

## **COLE FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS 2018-2020**

*(in clinical, translational and fundamental research in pediatric and young adult leukemia and lymphoma)*

The Cole Foundation is offering fellowships to Clinical Fellows (holders of a medical degree), Post-Doctoral and Doctoral students to promote research in pre-leukemia, leukemia, lymphoma and other leukemia related diseases in children and young adults as well as the development of clinical care for patients affected by these diseases.

### **Eligible candidates must:**

- Have full-time status at the University of Montreal, McGill University or at the INRS-Institut Armand-Frappier
- Be registered in a graduate program (PhD) or in a program of postdoctoral or clinical studies
- Complete a Cole Foundation Fellowship application form
- Submit a letter of support from their supervisor which, among other information, is to include a description of the mentorship program for the candidate

This competition is open to all Canadian and all foreign citizens. The scholar's research activities can be carried out in the Montreal area or in an establishment outside Montreal so long as this is accepted by the research director.

The Cole Foundation particularly welcomes applications in clinical and translational research. Clinical researchers must dedicate a minimum of 50% of their time to research and this must be substantiated by the Supervisor in the Supervisor's Report.

Applications will be evaluated by a committee of experts for the relevance to the Cole Foundation mandate, academic and scientific excellence, the quality of the research laboratory and the coherence of the research program with the priorities of the training environment.

The fellowships are offered for a two-year mandate. The installment for the second year is contingent upon a satisfactory progress report for the previous year's activities and upon the support of the host laboratory director. On a yearly basis these fellowships offer: \$50,000 for Clinical Fellows; \$40,000 for Post-Doctoral Fellows; and \$21,000 for Doctoral Fellows. In addition, a yearly supplement of up to \$2,000 for Clinical Fellows and Post-Doctoral Fellows and up to \$1,000 for Doctoral Fellows will be awarded for academic activities (attendance at conventions, etc.).

If a candidate is requesting a second Fellowship, the second request for a Fellowship must show substantial progress from the initial application. No more than 2 Fellowships may be awarded to any candidate at the same level of study. Furthermore, candidates are not eligible to request a Fellowship for studies beyond the 5th year of a PhD or Post-Doc program.

The supervisory laboratory is responsible for funding a minimum of 50% of the amount of the Fellowship. However, the Cole Foundation will pay for the full amount of the yearly supplement as noted above. If the Principal Investigator (the supervisor of the candidate) has been a supervisor for 5 years or less at the time of the application deadline, the Cole Foundation will fund 100% of the cost of the Fellowship.

**Attention to all our postdoctoral applicants, due to the changes made by the government of Quebec as of January 2017, Please note the stipend will be subject to the assessment of applicable tax and benefit rates required by payroll regulations.**

**The deadline for the competition is Friday, February 2, 2018.** Application forms for submissions and for letters of support may be obtained through the host institution (University of Montreal, McGill University or the INRS-Institut Armand-Frappier) or from the Cole Foundation web site. The completed forms must be submitted by email to Nishat Shabnam. A paper copy of the first page of the application form with the original signatures should also be submitted to Nishat. **The award winners will be announced before the end of May 2018 by the Cole Foundation and the fellowships will take effect July 1, 2018.**

All forms are available at: <http://www.mcgill.ca/medresearch/graduate/funding/cole/>

- All applications and supporting documents **must** be submitted electronically.
- Please use Adobe Acrobat to convert your files to PDF.
- The Research and Graduate Studies Office no longer requires a paper copy of your application. **A paper copy of the first page of the application form with original signatures should be submitted in person to Nishat Shabnam**
- The file is to be named as follows: LastName\_FirstName\_Cole2017.pdf (e.g. Smith\_John\_Cole2018.pdf)

**Please submit applications to:**

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