

## **BCPN Undergraduate Training Program in Proteomics**

The BC Proteomics Network (BCPN) is providing funding for undergraduate students to train at BCPN member laboratories in order to gain experience in proteomics techniques. The BCPN will provide up to \$4000 per applicant. The funds will be payable to the host laboratory and will be used to partially cover the student's stipend over a 16 week period for a four-month term/semester. The BCPN expects that the student will be paid a minimum wage based on a 37.5 h work-week so additional costs are to be borne by the host laboratory. Co-operative education students are eligible. The funding is not exclusive and can be held jointly with undergraduate research awards such as NSERC USRA. If the student receives an award for the training period, then the BCPN will supplement the award to no more than \$6000 total received by the host laboratory for the student. Names of recipients of BCPN funding will be posted on the BCPN website ([www.bcpn.ca](http://www.bcpn.ca)), unless the recipient opts out by contacting [bcpn@msl.ubc.ca](mailto:bcpn@msl.ubc.ca).

**Eligibility** - In order to qualify for the training program, the undergraduate student must be enrolled in an academic institution in British Columbia and must have at least a B+ average.

The Training Supervisor must be a 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 1<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, and October 1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 should take place during the next 4 month work term: January - April, May - August, or September - December.

Please submit the following to the BCPN as email attachments to [bcpn@msl.ubc.ca](mailto:bcpn@msl.ubc.ca)

1. Supporting letter from the Training 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. Transcript - unofficial copies are acceptable.
3. Student CV, MSFHR format (see <http://www.ccv-cvc.ca>)
4. Proposal

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.
- Description of career goals and how training will facilitate these goals
- Due to MSFHR regulations, 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.