

CSCI/CIHR/PGME Resident Research Awards

The Canadian Society for Clinical Investigation (CSCI) and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) co-sponsor an annual Resident Research Award program. This prize is awarded each year for the best resident research project conducted during an RCPSC/CFPC residency training program at each Canadian medical school. Notification is sent out to all programs in the spring.

The CSCI prize consists of:

- \$1,000 per resident in each medical school;
- A complimentary CSCI membership for two years;
- A certificate signed by the CSCI president.

PGME will match the prize with an additional \$1,000 and, if there are eligible submissions, will award a second prize of \$1,000.

Application Deadline: May 23, 2022 11:59 pm

A completed application consists of:

- A structured abstract using the format below
- The checklist page – refer to the section on the next page
- A cover letter including:
 - The title of your project
 - The name(s) of the author(s)
 - The name of your supervisor
 - A brief biography including your program, PGY level, and research interests.
- Please send the following by e-mail in **one (.doc) file** and name it “**Abstract_your last name**” i.e Abstract_Story.
- Please send your completed application to Kristen Story: kristen.story@ucalgary.ca.

Abstract Format

- **Title:** Brief description of study. Do **not** include authorship.
- **Background:** Describe why the study was done (state research question/hypothesis, objectives, and provide rationale and importance of study).
- **Methods:** Describe how the study was done (include research design, sample size, control group, models, techniques, instruments, type of statistical analysis).
- **Results:** State principal findings (include data and statistical results but do not include any graphs, tables or figures).
- **Discussion:** Interpret results (discuss implications of results and future research direction).
- **Format of Abstract:** Single spaced, **one page**, font Arial 10 pt, 500 words not including title and headers. Do **not** include references.

Checklist Page

It is a requirement for all research projects using human subjects (including retrospective chart reviews) to have ethical approval from the Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board of the University of Calgary. Please use the following information to define your contribution to the project. Only completed projects will be eligible.

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CHECKLIST PAGE

(To check a box, double-click on it, and then click on "checked")

- This project has received ethical approval from the Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board of the University of Calgary
- I was the primary contributor to the intellectual content of the project as described below:
 - conception and design
 - application for ethical approval
 - literature review
 - instrument design (if applicable)
 - data collection
 - statistical analysis and interpretation of data
 - drafting of manuscript (if applicable)
 - funding proposal (if applicable)
 - conference presentation

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I am a UofC resident and I've recently completed a research project, but the ethics came from a university other than UofC and I was collaborating with a supervisor from another university. Am I still able to apply with this project?

Yes, you can still apply as long as you are first author and contributed to the research.

2. Does the research project have to be completed in order to apply for this award?

Yes, the research project will have to be completed to be eligible for this competition.

3. I completed a residency in Calgary in the last calendar year and am registered as a fellow in another city presently. Am I eligible to submit a project I completed and published last year?

As long as the research was conducted in Calgary while you were a resident, you would be eligible for this competition.

4. Do all boxes on the application checklist needed to be completed for the application to be accepted?

No, they do not all have to be checked to apply.

5. Is the award meant for research funding or is it a prize given to the resident researcher?

It is a prize given to the resident researcher.

6. I did my first 3 years of residency at another university. My resident research project was a multi-site study with other universities and supervisors across these universities and separate ethics approval at all 3 sites. Am I eligible to apply for the CSCI resident research award?

Yes, you are still eligible as long as one of the sites was Calgary.

7. If a resident has previously won this award, can they apply again?

The resident can apply again provided the research project is entirely different from what was submitted last year.

8. Is the entire research project required to have happened during in residency? Is it ok if part of it is in residency and part in medical school?

The entire project needs to be during your residency.

9. Just to clarify the eligibility for applying for the award - does the person have to currently be in a residency program?

The applicant has to be a current resident at the University of Calgary whilst the research was undertaken in order to be eligible.

10. The project that we submit **must not** have been published yet - is that correct?

As long as the research has been conducted during your residency (all while at the U of C) then all of this would be eligible.

11. Does the research have to be a completed project with publications?

Yes, the research project will have to be completed to be eligible for this competition. While the research need not have been published during the application process, it must be completed and publication ready (a publication is being written or has been submitted for peer review).

12. I completed my research projects working with investigators in Calgary while I was a resident in Calgary and then transferred to another province to continue my residency training. The Calgary projects were subsequently published after I transferred my training to another province.

Can I still apply for the award through the Calgary competition, or should I apply through my new department even though it was Calgary research?

If the research was conducted at both sites, you should apply at your current school, because you are no longer registered at a program in Calgary.

13. Is this for Ministry Funded residents only or are IMG's able to apply?

As long as you are registered in a residency training program at UofC, you can apply.

14. If I have two different projects (that are both completed), may I submit two entries, or is it limited to one per person?

You can submit more than one entry, as long as they are different projects. You will be required to complete an application for each submission.

15. My supervisor is from another university. Hence, the study patient population was from the other university's province. However, my project was approved by both the research ethics board at their university and UofC. The project was initiated as well as completed during my residency training. I just wanted to confirm if I am eligible for the award since the research data was not from the Calgary population.

This is no problem as long as you are registered at UofC and also ethics is approved at UofC.