**Call for Working Group Members**

**Summit4CI Highly Qualified Personnel (HQP) Working Group**

BioCanRx’s [Summit for Cancer Immunotherapy (Summit4CI),](http://www.cancersummit.ca/) taking place March 29-31, 2026 in Vancouver, BC, will showcase innovative research in cancer immunotherapy, featuring national and internationally renowned scientists. The event will bring together the Canadian cancer research community with representation from academia, government, industry, charities and patient advocacy groups to foster multi-disciplinary collaboration. The Summit will also deliver meaningful training activities for highly qualified personnel (HQP). To ensure that training activities meet the needs of HQP, BioCanRx will assemble a HQP Working Group to provide input, direction, and assist in delivering Summit training and networking activities.

**Eligibility**

BioCanRx is seeking current HQP from the network to participate on this Working Group. HQP includes undergraduate students, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, research associates, technical and clinical research staff. Efforts will be made to ensure that committee composition represents all of Canada, disciplines/core areas of BioCanRx’s mandate, and types of HQP.

**Responsibilities**

The Working group will meet approximately monthly via Zoom and once in person at the Summit4CI 2025. The main function of the Working Group shall be to provide input on and deliver HQP training activities at the Summit4CI 2025. Specific responsibilities include:

1. Provide input on topics for workshops and seminars;
2. Assist in the delivery of training activities at the Summit4CI;
3. Evaluate and rank HQP awards competitions for the Summit4CI;
4. Review the Training activities and make recommendations for improvements.

**Application**To apply to become a member of the HQP Working Group please:

* Complete the application form below
* Attach a copy of your CV

**Statement on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion**

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) strengthen the scientific community and the quality, social relevance and impact of research. Sound equity, diversity and inclusion practices increase access to the largest pool of qualified potential participants, enhance the integrity of a program’s application and selection processes, strengthen the research outputs, and increase the overall excellence of research. BioCanRx’s programs and peer review system are intended to ensure fair treatment of all applicants. BioCanRx is committed to implementing policies, processes and initiatives to identify and mitigate barriers and biases that may exist within its own programs and systems, and to work collaboratively with other stakeholders, when appropriate, to do the same.

**Questions?**

Please contact Julie Jonkhans, Training and Research Manager at jjonkhans@biocanrx.com.

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**Application for the HQP Working Group**

Complete all sections below; e-mail to jjonkhans@biocanrx.com by 11:59 PM PT on June 27th, 2025.

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| **Candidate Information** |
| Title:  | Surname:  | Given Names:  |
| Position & Year of Study (PhD Student, Post-Doc, Research Associate, Technical staff, etc):  | Institution name and address: |
| Phone number: | Email address: |
| Citizenship: [ ] Canadian (including Permanent Resident) [ ] Foreign |
| \*\* Gender: [ ] Woman [ ] Man [ ]  Gender-fluid, non-binary; and/or Two-Spirit [ ]  Prefer not to answer  |
| \*\* Do you identify as Indigenous, that is First Nation (North American Indian), Métis, or Inuk (Inuit)?[ ] Yes [ ]  No [ ]  I prefer not to answer  |
| \*\* Do you identify as a member of a racialized community? [ ] Yes [ ]  No [ ]  I prefer to not answer  |
| \*\* Do you identify as a person with a visible or invisible disability? [ ] Yes [ ]  No [ ]  I prefer to not answer  |
| *\*\*BioCanRx is an advocate for equity and is committed to ensuring representation in its community. We welcome applications from members of racialized communities, women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities. BioCanRx seeks to maintain its commitment to excellence and recognizes that increasing the diversity of its network supports this objective. These questions are not to tied award decisions; they are a tool that will allow BioCanRx to monitor the equity performance of its programs* |
| **Supervisor Information** |
| Title: | Surname: | Given Names: |
| Phone Number: | Email address: |

1. What interests you most about joining the Summit4CI Working Group, what do you hope to contribute, and tell us how this experience will help with your future career aspirations? (Max. 200 words)
2. Have you previously attended a Summit4CI? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No
3. Please list the name and contact information of a reference, along with your relationship to the reference. This can be your supervisor or another individual who can speak to your experience and description listed in Part A.

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| **Reference Information** |
| Title:  | Surname:  | Given Names:  |
| Gender: [ ] Woman [ ]  Man [ ] Gender-fluid, non-binary; and/or Two-Spirit [ ] Prefer not to answer  |
| Phone number: | Email address: |
| Relationship to reference:  |
| Preferred method of contact: [ ] Phone [ ]  Email  |

1. Provide your CV as a PDF separate document.