

## 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, providing training, and engaging key stakeholders including patients and caregivers. The Learning Institute (LI) 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 and caregivers and BioCanRx HQP. 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. Unique to this year, the Summit4CI and LI will be taking place virtually from November 21 – 22, 2021.

### What are the expectations?

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

- Attend an orientation webinar in Sept.
- Take part in two 1.5-hr introductory training webinars in advance of the Summit4CI in Sept/Oct 2021.
- Attend a virtual Meet and Greet on November 18, 2021.
- Attend all activities of the LI virtually during the Summit4CI:
  - 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-researcher round-table taking place late November 2021, attended by participating network investigators, patients and patient advocates.
- Co-author the dissemination report following the Summit4CI.

**You can learn more here:**

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

**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 Programming Committee](#) will be preferred. 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 and others engaged in research. Funded Investigators are defined as individuals who are currently funded or were previously funded by a BioCanRx research grant. 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, however we will inform all applicants of their success.

**How do I apply?**

Please complete the [application](#) **Friday August 13, 2021 by 11:59 pm ET**. Please note, you can find the program details (this document) and the link to the application via:

<http://cancersummit.ca/program/the-learning-institute>.

Do not hesitate to contact Rida Gill ([rgill@biocanrx.com](mailto:rgill@biocanrx.com)) for further information.