

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – Q&A

Excellence Scholarship Competition Fall 2020 – Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Fellows

Important: This document complements the Students Guide for the 2020 TransMedTech Excellence Scholarship Competition. Considering that the implementation of this competition is part of the co-creation process of the TransMedTech Institute, the details related to the competition could evolve. Please check our website frequently for updates.

Throughout this document, the masculine gender applies to both men and women and is used solely for stylistics purposes.

The TransMedTech Institute subscribes to an Equal Access Program and encourages women, members of visible and ethnic minorities, Aboriginal person and person with disabilities to apply. Accommodation may be offered to persons with disabilities based on their characteristics.

<p>1. Can a student or postdoctoral fellow, whose project is in artificial intelligence, data technology or modeling/simulation not associated with one of the main research areas of TransMedTech submit an application?</p>	<p>No. Artificial intelligence, data technologies and modeling/simulation are cross-sectional technologies, and are not eligible on their own. They must be associated with one of the main research areas of TransMedTech (Diagnostic, prognostic and theranostic technologies / Therapeutic technologies / Rehabilitation technologies).</p>
<p>2. Does a student or postdoctoral fellow who completed his previous studies at the same institution have the same opportunities as a student from another university?</p>	<p>There is no specific rule for this. TransMedTech's mission is to attract the best students in their respective fields. It is important to demonstrate excellence, and specify how training in one location will help provide the skills relevant for a leading career in medical technology.</p> <p>In addition, the TransMedTech Institute subscribes to a program of promotion and access to equality, which enables to counter discrimination, and accepts diversity, as defined by differences of ethnic origin and religion, sex, gender and sexual orientation, Aboriginal status, ability and age.</p>
<p>3. Will the student graduate from the TransMedTech Institute ?</p>	<p>No. Master's and doctoral students will graduate from their own university once they complete their study program according to the rules in effect.</p>

<p>4. Is the scholarship guaranteed throughout the student's study program ?</p>	<p>The scholarship is normally renewed for the maximum period allowed as per the study program (see the Student Guide) without having to submit a new application. An annual evaluation of performance, advancement and adequacy in line with the mission will be carried out, and a satisfactory level is necessary to allocate funds for any subsequent year.</p>
<p>5. Does a student or postdoctoral fellow whose application has been accepted have to resubmit an application each year for his scholarship to continue ?</p>	<p>The student will not have to submit a new application. However, he must submit a progress report, which will be subject to an evaluation, the level of which must be satisfactory for the renewal of his scholarship.</p>
<p>6. Can a student who has already obtained a TransMedTech scholarship reapply for another program ?</p>	<p>Yes. If a student was awarded a scholarship in a previous competition (e.g. for a master's scholarship) and wishes to apply for a new program (in this case a doctoral scholarship), he is eligible to reapply.</p>
<p>7. Why do I have to choose a specific profile ? Is it mandatory to choose one when I submit my application ?</p>	<p>The choice of a specific profile corresponds to the nature of the project. It allows us to better target students who fit the profile and to adapt the training accordingly (e.g. internship). This requirement is essential when submitting an application.</p>
<p>8. If I already have a grant from a federal or provincial program, can I be a TransMedTech grant holder ?</p>	<p>Yes. We encourage students who have excellent records to apply for different competitions (this is an expectation of the program). If a student holds or obtains a scholarship or external funding along the way, TransMedTech funding will be adjusted accordingly to the maximum cumulative amount (see Student Guide) and the eligibility rules that apply. In all cases, the TransMedTech student may benefit from the travel stipend.</p> <p>It is also possible to combine a TransMedTech grant and an IVADO grant under certain conditions.</p>
<p>9. What will be the success rate of the competition ?</p>	<p>The success rate will depend on the quantity and the excellence of the submitted applications.</p>
<p>10. When will the selected students and postdoctoral fellows receive their scholarship ?</p>	<p>For the Fall 2020 competition, selected students will be able to receive their scholarship from January 1, 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's or doctoral student: January 2021 (winter session), May 2021 (summer session) or September 2021 (fall session) • Postdoctoral fellow: between January and September 2021. <p>It should be noted that a scholarship will be interrupted if a student carries out his project without obtaining a compliant ethics certificate, in the event that this is necessary.</p>

<p>11. Is the scholarship retroactive if the admitted candidate started his study program before January 1, 2021 ?</p>	<p>No, the scholarship is not retroactive. The period before the confirmation of the TransMedTech scholarship will not be funded.</p>		
<p>12. What are the member institutions of the TransMedTech Institute ?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polytechnique Montréal • Université de Montréal • CHU Sainte-Justine • CHUM • Jewish General Hospital 		
<p>13. Can a student or postdoctoral fellow be supervised by a single professor ?</p>	<p>No. To ensure the transdisciplinarity of the training program and projects, one (or 2) co-director(s) from another discipline is required. Here are some examples of eligible co-supervision:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>Director:</u></p> <p>Engineering professor</p> <p>Engineering professor</p> <p>Imaging researcher (engineer)</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>Co-director / collaborator:</u></p> <p>Biologist researcher</p> <p>Clinician-researcher (doctor)</p> <p>Radiologist</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><u>Director:</u></p> <p>Engineering professor</p> <p>Engineering professor</p> <p>Imaging researcher (engineer)</p>	<p><u>Co-director / collaborator:</u></p> <p>Biologist researcher</p> <p>Clinician-researcher (doctor)</p> <p>Radiologist</p>
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<p>14. Will the bureaucratic process be cumbersome ?</p>	<p>The least possible. It is at the heart of TransMedTech's mission to make research more efficient, while striving for excellence.</p>		

For any other questions, do not hesitate to contact us at bourse.transmedtech@polymtl.ca