

## **Amgen Canada Grants and Preceptorships/Mentorships Program**

Amgen, a pioneer in biotechnology, harnesses the power of cellular and molecular biology and medicinal chemistry to discover develop and deliver innovative human therapeutics.

For more than 25 years, Amgen science has generated important medical discoveries, resulting in medicines that have helped millions of patients fight kidney disease, cancer, rheumatoid arthritis and other serious illnesses.

Amgen Canada is pleased to provide, in partnership with CANNT, a grants and preceptorship/mentorship program that will provide financial support to enable educational, mentorship and research opportunities for CANNT members. All grants are conducted as per the Amgen Canada Medical and Canadian Code of Conduct, meaning there is no obligation to use, promote or market product tied to awarded grant.

### **General Overview:**

The Amgen Canada Grants which will be awarded in 2009, are as follows:

- i. Amgen Canada Inc. International Nursing Conference Travel Grant, to the value of \$3,000
- ii. Amgen Canada Inc. Nursing Research Project Grant – Novice Researcher (minor project), to the value of \$2,000
- iii. Amgen Canada Inc. Nursing Research Grant – Experienced Researcher (major project), to the value of \$4,000
- iv. Amgen Canada Inc. Nephrology Preceptorship/Mentorship Grant – Nurse Practitioner, to the value of \$3,000
- v. Amgen Canada Inc. Nephrology Preceptorship/Mentorship Grant – Vascular Access Nurse, to the value of \$3,000
- vi. Amgen Canada Inc. Nephrology Preceptorship/Mentorship Grant – Nursing Outreach, to the value of \$2,000
- vii. Amgen Canada Inc. Nephrology Technological Practice Grant, to the value of \$2,000

The application form at the back of the booklet may be utilized to facilitate grant application.

Inquiries related to the grants are to be directed to:

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**Closing date for applications: June 1st, 2009**

**Response Date: September 1st, 2009**

Grant winners will be announced at the CANNT Annual General Meeting. Funds must be used in accordance with specifically outlined grant timelines.

### **Applicant Eligibility Criteria**

One applicant will be selected from the applications submitted for each of the grants. The successful applicant will be selected based on the merit of their submission regardless of their country of origin.

In the event that one of the grant areas has no applications in a given year, consideration will be given to provide funding to more than one applicant in another category. Amgen and/or the CANNT executive will reserve the right to withhold any grant on the basis of lack of suitable applicants.

CANNT BOD members, during their tenure on the board with the exception of the Journal Editor, are not eligible to apply for a grant.

Applicants must meet the specific requirements for each individual grant and satisfy the following criteria:

1. The applicant must be a registered member of CANNT at the time of application.
2. The applicants' major area of work must involve nephrology health care.
3. Successful applicants are not eligible to apply for an additional grant the granting year following their award.
4. The applicant must submit a brief resume with his/her application form demonstrating evidence of continued commitment to nephrology healthcare including CANNT activities (e.g. attendance at CANNT Symposia, oral or poster presentations.)
5. The applicant must be willing to submit an abstract for presentation at the Annual CANNT Symposium the year following receipt of an Amgen grant. It is understood that conference registration, return airfare and accommodation will be sponsored by Amgen Canada should the abstract be accepted.
6. The applicant (if applicable, i.e. Junior/Senior Researcher) will be required to submit a minimum 250 word report (i.e. New educational material) to CANNT and Amgen Canada within one month of completion of the Grant or Preceptorship/Mentorship with a view to publish in the CANNT Journal.
7. Entries must be submitted on the official application form.

All completed grant application forms and supporting documentation must be submitted to:

Amgen Preceptorship/Mentorship Awards Committee  
c/o CANNT Administration Office Manager  
336 Yonge Street  
Suite 322  
Barrie, ON  
L4N 4C8  
[cannt@cannt.ca](mailto:cannt@cannt.ca)

All applications/submissions will be received in confidence.

