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c.c.: Isra Levy, MD, Canadian Blood Services, Vice President, Medical Affairs and Innovation

From: Robert Skeate, MD, Canadian Blood Services, Transfusion Medicine Physician Trainee Program Director

Date: July 8, 2019

Subject: Canadian Blood Services – Funding for Transfusion Medicine Physician Trainees

As you know 'Canadian Blood Services' will be funding transfusion medicine physician trainees for the 2019/2020 academic year as listed below:

University	Trainee	Period of Funding
McMaster University	Dr. Akash Gupta	July 2019 – June 2021
University of Toronto	Dr. Aditi Khandelwal	July 2019 – June 2021

We are also committed to fund one trainee for the academic years 2020 – 2022

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University of Toronto	Dr. Rachel Jug	July 2020 – June 2022

The number of transfusion medicine trainees that can be financially supported by Canadian Blood Services in the academic years 2020-2022 has not yet been determined. However, given the number of vacant positions we should (assuming there are appropriate candidates) be able to fund one other new trainee beginning in July 2020.

The process to apply for this funding remains the same as last year. The programme is administered from Toronto through Julia Gilmore and Bob Skeate. The process is outlined in this memo.

Applications to receive funding for a transfusion medicine trainee through Canadian Blood Services must be received by Julia Gilmore at Canadian Blood Services by September 30, 2019. The application, submitted by the university's transfusion medicine program director, must include the following:

- completed application form – attached to this letter
- the potential trainee's current CV (including a statement of interest and career plans)
- copies of letters of reference for the trainee received by the university program (including one from the applicant's current programme director/department head/supervisor)
- a letter stating that the candidate will be admitted to the university's transfusion medicine training program.
- Proof of Canadian citizenship or Canadian permanent resident status

Note: The candidate must:

- be a Canadian citizen or have Canadian permanent resident status
- have a license to practice medicine in the province in which the training will occur.

For the upcoming academic year (i.e. beginning July 2020) Canadian Blood Services will allot the available funding using the following considerations:

- evaluation of the potential trainee's application by a medical/scientific committee whose membership includes Canadian Blood Services employees plus representation from without Canadian Blood Services. The committee will include only physicians/scientists who are not affiliated with any of the currently accredited training programs;
- geographical distribution of trainees.

Canadian Blood Services' decision regarding funding will be communicated to the program directors by October 31, 2019.

If you have any questions concerning this process please do not hesitate to contact

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Attachment: Application for TM Trainee Funding