional basis provided they can demonstrate a clear path to a faculty position at a Canadian centre, including a written commitment from that centre.

Eligible Supervisor:

The supervisor of the applicant must be a physician, scientist or healthcare professional with an academic appointment at a Canadian university with an established ILD Centre and therefore eligible to apply for her/his own research grants as an independent investigator. He or she must be involved in PF research and/or the clinical care of patients with PF. The supervisor will

provide the necessary research supervision and infrastructure (including administering the grant at their sponsoring institution).

Sponsoring Institution

The sponsoring institution must:

- Have their own independent research ethics board.
- Be eligible to hold Canadian Institute of Health Research grants. The list can be found at <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/36374.html>.
- Provide the necessary infrastructure for the research project including, but not limited to, accounting and reporting of grant funds as well as ensuring the research is carried out according to the institution's policies and procedures and accepted research standards in Canada.
- The Institution must agree that an overhead or levy will not be applied to this award.

Amount and Duration of Funding

The Robert Davidson Fellowship award is \$90,000 guaranteed funding for one year.

When a grant is awarded, training must commence within six months of notification. In conjunction with the Principal Investigator, CPFF will establish a granting period for every award. This granting period represents the timeframe for which the grantee has to complete his or her training. Within three months of the end of the training period, the research account must be closed and all unused funds remaining in the account must be returned to CPFF along with a final accounting statement for how funds were used. The institution to which a grant is paid must immediately notify and return unused funds to CPFF if a grantee is unable, for any reason, to carry out or complete the training program.

Acknowledgement of Funding

Robert Davidson Fellowship awardees will be asked to acknowledge funding support from the CPFF on all oral and/or written presentations of the research supported by the Fellowship, including but not limited to:

- Poster presentations
- Oral research presentations
- Research publications (abstracts, journal articles)

The CPFF is able to provide its logo for these purposes, on request.

Robert Davidson Fellows will be asked to participate in September Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month events organized by the CPFF. Activities may include presenting research findings to patients and caregivers in a 10-30 minute presentation, participating in local awareness events (ie community walk), or presenting to local patient support groups.

How to Apply

- Supervisors will submit the application package as a single PDF on behalf of the Applicant.
- Please complete the Robert Davidson Fellowship application package.
- All requests for funding and supporting documentation must be submitted by **Friday, January 12, 2024.**

- Applications must be submitted by email to: info@cpff.ca with “Robert Davidson Fellowship Application” in the subject line.
- You will receive a written confirmation that your email has been received within 5 business days.
- You will receive a decision on or before **Friday, February 16, 2023**.