

MENTOR 2011 Contest Guidelines

Application deadline: May 25, 2011. Late applications will not be considered.

Notification of contest results: Summer 2011. All candidates will be personally notified by email.

Applicants: Students registered or soon to be registered in an MSc, PhD or postdoctoral program, in the musculoskeletal research area (biology, biochemistry, kinesiology, biomedical sciences, engineering, epidemiology, rehabilitation sciences, etc.)

MEDITIS Program candidates (May 2011 contest) can apply to MENTOR but will not be authorized to participate in MENTOR if their application to MEDITIS is accepted.

Training and scholarship period: April 2011 – March 2012 (retroactive payment) OR September 2011 – August 2012.

Main application criteria:

- The applicant's research **director AND co-director** must be current **members** of MENTOR;
- At least 50% of the proposed project must focus on musculoskeletal health;
- Multidisciplinary projects and/or projects involving a multidisciplinary research team will be favoured.

Trainee stipends

Stipend categories

- **matched stipend** = A MENTOR scholarship, matched with an equal or superior amount from another or several other sources, such as the research director's funds. These other sources must be identified in the application form. MENTOR is supported by a grant from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). MENTOR scholarships are NOT CIHR scholarships.
- **complement:** Candidates with a full training scholarship from another source can apply to MENTOR for a complement, if the other source allows concurrent scholarships.

Minimal stipend levels

MENTOR must ensure that trainees receive a minimal annual stipend, as required by CIHR:

	Minimal annual stipend	Matched stipend		Complement*
		MENTOR scholarship	Stipend from another source	
MSc level	17,850\$/year	8,925\$/year	8,925\$/year or +	3,000\$ or +
PhD level	17,850\$/year	8,925\$/year	8,925\$/year or +	5,000\$ or +
Postdoctoral level	36,750\$/year	18,375\$/year	18,375\$/year or +	5,000\$ or +
Clinicians with licensure in Canada and 0-2 years of postgraduate research training, registered in a graduate research program	36,750\$/year	18,375\$/ year	18,375\$/year or +	5,000\$ or +
Clinicians with licensure in Canada and over 2 years of postgraduate research training, registered in a graduate research program	47,250\$/year	23,625\$/year	23,625\$/year or +	5,000\$ or +

***Example 1:** A trainee is admitted to the program with a 12,000\$ annual scholarship from another source. MENTOR offers a 5,850\$ complement to top-off the scholarship to 17,850\$/year.

***Example 2:** A postdoctoral fellow is admitted to MENTOR with a 40,000\$/year scholarship from another source. MENTOR offers a 5,000\$ complement.

Training and scholarship period: One year, renewable one year (MSc and postdoctoral levels) or two years (PhD level). Renewal is conditional on satisfactory progress in the program.

Concurrent scholarships: There are no restrictions for the accumulation of travel scholarships and minor awards. However, trainees cannot hold another full training scholarship concurrently to a MENTOR scholarship. Trainees who receive external funding must inform the program immediately. Program participation is maintained but the MENTOR scholarship is interrupted when the external scholarship begins. If necessary, MENTOR matches-up the external scholarship to the minimal annual stipend level.

Selection criteria

Academic performance: Academic records, awards

Publications (important criterion at the postdoctoral level)

Applicant profile: Career objectives, musculoskeletal research career potential, previous research experience, letters or recommendation, overall quality of application

Research project: Clear objectives, appropriate methodology, potential impact on musculoskeletal health research, originality

MENTOR specific criteria: Multidisciplinary project and/or project undergone under the supervision of a multidisciplinary research team

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