

Parkinson Canada Travel Award Program

Background:

Parkinson Canada is pleased to provide travel awards to support exceptional trainees to attend globally-recognized conferences related to Parkinson's Disease, so that they can present their research, further their education and participate in career-building activities.

Eligibility:

Eligibility can vary and is based on the purpose of the conference (see below). If an applicant falls outside of the stated eligibility guidelines for a given conference, we will consider applications from other individuals on a case-by-case basis. A maximum of 1 travel award will be given to members of the same lab or clinic.

Award Value:

- \$1,000 CAD per applicant will be awarded for conferences in North America
- \$1,500 CAD per applicant will be awarded for conferences outside of North America
- Funds are intended to cover the costs of conference registration, transportation to the event, and/or accommodation.

Eligible Conferences:

Conference	Eligibility	Meeting Date	Meeting Location	Deadline to Apply for Award
MDS-PAS Translational Research Course	Movement disorder trainees (clinical and basic science) and early career investigators	Mar. 1-2, 2024	Toronto, Canada	Feb. 1 2024
AD/PD	PhD candidates, postdocs, medical residents & clinical fellows	March 5-9, 2024	Lisbon, Portugal	Feb. 29, 2024
Planning for Prevention of Parkinson's: Trial Design Forum	PhD candidates, postdocs, medical residents & clinical fellows	May 2024	Boston, USA	Mar. 11, 2024
International Congress of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders	PhD candidates, postdocs, medical residents & clinical fellows	Sept. 27-Oct. 1, 2024	Philadelphia, USA	Sept. 14, 2024
Other Conferences related to PD	PhD candidates, postdocs, medical residents & clinical fellows	Any	Any	Rolling deadline

Application Requirements:

- 1) Applicant Information: name, address, email, institution, training level, etc.

- 2) Supervisor Information: name, address, email, institution, etc.
- 3) Applicant CV: Using Parkinson Canada biosketch template
- 4) Funds requested and budget breakdown
- 5) Presentation details:
 - a. Poster or Oral presentation
 - b. Presentation title
 - c. Submitted Abstract
 - d. Proof of Abstract Acceptance for Conference
- 6) Justification Statement: What do you hope to achieve, gain and learn from attending this conference, and how will your participation influence your career-growth? (500 words maximum).

Note: **Application materials differ for the MDS-PAS conference*

Review Process:

1. Applications will be reviewed for :1) completion 2) proof of an accepted abstract, 3) a strongly written justification statement that adequately demonstrates a strong connection with the applicant's training and that there will be a concrete benefit for participating in the meeting, and 4) a completed, well-justified budget breakdown.
2. Travel Awards will be offered on a first-come first-serve basis for each eligible conference.

Terms and Conditions:

1. Use of Funds: A proposed budget will be provided along with the application materials to justify how the awarded funds will be used. It is expected that awardees will book travel and accommodation options within a reasonable price range for the meeting destination.
2. Payment of Award Funds. Proof-of-payment for all eligible costs must be retained for later reimbursement. After the conference, Parkinson Canada will reimburse the awardee for the eligible costs up to the maximum amount for their funded travel award in Canadian Dollars. Expense reports for reimbursement must be submitted no later than 3 months after the end date of the conference. Parkinson Canada reserves the right to reject reimbursement for any expenses that are deemed to be out of the reasonable price range for the expense in question.
3. Travel Award Distribution: A maximum of 1 travel award will be given to members of the same lab or clinic.
4. General Terms and Conditions: Please be advised that some of Parkinson Canada's general terms and conditions may also apply to this funding opportunity. For more information, please visit our [website](#) to download our General Terms and Conditions document.