Consistent with the memorandum of understanding between the Hotchkiss Brain Institute (HBI) and both the University of Melbourne and the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health, we are issuing a request for applications to participate in the RHISE HBI-Melbourne Trainee Exchange Program.

The Rebecca Hotchkiss International Scholar Exchange (RHISE) program will accept applications from eligible graduate students and postdoctoral fellows for funding to offset the costs of travel, accommodation and subsistence up to a maximum of $9,000 CDN. In addition, the University of Melbourne (MNI) and the Florey will contribute up to $5,000 AUD towards the Direct Research Costs incurred by the host laboratory for each exchange.

These exchanges are for advancing the strategic research agenda of our institutes. They should be for the purpose of establishing or furthering collaboration between researchers at our institutes. By offering these exchanges we anticipate that trainees will benefit by learning new techniques or skills. We expect that some trainees will also use these exchanges as an opportunity to explore future career possibilities in Calgary and/or Melbourne.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

**HBI Trainee**

Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows supervised by a full member of the HBI may be considered for travel to the University of Melbourne or the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health.

**OR**

**Trainee from the University of Melbourne or the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health**

Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows from these partner institutions may be considered for funding to support travel to visit the HBI.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- Fellowships of up to $9,000 CDN will be awarded to graduate students and postdoctoral researchers wishing to make collaborative visits to approved laboratories (contingent on provision of a budget and followed up by invoices). These funds are designed to offset the costs of travel, accommodation and subsistence.
- The University of Melbourne (MNI) and the Florey will contribute up to $5,000 AUD towards the Direct Research Costs incurred by the host laboratory for each exchange (contingent on provision of a budget with application and followed up by invoices).
- Exchanges will be considered eligible for funding for periods of at least four weeks and up to eight weeks.
- Fellowships can only be awarded once per applicant.
- Applications will not be considered retrospectively.
- Funding will not be provided to attend training courses.
- Applications will be considered from graduate students and postdoctoral researchers up to five years after receiving their PhD.
- The application form and all supporting documents must be completed in English.
- Eligible expenses include travel, subsistence, relevant immigration/visa fees, accommodation and direct research costs. In most cases, expenses will be reimbursed upon completion of travel unless otherwise agreed in advance.
- Receipts for all expenses must be submitted within one month of the completion of travel, with the exception of meals, which will be determined on the basis of a per diem of $20 CAD with no receipts required.
- At the end of each exchange, a 250-500 word report will be required summarizing the results and outcomes of the visit for publication on the institute website(s).
CITIZENSHIP:  Unrestricted, but applicants are responsible for the attainment of an appropriate visa.

WHERE TENABLE:  Hotchkiss Brain Institute, University of Calgary
The University of Melbourne
The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health

APPLY:  Completed application forms and all attachments should be submitted by email to the HBI Education Coordinator at jason.ng1@ucalgary.ca.

All applications will be adjudicated by a committee comprised of faculty members from the HBI, the University of Melbourne and the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health. Applications will be evaluated based on the merit of the candidate and the importance of the work to be done.

Please submit the completed application form and all attachments as one single PDF file.

NEXT DEADLINE:  October 30, 2016