Summer by Design

 PROGRAM APPLICATION

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Hosted by the University of Toronto’s Medicine by Design initiative, in partnership with CCRM, the Rotman School of Management and Stem Cell Network, **Summer by Design** is an intensive program for post-graduate students and postdoctoral fellows from Canadian and international universities in commercialization and translation of regenerative medicine.

Eight days of expert-led, interactive sessions including lectures, group work and case studies, participants will:

* Learn from experts across the technology translation continuum and be introduced to important topics involved in the commercialization of regenerative medicine including:
	+ **Commercialization** including productization, company creation and valuation, economic reimbursement, regulatory affairs and clinical translation, intellectual property, technology and market assessment, manufacturing and scale-up
	+ **Technology strategy and IP**
	+ **Regulatory affairs and reimbursement**
	+ **Marketing**
	+ **Strategic communications and pitching** including one-on-one coaching to develop presentation and pitch skills.
* Explore Toronto’s dynamic life sciences hub by meeting with clinical and industry leaders in regenerative medicine
* Make connections with other Summer by Design participants to strengthen their networks of international peers

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To apply to the program, please complete the application on page 3 with the requested additional documents to **sonam.dubey@utoronto.ca** by**11:59 pm on January 22, 2024, Eastern Time**.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Summer by Design participants are selected in a competitive process. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview for the program. Applicants will be evaluated based on the following selection criteria:

* Applicants must be senior PhD candidates or post-doctoral fellows in engineering, life science or medicine whose research is focused on regenerative medicine.
* Applicants should have a strong interest and/or experience in clinical translation or commercialization.
* Applicants demonstrate enthusiasm for working as part a team or group, an interest in international collaboration, and enthusiasm for sharing their expertise, research and insights from their home institution with the larger group.

**Notes:**

* Applicants must commit to participating fully in Summer by Design. Sessions typically run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays from June 10-19, 2024
* All applicants must provide a letter from their supervisor indicating they support the applicant’s participation in Summer by Design.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION:

The University of Toronto recognizes that diversity is essential to the creation of a vibrant intellectual community that allows our researchers to maximize their creativity and their contributions. Medicine by Design is therefore strongly committed to diversity in research and especially welcomes applications that engage racialized persons/persons of colour, women, Indigenous/Aboriginal Peoples of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ+ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

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**Application submission deadline**: January 22, 2024 at 11:59 PM Eastern Time

Instructions

The application includes **three (3)** items:

* + **Application –** Complete the following Microsoft Word template.
		- Formatting requirements: Arial size 11 font, with 1-inch (2.54 cm) margins, single spacing.
	+ **Curriculum Vitae** – Include your education, relevant research or work experience, academic awards and publications.
	+ **Letter of Support** – Attach a letter of support from your current supervisor on official letterhead, or ask your supervisor to e-mail it directly to sonam.dubey@utoronto.ca (Maximum 1 page).

Please submit all documents to**sonam.dubey@utoronto.ca**by**11:59 pm on January 22, 2024 at 11:59 PM Eastern Time** with subject line, ‘Summer by Design Application 2024’**.** Notification of receipt will be sent within one business day.

Applicants will be notified whether they have been selected to enter the program by mid-late February. Some participants may be invited for a short interview and will be notified by late January/early February.

SECTION 1: General Information

## **Applicant:**

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| Last Name, First Name:  | Role:  |
| Email Address: | Phone Number: |
| Mailing Address (please include postal/zip code and country): |
| Faculty/Department: |
| Institute:  |
| Emergency Contact (optional; this can be provided later after acceptance into the program): |
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## **Supervisor:**

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| Last Name, First Name:  | Role:  |
| Email Address: | Phone Number: |
| Mailing Address (please include postal/zip code and country): |
| Faculty/Department: |
| Institute:  |
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SECTION 2: Short Answers

Please provide an overview of your current research interests. (Maximum 250 words)

Please describe why you are interested in this program and how it would benefit your research and career goals. (Maximum 250 words)

What knowledge or expertise would you be able to share during the workshop? (Maximum 250 words)

Please describe your interest and/or experience in clinical translation or commercialization. (Maximum 250 words)