Purpose of the Scholarship:
The UTCSP is committed to supporting the development of exceptional research trainees who will take future leadership roles in the field of pain science. The objective of this scholarship is to strengthen pain research and talent development through the provision of financial support for research training.

This scholarship is intended for pain science trainees who wish to pursue a career as a pain scientist, focusing on basic science research and/or clinical science research. We define Basic Science as research about pain, without a specific or immediate practical application, which can involve human beings (healthy or not). Clinical Science refers to research on pain practices (assessment and management), clinical outcomes, and knowledge translation.

The UTCSP Pain Scientist Scholarship is merit-based and will be awarded to applicants that exhibit high academic achievement, originality, excellent research ability or potential, excellent oral and written communication skills, and leadership abilities.

Application Deadline:
Applications are due Friday, July 3, 2020 without exception.

Value, Scope and Duration:
Scholarships will be awarded up to a maximum value of $12,500 per scholarship for a period of 1 year across graduate-level (i.e., Master’s or PhD student) and post-doctoral trainees. Holders of the scholarship may apply annually for up to a maximum of 2 years.

The scholarship will start in September 2020

Eligibility Criteria:
- All applicants must be engaged in full-time pain research (i.e., minimum 85% of a full-time equivalent).
- All applicants must be registered trainee members of the UTCSP and conduct research under the supervision of a registered regular member of the UTCSP.
- Graduate student applicants must be registered in a graduate program that requires a defended thesis in Division IV, Life Sciences, and School of Graduate Studies at the University of Toronto.
- Post-doctoral fellow applicants must be formally engaged as post-doctoral fellows with the School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto, and linked to a program in Division IV, Life Sciences.
- In either category, applicants’ research may be patient-focused or non-patient focused.
- Applicants with national CIHR funding (for PhD and post-doctoral trainees) or $30,000 in external funding (for Master’s trainees) will not be considered.

Conditions of the Scholarship:
- Applicants cannot be enrolled in a qualifying or “make-up” year or be on a paid educational leave or sabbatical.
- Applicants may accept research assistantships, part-time teaching positions, or other employment, which do not exceed a maximum of 10 hours per week, on average.
- Applicants are required to apply for stipend support from an external agency. A copy of the front page of the application(s) must be forwarded to the UTCSP office. If external funding is obtained
you must accept this funding and the UTCSP Pain-Scientist Scholarship will fund the differential to a total amount, to be determined by the UTCSP Research Committee in consultation with applicants’ supervisors.

- This scholarship is not automatically renewed; trainees must apply annually to be considered for further funding.
- Application for this scholarship does not preclude application for an OGSST award, if eligible.

Selection Process:
Applicants will be ranked and selected by the UTCSP Research Committee.

Application Procedures:
A copy of the following documents must be submitted as a PDF file in the following order:

Submission by Applicant:
- Completed Applicant Summary Sheet.
- A one-page Research Proposal Summary, excluding references. The summary should include the following: background, overview of research plan, project aims, methods, and significance of the project. The Research Proposal Summary must be written by the applicant.
- In addition to the Research Proposal Summary, trainees currently holding this scholarship, and applying for another year of support, must complete a one-page Progress Report, excluding references. Use the following headings to frame your report: Original aims; Progress to date; Output during the past year.
- Curriculum Vitae of significant academic accomplishments including peer publications, scientific presentations, awards, and other evidence of scholarly activities.
- Copies of current and previous academic program transcripts.

Submission by Applicant’s Supervisor:
- One Academic Assessment Report completed by the applicant’s supervisor (see attached form).
- A letter of reference from the applicant’s supervisor.

Submission of Applications:
Please submit your application in a single PDF file in the exact order as outline above to Nancy Mitchell, UTCSP Administrative Coordinator - Email: nancy.mitchell@utoronto.ca

Attachments:
Applicant Summary Sheet
Academic Assessment Report
This is a summary only and reflects the documentation included in this application.

**Student Information**

Full Name: ____________________________________________  Student Number: ______________________________

Discipline:  Aboriginal Health  Addiction Studies  Aging, Palliative & Supportive Care Across the Life Course  Biochemistry  Bioethics  Biomedical Toxicology  Biomolecular Structure  Biotechnology  Cardiovascular Sciences  Cell & Systems Biology  Dentistry  Developmental Biology  Doctor of Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy  Ecology & Evolutionary Biology  Exercise Sciences  Genome Biology & Bioinformatics  Global Health  Health Policy, Management & Evaluation  Health Services & Policy Research  Immunology  Laboratory Medicine & Pathology  Medical Biophysics  Medical Science  Molecular Genetics  Neuroscience  Nursing Science  Nutritional Sciences  Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy  Pharmaceutical Sciences  Pharmacology & Toxicology  Physical Therapy  Physiology  Psychology  Public Health Sciences  Rehabilitation Science  Speech-Language Pathology  Women’s Health

Year and Level of Study: ____________________________  Research Category:  Basic Science ☐  Clinical Science ☐

I am not working more than 10 hours (paid) per week  Yes ☐ No ☐

**Summary Information:**

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Applicant Signature: ________________________________  Date: ________________________________
Instructions
This form includes two parts. Section A is to be completed by the applicant. Details about the deadline for applications and where to submit the application package are provided in the UTCSP Pain Scientist Application notice. Section B must be completed by the faculty member who is providing the reference.

Section A (to be completed by applicant)

Full Name: ___________________________________ Student Number: ___________________

Discipline:  Aboriginal Health ___ Addiction Studies ___ Aging, Palliative & Supportive Care Across the Life Course ___ Biochemistry ___ Bioethics ___ Biomedical Toxicology ___ Biomolecular Structure ___ Biotechnology ___ Cardiovascular Sciences ___ Cell & Systems Biology ___ Dentistry ___ Developmental Biology ___ Doctor of Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy ___ Ecology & Evolutionary Biology ___ Exercise Sciences ___ Genome Biology & Bioinformatics ___ Global Health ___ Health Policy, Management & Evaluation ___ Health Services & Policy Research ___ Immunology ___ Laboratory Medicine & Pathology ___ Medical Biophysics ___ Medical Science ___ Molecular Genetics ___ Neuroscience ___ Nursing Science ___ Nutritional Sciences ___ Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy ___ Pharmaceutical Sciences ___ Pharmacology & Toxicology ___ Physical Therapy ___ Physiology ___ Psychology ___ Public Health Sciences ___ Rehabilitation Science ___ Speech-Language Pathology ___ Women’s Health ___

Submit Report by: July 3, 2020 Send Report to: Nancy Mitchell, Administrative Coordinator University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain Email: nancy.mitchell@utoronto.ca

Section B (to be completed by faculty member)

Carefully mark the category that best describes this applicant’s academic performance in relation to all students at a similar stage that you have previously evaluated. You must complete, sign, and date Section B. You may also attach one page to elaborate on the assessment or provide other relevant comments, on letter-size paper, single spaced, 12 point Arial font, 1/2” margins. Please ensure this page is signed.

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Name: __________________________________ Title: __________________ Department: __________________  
Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________