# CHAT Discovery Competition

## Call for Research Proposals

CANet is committed to finding innovative solutions to reduce premature death and suffering caused by heart rhythm disturbances (arrhythmias). These solutions will also lead to economic and/or social benefits for the Canadian population.

CANet is inviting CHAT (CANet HQP Association for Trainees) members to submit research proposals for the **CHAT Discovery Competition**. The competition allows trainees to be the principal investigator on an original work. This award is not a funding mechanism to support/supplement currently funded research projects. This award is to support novel research ideas from applicants. Successful proposals will be given funds (maximum of $25,000) to initiate their proposed research project under the supervision/mentoring of a CANet Network Investigator. All submitted proposals must be aligned with CANet’s strategic research plan and involve one or more of the CANet areas of focus (Atrial Fibrillation, Syncope, and Sudden Cardiac Death). Matching funds (cash or in-kind) from potential partners are encouraged, but not required.

To conclude the competition, finalists will give an oral presentation during the **Expert Knowledge Exchange: Building for the Future** event held in **Toronto, Ontario** from **November 17 - 18, 2022**. To be eligible for this competition, you must be a member of CHAT and must be able to attend the event (all travel costs will be covered for finalists).

## Eligibility

* Applicants must be a member of CHAT.
* Applicants must have a mentor/sponsor that is a CANet Network Investigator (Please contact the CANet administrative office if you would like to be assigned to a potential mentor). For a list of CANet Network Investigators, please see the following link: <https://canet-nce.ca/who-we-are/network-investigators/>

Eligible applicants include:

* Students in progress of completing degrees (MSc, PhD, MD) in the fields of medical, scientific, engineering, social science and/or health care
* Medical Residents and Fellows, Post-doctoral fellows

## Application Details and Submission

A complete application includes the following:

**1) Application Details (Maximum one page) – On a separate page, please complete the following:**

a. Title of the Proposal

b. Name of applicant, current program and year of study (if applicable)

c. Supervisor(s)

d. Area of Research (Atrial Fibrillation, Syncope, Sudden Cardiac Death)

e. Keywords (up to 10)

f. Describe how the training/mentorship the applicant expects to acquire will contribute to their productivity and to the research goals they hope to achieve, and how this award will enable them to establish themselves as independent investigators or in their career development/advancement.

**2) Research Proposal (Maximum two pages, minimum size 12 Times Roman and ¾ inch margins)**

Provide a description of the proposed research project. The research proposal should include the research plan, specific project aims, methodology, and timelines.

* The proposal should be written in general scientific language as applications are being reviewed by multi-disciplinary committees.
* Where appropriate, include how previous training/experience relates to the present proposal
* Be sure to explain how this research proposal is different from your current research project and how this is your own unique idea.

**3) Research Budget** **(Maximum one page)**

Include an estimation of the research budget and provide justification. Include any matching funds (cash, or in-kind) if applicable. Matching funds are encouraged but not required for submission. All matching funds must be accompanied by a letter of support.

**4) Appendices**

Applicants are allowed a maximum of 4 pages for references, figures, etc.

**5) The applicant’s CV**

Submit your completed application in a single PDF document to research@canet-nce.ca by **September 12th, 2022.**

## Evaluation of Proposals

Proposals will be screened by the CANet administrative staff for completeness. Eligible applications will then be subject to peer review by a panel convened by the CANet Training and Education Committee.

Selected proposals will advance to the oral competition to be held at the **Expert Knowledge Exchange: Building for the Future** event in **Toronto, Ontario** from **November 17-18, 2022**. The oral presentations will be ranked and a final decision will be presented during the award ceremony at the event dinner.