A new award has been created to support Latin American graduate students or postdoctoral fellows interested in collaborative research with one of the laboratories of the Cell Biology Program of the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada.

The Jacobo and Estela Klip Fund will provide $8,000 (Cdn) to support the travel and accommodation expenses for successful candidates to spend a period of 4-6 months in a laboratory of their choice in the Cell Biology Program. The members of the Cell Biology Program and their areas of interest can be found at:


See the attached pages for details and for directions to the application website.
Appendix A
Cell Biology Travel Award –
Jacobo and Estela Klip Fund at Sick Kids
Award Overview

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicant eligibility
  - Career stage: Masters’ or Ph.D. student or postdoctoral fellow in Latin American University or Research Institute
  - Citizenship: Mexican, Central American or South American
  - Professional membership: Trainees must be/become members of one of the Latin American scientific societies affiliated to the Panamerican Association of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (PABMB; see http://pabmb.org/organization/member-societies/) or another accredited Latin American scientific society

- Host laboratory eligibility
  - Host Supervisor must be a member of the Cell Biology Program of the Research Institute of the Hospital for Sick Children of Toronto.
  - Host career stage: Scientist, Associate Scientist, Senior Scientist, Senior Associate Scientist, Scientist Track
  - Must commit to providing travel health insurance for the duration of the visit (estimated at ≈$300 through private insurer)

Application Process:

Applicant should contact potential Supervisor (defined above) to establish interest in hosting the visit.

Applications should be made electronically (via SlideRoom) accessing the following site:

https://sickkids.slideroom.com/#/permalink/program/54583

Application consists of: a) CV of Applicant; b) Reference letter from Applicant’s local Supervisor; c) Letter of agreement by proposed Sick Kids host Supervisor; d) Two-page project description (including references and figures, if appropriate); e) Up to 1 page statement of advantages of project to Applicant’s development and suitability of host laboratory.

Applications should be made before October 9, 2020 and decisions will be communicated by December 15th, 2020.

Successful candidates must then apply for Canadian Visitor’s visa and/or eTA, as appropriate and must take up the award within 12 months of being awarded.

Acceptance and Acknowledgment
Before the funds will be disbursed, the successful candidates must complete an Award Acceptance Form within 2 months of notification, committing to:

a) complete a one-page brief at the end of the award describing how the award furthered the applicant’s research project and career prospects

b) acknowledge the award in posters and other presentations arising from activity funded by the award.

c) send a thank-you note to the donors prior to completion of the award. Information to contact the donors will be provided at the time of notification of the award.

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