

2026 CAMH Koerner Conference and Travel Award (Summer 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 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 January 2026 and December 2026
- 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.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online by **July 10, 2026 at 5:00pm (EST)** using the following form: <https://form.jotform.com/261484831960261>. 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: July 10, 2026

Notice of Award: July 2026