

CABHI Science Collaborative (CSC) Fellowship Information Package

Vision: A world where every older person lives a life with purpose, fulfilment, and dignity.

Mission: To drive the development and adoption of transformative aging and brain health innovations.

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Fellowship at a Glance

- **Funding:** $15,000 CAD in funding.
- **Who can apply:** Eligible Master's or PhD students or postdoctoral fellows conducting research related to aging and brain health, and who are registered as a CSC Member.
- **Geography:** Open to those enrolled or employed at an accredited Canadian university or a recognized research or healthcare organization.
- **Match requirement:** Applicants must provide a 1:1 matching contribution through cash, in-kind support, or a combination of both.
- **Program focus:** Research trainee skill-building in knowledge mobilization (KM) through development of an innovative, non-traditional KM output.
- **Project term:** May 1, 2027, to October 31, 2027.

Fellowship Overview

The Centre for Aging + Brain Health Innovation (CABHI) values and recognizes the importance of innovative knowledge mobilization to maximize research impact. The CABHI Science Collaborative (CSC) Fellowship provides Canadian trainees (graduate students and postdoctoral fellows) with funding, training, and skill-building so that they can produce an innovative, non-traditional knowledge mobilization output related to their research on aging and brain health. The end users of these outputs are expected to be the general public, practitioners, policymakers, or industry partners.

Traditional academic outputs (e.g., scientific papers or conference presentations) are not eligible fellowship outputs. Examples of eligible outputs are listed below in Project Eligibility.

CSC Fellows will receive:

Funding	**$5,000 CAD salary offset** and **$10,000 CAD for project expenses** to complete a knowledge mobilization output of their research within **six months**.
Additional Services	In addition to funding, fellows will gain access to: • Monthly learning series with practical tools and guidance on how to get ready for implementation • CABHI's Acceleration Services, including promotion of the output through CABHI's communication channels • CABHI's extensive network to connect 1:1 or in small groups with end users of the knowledge mobilization output • Support from CSC peers • Use of the CSC Fellow title and opportunities to be featured as a CSC Fellow through CABHI marketing channels.

CSC Fellowship phases:

Phase 1 (Month 1): Learn + Ideate	Phase 2 (Month 2): Plan	Phase 3 (Months 3-5): Develop	Phase 4 (Month 6): Launch
Complete a sponsored knowledge mobilization asynchronous course (valued at $495 CAD) and connect with end users from CABHI's extensive network	Create a dissemination and/or implementation plan	Develop and receive feedback on progress and complete a mid-fellowship progress report	Launch output to the target audience, present output at the CSC Fellowship Showcase (virtual), collect success metrics, and submit the final report

Important Dates

Application Dates	
Applications Open	November 16, 2026
Applications Close	December 16, 2026
Announcement of Results	February 15, 2027

Fellowship Dates	
Start Date	May 1, 2027*
Project End	October 31, 2027
Final Report Due	November 30, 2027

**The contractual project start date will be February 1, 2027, to account for contracting timelines.*

Innovation Themes

CABHI supports innovations that address challenges associated with older persons and their care partners. Examples of challenges that CABHI seeks to solve include the following themes:

- Aging at Home
- Caregiver Support
- Care Coordination and Navigation
- Cognitive and Mental Health
- Financial Health and Wellness
- Women's Brain Health and FemTech

The proposed knowledge mobilization output must be related to one of CABHI's Innovation Themes. Learn more about CABHI's Innovation Themes on our website.

Selection Process

1. Online Application:
Applications are submitted online and then reviewed and scored by CABHI's expert review panel based on evaluation criteria.

2. Shortlist Selection:
Shortlisted applicants selected from the online application process will participate in a meeting where the review team can confirm their eligibility for funding and further assess the quality of their application as part of the competitive selection process.

3. Notification:
Applicants will be notified of the status of their application. Successful applicants will receive instructions to proceed with signing CABHI's funding agreement.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicant Eligibility:

- Must be registered as a CSC Member (register here: www.cabhi.com/sciencecollaborative)
- Must be enrolled as a Master's or PhD student in an academic, research-based program, or employed as a postdoctoral fellow
- Must be enrolled or employed at an accredited Canadian university or a recognized research or healthcare organization (e.g., hospital, research institute)
- Must remain registered full-time at their institution throughout the fellowship duration and be in good academic standing
- Must be located in Canada
- Must conduct research related to aging and brain health
- Must submit a Letter of Support from the applicant's academic supervisor (including co-supervisors)
- May be requested to provide proof of academic status and/or institution
- Awardees of CABHI's NextGen Support Package are not eligible to concurrently receive funding or support through the CABHI Science Collaborative (CSC) Fellowship
- Previous CSC Fellows are not eligible

Project Eligibility:

- Project must be based on the applicant's own research
  - *If research is not solely that of the applicant, the applicant must attest on the application form that they have the support of their research collaborators*
- Project must align with one of CABHI's Innovation Themes
- Project and associated budget are expected to adhere to milestones and progress tracking
- Project application and budget must adhere to the Eligible Expense Guideline (below)
  - *Project-related travel costs are not eligible*
- Project must have end-user engagement with the target audience when designing the output (e.g., consultation with a community member, practitioner, policymaker, or industry)
- **Eligible project outputs include (but are not limited to):**
  - A podcast episode
  - A series of infographics
  - Digital storytelling (e.g., through social media)
  - A video
  - Arts-based output (e.g., photography series, exhibit, comics)
  - A non-academic event such as a community workshop or community engagement event
  - Webinar series
  - E-Module
  - A website
  - Policy brief
  - A media partnership

    - A collaborative initiative with government (e.g., with a local city councillor)
    - An app
    - A toolkit (e.g., for practitioners)
    - A narrative (e.g., self-published book)
    - A game

- **Ineligible project outputs include (but are not limited to):**
    - A paper published in an academic or scientific journal
    - An academic or scientific conference presentation or proceeding
    - Funding of an existing output
        - *Although Fellows can leverage existing partnerships, events, etc., for promotion or development, funding will apply only to the expenses related to producing a new output.*
    - Outputs that are directly or solely produced using generative artificial intelligence (AI) (e.g., ChatGPT, automated writing software)

Application Eligibility:

- Application must be written and submitted by the applicant
    - *The use of generative AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT, automated writing software) for responses is not permitted*
- Only one application per applicant may be submitted
- The applicant's institution is required to provide 1:1 matching funds in alignment with CABHI's Matching Funds Guideline. These matching funds can include cash or in-kind contributions, such as applicant or supervisor's time, lab/meeting spaces, or infrastructure or resources that will be used.

Evaluation Criteria

Applicant Qualifications: 35%
The experience, expertise, and capabilities of the applicant that are relevant to the project's success.

Project Potential for Reach and Impact: 35%
The degree to which the project's innovative outputs can effectively and widely address important knowledge gaps in aging and brain health for relevant target audiences.

Application Quality: 30%
The feasibility, clarity, and completeness of the submitted application, including how well it communicates the project's goals, plans, and alignment with one of CABHI's Innovation Themes.

Links to Support the Application Process

The following links are also available on the CABHI's website as downloadable PDFs:

- Eligible Expenses Guideline

CABHI reserves the right to terminate the application process and the fellowship at any time, or change the terms and conditions.

For additional questions, please contact: sciencecollab@cabhi.com.

Application Link

To access the CSC Fellowship application link, log in to the CSC Members Portal.

If you are not a CSC Member yet, join now at www.cabhi.com/sciencecollaborative to receive an invitation to the CSC Members Portal.