



## Clinical and Research Training Award

2026-2027

To support the training of future experts in neurovascular medicine in Canada whose **scholarly work focuses on sex- and gender- based-analysis (SGBA) in stroke diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation**, StrokeGoRed is pleased to announce **TWO** national research awards. The award is open to **full-time post-doctoral fellows (MD/PhD)** training at an academic institution in Canada under the supervision of a Canadian investigator/supervisor, and meeting all eligibility criteria.

StrokeGoRed is a national Research Network of Excellence aiming to create critical new knowledge in women's neurovascular health, improve representation of women in research, build capacity in research and clinical practice through training of researchers and clinicians, and rapidly translate findings into practice through integrated knowledge mobilization.

### Award

**Salary support of \$30, 000 (CDN) for one year.**

### Award Categories

**Two awards are available:**

- **1 Post-Doctoral Fellow (PhD):**
- **1 Clinical Fellow (including MD, MD/PhD, MD/MSc)**

*Note: As this award will only provide partial salary support it is required that the host institution must commit to providing additional salary support to meet local institutional salary requirements for fellows. Benefits are the responsibility of the host institution.*

The goal is to select one Post-Doctoral Fellow and one Clinical Fellow for the awards. Final selections will depend on profiles and strength of applicants and applications.

### Eligibility

Applicants

- Must have been accepted into a recognized Canadian Stroke Fellowship Program, Canadian Stroke Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Fellowship Program, or a research Post-Doctoral Fellowship position in a Canadian institution, with a start date before December 31, 2026.
- Must not simultaneously receive another full salary award from a national or provincial funding agency or a non-profit organization ("full" representing 90% or more of the fellow's salary).
- Must have at least 30% protected research time with a written commitment by their supervisor/institution.
- Must be a Canadian resident or permanent resident or hold a valid Canadian work permit or student visa. Must be engaged in scholarly work focused on sex- and gender- based-analysis (SGBA) in stroke diagnosis, treatment, or rehabilitation during their training. This may take the form of a research project (clinical, epidemiological, or basic science), a robust quality-improvement project, or the development of educational tools and platforms.



**Term**

**The award covers ONE (1) year of training.**

**Award Application Timeline**

- Notice to programs: January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Application Deadline: April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 16:00 EST
- Review Process: April 6<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Notification of Funding: May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Funding Start: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

<b>Application Checklist</b>
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All of the following items must be submitted by the application deadline (documents can be in English or French). Incomplete applications will not be considered. Details for each document are provided below the Table)

<b>Application document</b>	<b>Points</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cover letter providing contact information for the applicant and anticipated program start and end dates (0.5-page maximum)	--
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal statement (1-page maximum)	<b>10</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Current academic curriculum vitae (CV)	<b>30</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed SGBA project description	<b>40</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor’s full academic CCV (Canadian Common CV format)	<b>5</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> TWO letters of reference (2-page maximum for each):	
• 1 <sup>st</sup> Letter from the proposed supervisor for the planned SGBA project	<b>10</b>
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> Letter from any other mentor or supervisor who can comment on the applicant’s qualities and accomplishments	<b>5</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100</b>

**Document Format:**

- PDF format (the only authorized format);
- 8 1/2 in x 11 in (216 mm x 279 mm), i.e. “Letter” size;
- All margins: Minimum 2 cm;
- Font: Times New Roman (12 points);
- Single line spacing;
- Inscribed in the header: Last name, first name of the applicant, and status at the time of application (e.g. DOE\_Jane\_Postdoctoral\_Fellow\_1st\_Year)

**PLEASE NOTE: Applications and supporting documentations written in French are allowed 25% more space.**



## **APPLICATION DETAILS:**

### **1. Personal statement (1-page maximum)**

- A. Describe how your project relates to advancing SGBA in stroke diagnosis, treatment, or rehabilitation;
- B. Describe why the StrokeGoRed Training Award is of interest to you and how you expect to benefit from this award, including with regards to your career goals;
- C. Discuss your current training environment and supervisory support;
- D. Describe your professional, academic, and extracurricular experiences/achievements and how they have prepared you to successfully complete your proposed project.

### **2. Applicant full academic CV (may be in Canadian Common CV format but not mandatory)**

### **3. Primary supervisor's full academic Canadian Common CV**

### **4. Proposed SGBA project description:**

The project description must include the elements listed below. The review scoring scheme is provided in brackets beside each category.

- A. Title of proposed study
- B. Lay summary (200 words). Description of the project and expected outcomes written in lay language (which could be used in future public communications of award winners, e.g., website)
- C. Scientific abstract (200 words)
- D. Complete project proposal written in scientific language that is sufficient to be published in a peer-reviewed journal (No more than five (5) pages, including tables, graphics and images (but excluding references). Please structure the proposal as follows:
  - i. Background and Rationale (5 points)
    - a. Description of the relevant background and rationale for the proposed project, including if available, any preliminary results.
    - b. Statement of the objectives and hypotheses
  - ii. Methods (10 points)
    - a. Description of the study population
    - b. Study design/implementation.
    - c. Outcome measures (including measurable outcomes and definitions of success)
    - d. Analytic plan
  - iii. Impact and Expected Outcomes (10 points)
    - a. Potential real-world/community impact should be highlighted
    - b. Description of expected results, project deliverables and knowledge translation and dissemination plan. Describe how the project aligns with the mandate of StrokeGoRed
  - iv. Feasibility and timelines (10 points)
    - a. Demonstrate scientific and technical feasibility. Where the proposed project relies on existing resources (e.g., databases, established research infrastructure, equipment), describe the availability of these resources.
    - b. Identify potential limitations and describe mitigation strategies.
    - c. Describe timelines and milestones.
  - v. Role of the applicant. The role of the applicant in the project must be clearly stated (5 points)



## 5. Letters of reference

### 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of reference from the primary supervisor:

This letter can be no more than two (2) pages. This letter should address the following elements:

- A. In what capacity do you know the applicant and for how long;
- B. Rate and explain your reasoning regarding the applicant's performance and experience, strengths/weaknesses and suitability for the current award;
- C. Description of planned research and training experiences and planned duration of program;
- D. Description of institutional and/or in-kind resources and mentorship available to the applicant;
- E. Commitment from the fellowship program (or supervisor or host institution) to provide additional salary support to meet local institutional salary requirements for fellows;
- F. Commitment from the program to provide at least 30% protected time for the applicant to devote to their SGBA project.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> letter of reference from other supervisor/mentor:

This letter can be no more than two (2) pages. The person providing the letter should have worked closely with the applicant. The letter should address the following elements:

- A. In what capacity you know the applicant and for how long;
- B. Rate and explain your reasoning regarding the applicant's performance and experience, strengths/weaknesses and suitability for the current award;
- C. Description of any support or mentorship you will be providing the applicant, if any.

**Please email your application documents by 16:00 EST on April 2, 2026 in one PDF collated in the order listed in the Application Checklist Table.**

**Title your document "LAST NAME, first name – SGR yyyyymmdd" to [karen.truong@sunnybrook.ca](mailto:karen.truong@sunnybrook.ca)**