

BCPN Graduate/Postdoctoral Training Program in Proteomics

The BC Proteomics Network (BCPN) is providing funding for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to train at BCPN member laboratories in order to gain experience in proteomics techniques. The BCPN will provide up to \$2000 per applicant payable to the host laboratory to cover training expenses such as instrument time and consumables, with the understanding that the primary supervisor will cover any extraordinary operational/consumable costs associated with the research. In addition to these funds, travel and lodging costs up to \$2000 will be reimbursed for non-local trainees upon provision of receipts. The duration of the training period is expected to be up to 12 weeks. Names of recipients of BCPN funding will be posted on the BCPN website (www.bcpn.ca), unless the recipient opts out by contacting bcpn@msl.ubc.ca

Eligibility - In order to qualify for the training program, the graduate student must be enrolled in an academic institution in British Columbia and must have at least a B+ average in graduate level courses. Postdoctoral fellows must be employed by an academic institution in British Columbia and must have obtained at least a B+ average in their graduate level courses.

The Training Supervisor must be BCPN member and have demonstrated capability of providing training in the chosen area of proteomics research (see <http://www.bcpn.ca/education> for list of eligible supervisors and their approved areas of research). Candidates are responsible for training supervisor selection.

Application instructions:

Applications will be accepted at three periods during the year: February 1st -28th, June 1st - 30th, and October 1st - 31st. Applications will be evaluated for completeness and eligibility and the funding will be confirmed within two weeks after the end of the application period. If the number of applications exceeds the funding available, complete applications that meet the eligibility requirements will be put into a lottery system to determine those that will be funded. The training period should take place within 3 months of the date of funding.

Please submit the following to the BCPN as email attachments to bcpn@msl.ubc.ca

1. Supporting letter from Graduate/Postdoc Supervisor. The letter should address the student's qualifications and the impact that the training is expected to have on the student's career.
 2. Supporting letter from the proposed Training Supervisor.
 3. Transcript from graduate level courses. Unofficial copies are acceptable.
 4. Student CV, MSFHR format (see <http://www.ccv-cvc.ca>)
 5. Proposal
 6. Detailed budget and rationale for laboratory expenses and any travel and lodging expenses.
- If you do not receive a confirmation email after submission of your application, please contact the BCPN.

The proposal should include the following:

- Title of the research project
- Description of the training plan including skills that will be acquired
- Impact of the training plan on the applicant's research project
- Description of career goals and how training will facilitate these goals
- Due to MSFHR requirements, the proposed project must be related to human health
- The proposal should fit on a single page and be single-spaced.

Final report – Each trainee will be required to submit a final report describing the outcome of their training to the BCPN within one month of the end of the training period. Particular emphasis should be placed on the skills that were acquired and the expected impact on the student's career. The format of the report should be one-sided and double-spaced with a maximum of 5 pages and may include figures, tables or references. Trainees may be invited to present a poster or give an oral presentation of their work at the next BCPN annual symposium. Any publications that result from this training period should acknowledge the BCPN.