

CPSI PATIENT SAFETY STUDENTSHIPS 2010-2011

ANNOUNCEMENT
September 15, 2009

**FOR SUPERVISORS OF STUDENTS FROM CANADIAN ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS
UNIVERSITIES, HEALTH REGIONS, HOSPITALS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL OR NOT-FOR-
PROFIT PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS**

Submission deadline: November 17, 2009 at 12:00 pm MT

CANADIAN PATIENT SAFETY INSTITUTE (CPSI) PATIENT SAFETY STUDENTSHIP PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

Studentships are an important way to increase capacity in patient safety. The Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) is inviting applications from organizations/supervisors interested in enabling students to participate in patient safety work. Funding is to support the work of students in any healthcare profession, as well as other disciplines (including but not limited to social sciences, human kinetics, psychology and human factors engineering) interested in patient safety. The goal is to create new collaborative learning opportunities aligned with the mandate of CPSI. Students are required to be the major resource in carrying out the tasks involved in each patient safety project.

Projects funded must have **patient safety** as a primary focus. Patient safety is defined as “the reduction and mitigation of unsafe acts within the health care system rather than from the patient’s underlying illness, as well as through the use of best practices shown to improve patient safety outcomes” (adapted from The Canadian Patient Safety Dictionary, October 2003).

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this program are to:

- Build capacity in patient safety;
- Encourage and provide opportunities for students to work on patient safety related projects; and
- Contribute to the creation new knowledge in patient safety.

GUIDELINES AND ELIGIBILITY

Who can apply?

PERSON WHO WILL SUPERVISE THE WORK OF THE STUDENT: Any person from Canadian organizations such as universities, health regions, hospitals, non-governmental or not-for-profit private organizations who will provide supervision for a student project may apply for this award. Applying organizations/supervisors that are interested in accessing these resources must provide matching funding to augment studentship funding that will enable students to participate in patient safety work. Matched funding must be in actual dollars and cannot be in-kind contributions.

What is the value of the award?

The maximum value of the award from CPSI is \$10,000.

CPSI funding is to be used for student stipends only. The student selected can be a student of any healthcare profession as well as other disciplines (including but not limited to social sciences, human kinetics, psychology and human factors) with an interest in patient safety, who are registered in an undergraduate or graduate program (part-time or full-time), and who will be a student during the period of the award. CPSI will not make funds available for administrative or overhead purposes. Project funds must be held by a Canadian not-for-profit healthcare organization or a Canadian university that is legally able to hold and administer funds.

What is the deadline for completion of the work?

The award is available for a one (1) year period (**April 1st 2010 – March 31st 2011**), therefore the project must be initiated and completed within this timeframe.

What is the selection of the award based on?

The selection of the award is based on the project description and it's relevance to patient safety and the mandate of CPSI, the supervisory experience, and the availability of matching funds in the amount of \$10,000 (which must also be used as a student stipend).

What are the requirements?

The funding must be spent within the period/duration of the award. A final report must be provided to CPSI within five months post-award (by August 31, 2011) and prior to any publications. An interim report must be submitted to CPSI (by August 31, 2010). A template for both the interim and final report will be provided to successful applicants

What are the exclusion criteria?

The following are not eligible for CPSI funding:

- biomedical or basic health research;
- activities or projects that are part of an accreditation process or program;
- ongoing research and projects;
- projects where patient safety is deemed to be a secondary focus of the application; and
- product development (i.e. medical device or products).

What are the review criteria?

The review criteria shall include evaluation of the (1) applicant and (2) the project. Kindly note that CPSI reserves the right not to allocate any funding if the projects submitted do not reflect the objectives and mandate of this program.

Project Requirements

- *Overall relevance to patient safety*
- *Relevance to CPSI mandate*
- *New project not yet initiated*
- *Clarity of project objectives and methodology*
- *Feasible project plan and timelines*

Supervisor

- *Experience – Curriculum Vitae (maximum of 5 pages)*
- *Prior experience in successful completion of projects / initiatives*

Funding

- *Availability of matching funds*
- *Reasonable costs (described in budget)*

What is the timeline for the 2010-2011 studentships?

Activities	Timeline
Announcement of the studentships	September 15, 2009
Deadline for submissions	November 17, 2009 at 12:00 pm MT
Selection and announcement of successful studentships	March 2010
Awarding of Funds	April 2010
Interim Report Due	August 31, 2010
Final Report Due	August 31, 2011