

Learning Institute 2022 Program Details – Academic Scholars

What is an Academic Scholar?

Academic Scholars/HQP (highly qualified personnel) are defined as individuals working or studying in the cancer immunotherapy field, and is inclusive of students, post-doctoral fellows, research associates, medical students and others engaged in research.

Eligibility

All HQP are eligible to apply; however HQP working in the labs of [BioCanRx Funded Investigators](#) or HQP working with members of the [Summit4CI Scientific Program Committee](#) will be preferred. Funded Investigators are defined as individuals who are currently funded or were previously funded by a BioCanRx research grant.

If accepted as a participant of the Learning Institute, your registration to attend the Summit4CI will be covered by BioCanRx. The expectation is that HQP participating in the Learning Institute have received a Travel Award based on abstract submissions, which will support costs incurred for travel and accommodation.

What will you do?

- Connect with a group of people with lived cancer experience (Patient Scholars) and engage in discussion about the patient perspective in research
- Attend a national cancer immunotherapy scientific conference (Summit4CI) with internationally recognized speakers, presentations, poster sessions and more!
- Listen to talks from leading scientists on the cutting-edge research across a broad range of cancer immunotherapy topics
- Learn how to break down complex scientific topics and distill key messages through oral and written communication
- Build connections and network with researchers, academics, students, patients, and other like-minded individuals in the cancer immunotherapy community

What are the expectations?

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

- Attend an Orientation webinar in early November (1 hr) *VIRTUAL*
- Take part in two introductory informational webinars aimed at the patient scholar audience in advance of the Summit4CI in November (Cancer Biology 101 and Immunotherapy 101) (2 x 1.5 hrs) *VIRTUAL*
- Participate in a science communication webinar and translation activity with Patient Scholars in November (1.5 hr) *VIRTUAL*
- Attend the Summit4CI at the Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth in Montréal, Québec for the duration of the conference (November 19-21, 2022) and attend all related Learning Institute activities ([click here for draft agenda](#)) including:
 - Meet and Greet (1 hr)

- Knowledge Exchange Sessions (2 x 1 hr sessions in person, 1 hr session post-conference virtual)
- Patient-Researcher Roundtable (2 hrs)
- Assist in co-authoring the dissemination report following the Summit4CI along with academic scholar partners.
- Have a willingness to actively engage with your patient scholar buddy and work with them throughout the pre-summit training and conference

As a PhD candidate, participating in the learning institute was not only a privilege, but also a reminder of why I originally entered my field of research and pursued a PhD! The Learning Institute is a wonderful addition to the BioCanRx conference. Pairing researchers with patient scholars is an excellent way to share knowledge, to learn, to listen. I learned so much about the patient experience and ways that researchers can effectively collaborate. We all have the same goal of finding better cancer treatments - we'll get there faster if we work together.

- 2019 Academic Scholar

You can learn more here:

1. [Learning Institute Webpage](#)
2. [2021 Dissemination Report](#)
3. First-hand stories from [2017](#), [2018](#) and [2019](#)

Please note that new applicants will be given preference. BioCanRx informs all applicants of the decision regarding their involvement in the Learning Institute.

[Click here for the link to the SurveyMonkey Call for Academic Scholars form](#)
[A document version can be downloaded here](#)

NOTE: You can NOT save your application in SurveyMonkey – we recommend you draft your responses in a word document and then copy them over.

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