

Call for Learning Institute HQP Applications

The BioCanRx Cancer Stakeholder Alliance Learning Institute is entering its' 4th year, having debuted at BioCanRx's annual scientific conference - Summit for Cancer Immunotherapy (Summit4CI) in [2017](#). BioCanRx is a federally funded network that aims to bring promising cancer immunotherapies to clinic by using a network approach - funding researchers, proving training, and engaging key stakeholders including patients and caregivers. The Learning Institute was established by the [Cancer Stakeholder Alliance](#) with the overall aim of training patient scholars in cancer immunotherapy with the intention of growing patient experts in this field. The event brings together patients or caregivers and BioCanRx HQP. These LI participants engage in a series of interactive knowledge exchange sessions with the purpose of teaching patients about the emerging and innovative concepts in immuno-oncology and provide HQP an opportunity to learn from patients and get feedback about their research. The ultimate goals are bidirectional learning for both the patient advocates and HQP.

The LI serves to highlight the concept of patient engagement that refers to the meaningful and active collaboration of patients/caregivers, researchers, health care providers, and decision-makers to build a sustainable, accessible, and equitable health care system. Engagement with patients/caregivers ensures that the research process is more transparent, and provides key insights into the health research priorities of patients. In addition, patient engagement ensures that research conducted is relevant to patients' concerns. Patient engagement in the early stages of study design leads to improved practice and treatment. The LI at the Summit4CI provides participants with the opportunity to translate, synthesize and disseminate scientific research into lay language relevant to patient groups in health policy and systematic treatment access initiatives. As an HQP participant, you will work alongside a patient leader/caregiver to ensure they are familiar with the research concepts in immuno-oncology presented at the Summit4CI.

What are the expectations?

By participating as a member of the Learning Institute, you will be expected to:

- Take part in two 1.5-hr introductory training webinars in advance of the Summit4CI (dates TBD)
- Attend all activities of the LI at the Summit4CI:
 - Meet and Greet on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 4:30 – 5:30pm
 - Participate in Learning Institute knowledge exchange sessions on Sunday, November 21 and Monday, November 22, 2021.
 - Attend plenary and poster sessions with your paired patient learner
 - Attend the patient-research round-table lunch taking place on Monday, November 21, 2021 attended by participating network investigators, patient advocates, and trainees.
- Co-author the dissemination report following the Summit4CI

Eligibility

All HQP attending school or working in Canada are eligible. Please note that new applicants will be given preference. We expect to receive many applications, and unfortunately not all applicants will be able to participate, but we will inform success status of their application. Those who are selected to participate will be reimbursed for all travel associated with participation including waived registration.

You can learn more here:

1. [Learning Institute Webpage](#)
2. [2019 Dissemination Report](#)
3. First-hand stories from [2017](#), [2018](#) and [2019](#)

How do I participate?

Please submit your applications to Megan Mahoney at memahoney@biocanrx.com on **July 9, 2021 EST**. The application document can be downloaded from the [Summit4CI website](#).