## Individual Grant Details:

### International Nursing Nephrology Travel Grant

Amgen Canada, in partnership with CANNT, is pleased to support the nephrology nursing community with grants to facilitate attendance at select symposia as follows:

**One grant of \$3,000 will be awarded to the successful applicant to attend a major international nephrology conference as follows:**

- Kidney Foundation of Canada Annual Leadership Conference
- European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association (EDTNA) Annual Symposium
- American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA) Annual Symposium
- Annual Dialysis Conference

### Objectives

- To provide support for the ongoing education of current nephrology staff via attendance at international meetings in the area of nephrology patient management or research
- N.B. An international conference held in Canada would qualify for this grant.
- To facilitate nephrology nursing education and knowledge transfer

The \$3,000 will contribute to the following:

- Travel costs
- Accommodation
- Registration
- Meal allowance per diem

Applicant requirements must be completed as outlined in the Program Charter

1. The applicant should have supportive documentation from his/her direct manager and/or Director (where appropriate). Supportive documentation includes signature on the application form and a letter of reference.
2. Written application for the Amgen Canada International Conference Travel Grant for nephrology nurses (500 words maximum) outlining the expected objectives / benefits for the applicant's professional development, also including anticipated expenditure as well as proposed benefits to the applicant's institution. The application is to be typed and posted with the application form.
3. Amgen Canada International Nephrology Conference Travel Grant for nephrology nurses must take place before end **June 1 of the granting year.**
4. The successful applicant must be willing to present his/her Amgen Canada International Nephrology Conference Travel Grant report through an educational program at his/her institution as negotiated with his/her manager.
5. The successful applicant must be willing to present his/her Amgen Canada International Nephrology Conference Travel Grant report at an Amgen organized educational meeting or submit an abstract to the next CANNT National Conference.

## Research Project Grants

### Objectives

- To promote the value of nursing research and promote future participation and interest from colleagues in nephrology research.
- To facilitate education and knowledge transfer in the specialty of nephrology nursing.
- To facilitate and promote evidence-based nephrology nursing practice

**Amgen Canada Research Project Grant – Novice Researcher, to the value of \$2,000**  
**A nurse with 2 years or less nephrology experience (minor project)**

**Amgen Canada Research Grant – Experienced nurse, to the value of \$4,000**  
**More than 5 years nephrology experience (major project)**

A member of the CANNT executive will act as a mentor & assist as required.

### Applicant Requirements

1. The applicant should have agreement from his/her direct manager and/or Director (where appropriate). Supportive documentation includes an authority signature on the application form and a letter of reference from the direct manager.
2. A written application, no greater than 1,000 words, must be submitted for the Amgen Canada Research Project Grant. The application is to be typed and posted with the application form.

The proposal should include:

- Clear hypothesis
  - Clear objectives and aims
  - Relevance to current nephrology nursing practice
  - Clear methodology
  - Expected outcomes
  - An itemized budget outlining anticipated expenditure and any institutional in-kind support.
3. The Amgen Canada Nephrology Research Project Grant project must be completed within 24 months of announcing the successful applicant. A report of approximately 5,000 words must be submitted to Amgen and the CANNT executive within three months of completing the project. The successful applicant will be strongly encouraged to submit research results/findings for publication shortly thereafter.
  4. The successful applicant should be willing to present his/her Amgen Canada Nephrology Research Grant report through an educational program at his/her institution as negotiated with his/her manager.
  5. The successful applicant must be willing to either present his/her Amgen Canada Nephrology Research Grant Project and results at an Amgen organized educational meeting or submit an abstract to the next CANNT National Conference.

## **Nephrology Preceptorship/Mentorship Nephrology Nursing Grants (Outreach, Vascular Access, Advanced Practice Nurse)**

### Objective

- To provide opportunity for nephrology nurses in specialty roles to gain knowledge through preceptorship/mentorship opportunities within an area of practice that will complement their existing roles in nephrology nursing.

### **Amgen Canada Nephrology Nurses Preceptorship/Mentorship Grant – Nurse Practitioner, to the value of \$3,000**

Mentorship in an environment chosen to build on current NP practice and knowledge base (i.e. in Canada, fully established centre of excellence; out of country approved centre would be considered via application process.)

### **Amgen Canada Nephrology Nurses Preceptorship/Mentorship Grant – Vascular Access, to the value of \$3,000**

Mentorship in an environment chosen to build on current Vascular Access practice and knowledge base (i.e. in Canada, fully established centre of excellence; out of country approved centre would be considered via application process.)

### **Amgen Canada Preceptorship/Mentorship Grant – Outreach Experience, to the value of \$2,000**

Mentorship in an environment that allows for the applicant to reach out to special populations in order to implement a change strategy; i.e. aboriginal populations and CKD prevention programs.

