

Women's Health Research Cluster: Trainee Travel Awards

Fall Application Deadline: April 24th, 2026

BACKGROUND

The [Women's Health Research Cluster](#) (WHRC) is offering travel awards for students who are presenting or attending a conference on women's health or sex/gender. This award provides financial assistance to trainees to present their work, connect with leaders in the field, and learn about and contribute to innovative research. This award will be offered twice a year.

AWARD GUIDELINES

The Travel Award provides up to 20 awards of \$250CAD each to subsidize conference registration or travel costs. Application eligibility will be assessed by the WHRC team and awardees will be selected via lottery. The award is offered twice a year, in the Spring and Fall.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the Travel Award, applicants must:

- Be a trainee with an academic institution (Undergraduate → Postdoctoral Researcher), including students training for registered professions (nurse, MD, OT, etc.).
- Only apply for one (1) award per cycle (Spring/Fall).
- Not have received a WHRC Travel Award in that calendar year.
- Be registered as a member of the WHRC. Membership is free and you can [click here](#) to become a member and gain access to many member benefits.
- Be **presenting** your work related any domain of women's health or on sex/gender effects (i.e., poster or presentation) at an upcoming conference.

OR

- Be **attending** a conference focused on women's health and/or sex/gender.
 - Applicants who are presenting their own work will have a competitive advantage.

The Travel Award encourages applications from First Nations, Métis and Inuit, racialized and 2S/LGBTQ+ communities, women, people with disabilities (including people who have experienced mental health and substance use challenges), and those not listed who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

If you are **attending** a conference on women's health or sex/gender differences:

- You will be asked to indicate which conference you plan to attend and outline how it relates to women's health or sex/gender research.
- You are not required to register for the conference before applying for this award, but proof of registration will be requested before funds can be distributed.
- Travel and conference expenses must be incurred in the 6 months before or after the notice of decision to be eligible.
- The award cannot be transferred to a different conference than the one originally outlined in the application.

- Awardees will be required to share how the travel award has enriched their experience and/or knowledge about women's health or sex/gender differences research within 6 months of award.

If you are **presenting** on women's health or sex/gender research at a conference:

- The criteria above are applicable **and** you will be asked to provide an abstract on your research.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be submitted by completing [this form](#) by **April 24th, 2026 at 5:00pm (ET)**. Late applications will not be accepted.

NOTICE OF AWARD

Awardees will be informed in June 2026.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions regarding the application guidelines or submission process, please contact Internal.Funding@camh.ca

* "Women" refers to a broad gender categorization that does not necessarily relate to one's sex recorded at birth. We use the term for anyone who self-identifies as such, regardless of gender expression or gender identity.

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| Full Application: April 24th, 2026 |
| Notice of Award: June 2026 |