Network for Canadian Oral Health Research
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NCOHR Short Training Internships Program 2026-2027

Oral Health Research

Second Call for Applications from Host Sites

Research laboratories, health research institutes, university- or hospital-based clinics, industry, government, and community-based settings

Program Details

The Network for Canadian Oral Health Research (NCOHR) is pleased to launch the 2026–2027 Short Training Internships Program.

NCOHR is a **national research network** funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and its partners, aimed at initiating, supporting, and sustaining innovative and collaborative oral health research.

This call is directed to potential host sites interested in offering two-week, full-time training placements for trainees seeking to enhance their oral health research experience. Eligible host sites include research laboratories, health research institutes, university- or hospital-based clinics, industry, government, and community-based settings.

For host organizations, the program provides an opportunity to showcase their research environment, engage with emerging oral health researchers, support meaningful training experiences, and contribute to the development of future oral health research talent in Canada.

For trainees, the program will provide hands-on exposure to diverse research environments, mentorship from experienced teams, and opportunities to build research skills, professional networks, and a broader understanding of oral health research in practice.

This is the first stage of the program. After host opportunities are approved, NCOHR will launch a separate call for trainees to apply to the approved placements.

Through this initiative, NCOHR aims to strengthen oral health research training across Canada by connecting emerging researchers with meaningful short-term training opportunities.

Interested host sites are invited to submit a proposal for the 2026–2027 program year.

Funding Available

The NCOHR Short Training Internships Program 2026-2027 will offer **eight** trainee awards totaling $16,000. The award structure is tiered based on trainee mobility:

- **Four awards** valued at $1,000 for trainees undertaking training within their current city
- **Four awards** valued at $3,000 for trainees undertaking training outside their current city

NCOHR award funds are released directly to the awardee after the completion of the training program. No funding will be provided directly to the host laboratories, centres, or clinics.

Duration of Training

The duration of the NCOHR Short Training Internships Program is **2 weeks, full-time**. The training program does not provide allowances for sick leave, vacation, or other interruptions. If an award is disrupted or concludes prematurely for any reason, immediate notification to NCOHR (ncohr@dal.ca) is required.

Host Eligibility

Host-site applications may be submitted by organizations that can provide a training and mentorship experience aligned with the objectives of the internship program.

Eligible host organizations may include research laboratories, health research institutes, university- or hospital-based clinics, industry, government, and community-based settings.

The Research Director or equivalent senior representative within the host organization **must** be a member of NCOHR for the organization to be eligible to participate as a host. Membership is free.

Applicants who are not already members must register and create a member profile through the NCOHR website (ncohr-rcrsb.ca/member-account/join-the-network/). Due to the changes in our member registry, previous member profiles could not be transferred and may need to be recreated.

Application Requirements

An application must include the following:

1. Completed **Host-Site Application Form**.

Selection and Review Process

Host opportunities will first be submitted and evaluated by an independent review panel convened by the Network for Canadian Oral Health Research, comprising members of the network and representatives across relevant areas of oral health research. All reviewers will adhere to conflict-of-interest guidelines, and any conflicts will be managed through recusal. Following this review process, selected host opportunities will be approved for inclusion in the program.

Trainee applications will then be reviewed in relation to the approved training opportunities. Final placements will be determined through a matching process that considers trainee interests, qualifications, host requirements, and the approved training opportunity.

Submission of an application does not guarantee selection or placement. Approved host opportunities may not ultimately be filled, and eligible trainees may not be matched to a placement.

Responsibilities of Host Sites

- Ensure participation and engagement from team members during the training.
- Facilitate trainee involvement in research activities by providing appropriate orientation and ensuring access to all required training resources and supports.
- Provide exposure to sector-specific research, policy, regulatory, or innovation environments, as applicable, including opportunities to understand real-world implementation, commercialization, policy development, surveillance, or health-system integration relevant to oral health.

- Ensure compliance with applicable regulatory, privacy, and data-governance requirements specific to industrial or governmental settings.
- Provide feedback and participate in evaluation activities to support continuous improvement of the training program.
- Confirm completion of training.

Deadlines

- Host-site Application Submission Deadline: 11:59 p.m. Atlantic Time, October 30, 2026
- Anticipated Notification of Approved Host Opportunities: November 13, 2026

Questions

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