### **Applicant requirements:**

1. The applicant should have agreement from his/her direct manager and Director of Nursing or Nurse Unit Manager (where appropriate). This requires an authority signature on the application form and a letter of reference from the direct manager.
2. Written application for the Amgen Canada Nephrology Healthcare Professional Preceptorship/Mentorship Grant (500 words maximum) stating the expected benefits and proposed implementation of these benefits for the applicant's institution. The applicant should be currently employed in a nephrology clinical environment, which should be clearly demonstrated in a submitted resumé.
3. The activity funded by the Amgen Canada Nephrology Healthcare Professional Preceptorship/Mentorship Grant 2008 must take place before **June 1 and September 1**
4. The successful applicant should be willing to present his/her Amgen Canada Nephrology Health Care Professional Preceptorship/Mentorship Grant report through an educational program at his/her institution as negotiated with his/her manager.
5. The successful applicant must be willing to present his/her Amgen Canada Nephrology Healthcare Professional Preceptorship/Mentorship Grant report at an Amgen organized educational meeting or submit an abstract to the next CANNT National Conference.

## **Nephrology – Technology Grant**

### **Objectives:**

- To facilitate education and knowledge transfer in the specialty of nephrology technological practice

### **Amgen Canada Nephrology – Technology Grant, to the value of \$2,000**

Facilitation of a preceptorship/mentorship experience for technologists in an environment chosen to build on current technological, biomedical, or nephrological knowledge. (i.e. Spending time in a centre of excellence in nephrology technology in order to broaden perspectives and/or complete a small research project).

Grant available to the successful applicant to facilitate:

- Attendance at a national or international conference related to biomedical or renal technology
- A preceptorship/mentorship in an environment chosen to build on current technological practice and knowledge (i.e. in Canada, fully established centre of excellence; out of country approved centre would be considered via application process)
- A small research project

### **Applicant requirements include:**

1. The applicant should have agreement from his/her direct manager and Director of Nursing or Nurse Unit Manager (where appropriate). This requires an authority signature on the application form and a letter of reference from the direct manager.
2. Written application for the Amgen Canada Nephrology Healthcare Professional Preceptorship/Mentorship Grant (500 words maximum) stating the expected benefits and proposed implementation of these benefits for the applicant's institution. The applicant should be currently employed in a nephrology clinical environment, which should be clearly demonstrated in a submitted resumé.
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## Grant Application Criteria and Checklist for 2008

Please use this checklist to ensure you send all relevant materials with your application.

If you do not check all the boxes, your entry will be invalid.

- Completed application form
- Approval, sign-off and recommendation letter from direct reporting manager
- Resumé
- Covering letter
- Written application for the grant (500 words for international travel, Preceptorship/Mentorship, novice research and technology; 1,000 words for senior research)
- CANNT membership number

For all further enquiries please contact:

Amgen Preceptorship/Mentorship Awards Committee  
c/o CANNT Administration Office Manager  
336 Yonge Street  
Suite 322  
Barrie, ON  
L4N 4C8  
[cannt@cannt.ca](mailto:cannt@cannt.ca)

## Travel, Research and Preceptorship/Mentorship Application Form

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Position</b>	
<b>Hospital/Institute</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>City/Province</b>	
<b>Phone Number</b>	
<b>Fax Number</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>CANNT Membership Number</b>	

I would like to apply for the:

- Amgen Canada Nephrology International Conference Travel Grant
- Amgen Canada Nephrology Research Grant – Novice
- Amgen Canada Nephrology Research Grant – Experienced
- Amgen Canada Nephrology Nurses Preceptorship/Mentorship Grant – Nurse Practitioner
- Amgen Canada Nephrology Nurses Preceptorship/Mentorship Grant – Vascular Access
- Amgen Canada Nephrology Healthcare Professional Preceptorship/Mentorship Grant – Outreach Experience
- Amgen Canada Nephrology Technology Grant

<b>Applicant's Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Direct Manager's Signature</b>	
<b>Please print Direct Manager's Name</b>	

Please post your application form with documentation to:

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336 Yonge Street  
Suite 322  
Barrie, ON  
L4N 4C8  
[cannt@cannt.ca](mailto:cannt@cannt.ca)

### Privacy

All members of the GRC, staff assisting the committee and Amgen Canada employees shall treat all applications in-confidence. Applications will be reproduced for purposes of review and program administration only. Information comprising the names of successful applicants, their institutions, and/or titles of their research projects, the grant awarded and amount of that grant will be disclosed at the CANNT AGM annually and may be published in an Amgen Nephrology Research Grants brochure, public relations literature and/or other documents for general distribution. Applicants will be required to sign a release of personal information disclaimer as part of the application process.