

2023/2024 Better Breathing Student Travel Award Guidelines

GENERAL INFORMATION

Summary Table of Lung Health Foundation (LHF) Better Breathing Student Travel Award

Type of Award	Purpose of Award	Eligibility	No. of Awards	Award Amount (\$)	Term
Better Breathing Student Travel Award	To promote research capacity among graduate students conducting lung health research. This award challenges student researchers to communicate a compelling story about the impact of their research project to an interdisciplinary audience without using jargon in three (3) minutes. Award recipients will be funded to participate in a thesis competition at LHF's Better Breathing Week 2024.	<p>At the time of application, applicants must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) be enrolled in a thesis-based graduate studies (i.e. master's or PhD) at an eligible Canadian post-secondary institution. 2) intend to present thesis work or on a research project where they are substantively contributing. <p>The research work to be presented must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) relate to one of the Lung Health Foundation's five (5) topical areas of focus (Asthma, COPD, Lung Cancer, Infectious Respiratory Disease especially prevention, or Smoking/Vaping Cessation/Prevention). 2) include a description of research question, design, results, relevance, Equity/Diversity/Inclusion considerations (EDI), and knowledge mobilization plan. 	18	Up to \$1300.00*	1 time/year

*Note that the total \$1300.00 assumes economy level travel or gas mileage at \$0.59/km up to \$600.00, two nights' accommodation in Toronto at \$300.00/night, and \$100.00 towards meals taken during transit to and from the conference, but not during the conference itself as meals will be provided.

Application Schedule

Type of Award	Application Deadline	Finalist Notification	Finalist Presentations at Better Breathing Week 2024
Better Breathing Student Travel Award	Updated! November 29 th , 2023	December 6 th , 2023	January 19 th , 2023

AWARD DESCRIPTION

Better Breathing Student Travel Award

Purpose

The Lung Health Foundation (LHF) Better Breathing Student Travel Award aims to promote research capacity among graduate students conducting lung health research. This award challenges student researchers to communicate a compelling story about the impact of their research projects to an interdisciplinary audience without using jargon in three (3) minutes. Award recipients will be funded to participate in a thesis competition at LHF's Better Breathing Week 2024 in-person in Toronto. Award recipients will also have access to a student mentorship session and all other sessions at the conference.

Description:

Master's and PhD students working on research related to one of LHF's five (5) topical areas of focus (Asthma, COPD, Lung Cancer, Infectious Respiratory Disease especially prevention, or Smoking/Vaping Cessation/Prevention) will submit abstracts for consideration towards presenting at the Better Breathing Week 2024 in-person in Toronto on Friday January 19, 2024.

Up to eighteen applicants will be accepted to present, and will receive up to \$1300.00 towards travel and accommodation expenses (subject to the terms and conditions) as well as free registration to the conference. At the conference, the finalists will participate in a 3-minute Rapid-Fire Thesis Competition where they will be evaluated on set criteria. Each finalist will be allowed one PowerPoint slide to use as a visual aid for their presentation. Please note that the presentation will be recorded.

Following the competition and announcement of the third, second, and first place winners, there will be a mix-&-mingle mentoring and networking event involving veteran researchers.

Eligibility

At the time of application, the applicant must:

1	<p>Be a full-time PhD or master's student researcher attending an eligible institution as listed on one of the following webpages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) eligible institutions • Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) eligible institutions or • Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) eligible institutions
2	<p>Apply with an abstract for a research project directly relevant to one of LHF's five topical areas of focus (Asthma, COPD, Lung Cancer, Infectious Respiratory Disease especially prevention, or Smoking/Vaping Cessation/Prevention)</p> <p><i>Those deemed outside these topic areas will be eliminated from the selection process.</i></p>
3	<p>Understand that if they are accepted as a finalist, they must attend Better Breathing Week 2024 on Friday January 19, 2024 in-person in Toronto to present. Inability to attend in person will be grounds for elimination.</p>
4	<p>Not hold funding from the tobacco industry.</p>

Award Value and Terms

Upon conclusion of Better Breathing Week 2024 and the submission of receipts to LHF, finalists will be refunded up to \$1,300.00 for economy-level travel tickets or gas mileage at \$0.59/km, two (2) nights' accommodation of equal to or less than \$300.00/night, and meals taken in transit. Meals during the conference will be provided; therefore, meals sourced from outside the venue during the conference will not be reimbursed.

Timelines

Wednesday November 29, 2023 by 4:00pm ET (Updated!)	Application deadline
Wednesday December 6, 2023 by 4:00pm ET	Finalist notification
Wednesday January 10, 2024	Finalists' presentation slide submission deadline
Friday January 19th, 2024	Finalist Presentations at Better Breathing Week 2024
Monday February 19th, 2024	Finalists submit receipts for travel, accommodation, and in-transit meal expenses

Application Evaluation Consideration

- 1) Clarity
- 2) Rigor
- 3) Impact on the lung health community
- 4) Appeal to an inter-disciplinary audience
- 5) Alignment with the Lung Health Foundation's five (5) topical areas of focus

Application Instructions and Requirements

- 1) The application form and copies of all supporting documentation must be submitted to LHF via this SurveyMonkey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BBW2024travelawards>
- 2) The application link will close at 4pm ET on Wednesday November 22, 2023.
- 3) Applications or supporting documentation received via email or post will not be accepted.
- 4) The application will ask for the following:
 - a) Basic contact information of the applicant
 - b) Institutional Information (e.g., institution name, department, thesis supervisor, year of study for master's or PhD, research area, etc.)
 - c) Supporting documentation to prove you are currently enrolled at an eligible institution (e.g., letter from supervisor, screenshot of student portal page, photo of student card if it includes dates, confirmation of enrollment letter, etc.)
 - d) Lay abstract of 500 words or less using language that is comprehensible to a general audience not familiar with scientific terminology (i.e., at a Grade 6 level) that addresses the following:
 - i) Research Question
 - ii) Background
 - iii) Approach/Methodology
 - iv) Findings
 - v) Impact of research on lung health and how knowledge will be shared
 - vi) EDI considerations within the research project

Use of Awards

Excess Expenditures

Any expenditure incurred by an awardee in excess of the award amount or beyond the term of the award are the responsibility of the awardee.

Promotional Content

LHF reserves the right to retain a copy of the PowerPoint slide presented during the 3-minute Rapid-Fire Thesis Competition, as well as the recording of the presentation, and may share these on LHF websites, social media, newsletters, and interactive online platforms.

To facilitate communication of research funded by LHF, scientific abstracts and lay summaries submitted during the application process for the Better Breathing Student Travel Award may be released for print and other media. Awards will be posted on the LHF website, social media, newsletters and interactive online platforms.

The awardee must agree to be available for fundraising and awareness campaigns (in videos, photos, and text articles) related to the benefits of receiving research funding through LHF. Additionally, they should agree that LHF will thereafter reserve the right to use the applicant's likeness to promote the benefits of receiving research funding through LHF.

Indemnification

The LHF, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, and affiliated committee members shall not be responsible for any claims or other matters arising from receipt of this travel award.