2026 CAMH Koerner Conference and Travel Award (Fall Cycle)

Background

CAMH is hosting the Koerner Conference and Travel Award to provide financial support to trainees who will be travelling and/or attending conferences to present their CAMH research to better identify, diagnose, prevent and treat mental illness.

Award Guidelines

The Koerner Conference and Travel Award will provide up to $500 in expense support to CAMH trainees who are presenting their research at an academic conference. The award will be offered twice a year.

Application eligibility will be assessed by the Research Operations, Services and Support (ROSS) office, and awardees will be selected via lottery.

Eligibility Criteria

- This award is intended to support candidates who are CAMH Trainees at the Graduate or Postdoctoral level.
- Applicants must ensure their primary supervisor holds a scientific appointment at CAMH as Associate Scientist, Staff Scientist, Senior Staff Scientist, Scientist, or Senior Scientist. Information regarding CAMH scientists can be found at the CAMH staff directory. Please contact internal.funding@camh.ca to clarify eligibility if your supervisor's scientific appointment type is not listed here.
- Applicants must be presenting research that has been conducted at CAMH.
- Applicants may only apply for one award per cycle.
- Applicants can only receive a maximum of one Koerner Conference and Travel Award per degree.
- Previous awardees are not eligible to reapply, but unsuccessful applicants can.
- The Koerner Conference and Travel Award welcomes applications from First Nations, Métis and Inuit, racialized and 2SLGBTQ+ communities, women, people with disabilities (including people who have experienced mental health and substance use challenges), and those not listed who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

Conditions of Award

- Travel and conference expenses must be incurred in the 6 months before and/or 6 months after the notice of decision to be eligible.
    - This only includes conferences occurring between July 2026 and July 2027
- Applicants must submit proof of registration to an academic conference and proof of conference presentation before funds will be released.
- Awards will be granted based on the amount requested in the application, with a maximum value of $500. Awardees are responsible for any additional costs that exceed the award value.
- The award cannot be transferred to a different conference or activity than the one originally outlined in the application.
- To support broader distribution of awards, only one trainee per supervisor may receive funding. If multiple applicants from the same supervisor are selected through the randomized lottery process, the applicant appearing first in the randomized draw order will receive the award.
- As a condition of accepting an award, the awardee will be required to provide the CAMH Research Operations, Services and Support Office with an annual update of their current clinical or academic positions/affiliations for a total of five years.

- Applicants will not be able to receive their award at CAMH if their supervisor has any incomplete or outstanding trainee progress reports. The CAMH Research Office will work with the supervisor to ensure that all outstanding reporting requirements are completed prior to the funds being administered.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online by **December 7th, 2026 at 5:00pm (EST)** using the following form: https://form.jotform.com/262225436484257 . Late applications will not be accepted.

The online form will collect the following information to assess application eligibility:

- Applicant Name
- Email
- CAMH Supervisor
- CAMH Trainee Status
- Academic Institution
- Academic Program
- Link to the conference
- Conference dates
- Have you already been accepted to present at the conference?
- Title of conference presentation
- Using lay language, please provide your conference presentation abstract (max 2000 characters)
- Describe how attending the conference will support your professional development (max 800 characters)
- How much funding are you requesting (up to a maximum of $500)?
- For which types of expenses will the award be used (check all that apply)?

Contact

If you have any questions regarding the application guidelines or submission process, please contact **internal.funding@camh.ca.**

DEADLINES AT A GLANCE
Full Application: December 7th, 2026
Notice of Award: January 2027