**VAST Travel Training Awards**

VAST Travel Training Awards provide financial support to training of VAST Co-Investigators, or their designate. Training includes either travel to another lab within Canada or abroad for the purpose of learning a new technique, or travel within Canada or abroad for a training-specific workshop. Travel training awards cannot be used for conference attendance.

Travel Training Awards are lab-based awards, meaning the principal applicant on the award must be a VAST Co-Investigator, however they may designate a trainee (MSc, PhD, PDF) or research staff within their lab to complete the training.

This award aims to:

* Encourage collaboration across the VAST network and beyond,
* To increase research capacity of our members, and
* To engage the larger national and international community in VCI research.

Applications for awards are accepted on a rolling basis, with priority given to early career researchers (faculty within 5 years of first appointment). Applications include a proposal and justification for the use of funds and a full budget outline (see application guidelines and fillable application below). A training report and travel expense form must be completed after the training for reimbursement. Applications may request up to a maximum award amount of $3000. Applications are subject to VAST internal peer review.

Eligibility:

* Applicant must be a VAST Co-Investigator
* Training must be novel to the applicant’s lab and be relevant to research related to vascular contributions to cognitive decline
* Only one award per lab may be awarded in the same financial year
* Funds must be used within 6 months following the notice of award and cannot be applied to previous training

Following the training, receipts (proof of expenditures) must be submitted for reimbursement, as well as a 250-500 word summary and photo(s) detailing the visit and its impact on your research. Material from the summary report may be used to publish a summary on the VAST blog, or social media accounts.

Applications must be submitted electronically with all attachments in a single PDF file to vast@ucalgary.ca.

**VAST Travel Training Award Application**

Applicant Details

| First name: |  | Last name: |  |
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| Email: |  | Institution: |  |
| Role: |  |

Designate Details (if applicable)

| First name: |  | Last name: |  |
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| Email: |  | Institution: |  |
| Role: |  |

Details of Travel

| Date from: |  | Date to: |  |
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| Location: |  | Institution: |  |
| Purpose: |  |

Proposal

| Include full details of travel and explanation of the project. Please explain how the project will advance your lab’s research capacity in the area of vascular cognitive impairment (max 250 words). |
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Budget

| Include full details of travel expenses including transport, accommodations, registration costs, meals. Include any funding sought from other sources, and/or a source of remaining funding if cost is over $3000. |
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| Budget Item | Total Amount (CAD$) |
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