



## **A Research and Knowledge Network on Genetic Health Services and Policy**

### **is launching a call for applications for MSc/PhD TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS**

Application deadline: **July 29 2011**

Having been awarded a Canadian Institutes for Health Research Emerging Team Grant (CIHR, Institute of Genetics and Institute of Health Services and Policy Research), the APOGEE-Net/CanGèneTest Network is offering training fellowships at the MSc and PhD levels. One of the main objectives of APOGEE-Net/CanGèneTest is to train professionals that will contribute to the development of evidence-based health policies in the field of genetics.

#### **The APOGEE-Net/CanGèneTest Network**

There is increasing pressure on the healthcare system to rapidly integrate clinical and public health applications of genetic research. However, the lack of planning and the absence of a structured technological transfer pipeline raises questions concerning the capacity of the healthcare system to efficiently manage the implementation and diffusion of new technological innovations. The need to reinforce the research capacity in this field is becoming increasingly urgent.

The general objective of APOGEE-Net/CanGèneTest is to support the development of health policies in genetics through the creation of a research and knowledge network. This network is an interactive forum linking individuals engaged in the production, transmission, and utilization of knowledge in the field of genetics. It brings together partners from various milieux: universities (McGill, Montreal, Laval, Memorial), clinical settings, advisory bodies (Health Canada, INSPQ), as well as governments (Canada, Quebec, Nova Scotia). The principal investigator of the APOGEE-Net/CanGèneTest Network is Dr. François Rousseau from the Faculty of Medicine of Laval University.

The scientific activities of the network revolve around four axis: 1) models of service delivery; 2) genetics and primary care; 3) assessment of emerging genetic technologies; and 4) knowledge translation.

Specific objectives of the APOGEE-NET/CanGèneTest Network:

- Bring together researchers from different horizons to efficiently address questions relevant to the development of health policies and to the organisation of the healthcare system in the field of genetics.
- Foster transdisciplinary research through collaborations.
- Create an interactive forum within which individuals involved in the production, transmission, and utilization of information in genetics can establish constructive and durable links.
- Reinforce the research and evaluation capacity in the domain of policies related to genetics.

For more information on the network visit our internet site <<http://www.cangenetest.org/>>.

### **Training program**

Concordant with the last objective mentioned above, the APOGEE-Net/CanGèneTest network is offering training fellowships to students at the master (2 years) and doctoral (3 years) levels. To reinforce transdisciplinary research capacity and foster cross-fertilization, the proposed project of the student **must** integrate different research domains, for example clinical research and health economy, to generate an added value. In addition fellowship recipients **must** be supervised by one or two members of the network. A list of network members along with their research domains is available on the internet at the address <<http://www.cangenetest.org/>>.

### **Candidates profile**

Candidates must have a university diploma in the fields of health sciences, social sciences, pure and applied sciences, or human sciences. For candidates to a master fellowship, a bachelor degree is required, for a doctoral fellowship a master is required, and for a post-doctoral fellowship a doctorate is required.

Because the CIHR program aims to foster the acquisition of new knowledge rather than to specialize the candidate in its original discipline, candidates with no direct experience in the field of the proposed research project will be favored. Research experience in an interdisciplinary team, interest for knowledge transfer, and aptitudes to communicate will be important assets.

### **Instructions for application**

Candidates must submit:

1. a curriculum vitae
2. a letter from the supervisor supporting the application
3. two recommendation letters
4. a description of the proposed research project (2 pages maximum). The text must contain the following sections: title, context, general objective, specific objectives, methodology and expected outcomes
5. a copy of their latest university transcript
6. examples of their work such as publications

Applications must be submitted to the APOGEE-NET/CanGèneTest network at the latest on July 29 2011.

A selection will be made on the basis of the submitted material and decisions will be sent by mail to each candidate in August.

Fellowships will be offered from September 1st 2011 at the earliest to April 1st 2012 at the latest. Annual amounts of the fellowships are based on the CIHR guidelines of \$17 850 for both master and doctorate levels.

**Send applications to**

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