

Laszlo and Etelka Kollar Brain@McGill Graduate/ Postgraduate Travel Award

The **Laszlo and Etelka Kollar** Graduate/ Postdoctoral Research Travel Award to McGill provides support to master's and doctoral students, as well as postdoctoral fellows who will travel to McGill from ZNZ or Oxford in order to undertake research for their degree requirements or advance their scientific expertise. The award is valued to a maximum of \$8000 and is tenable only in the term in which the travel is occurring.

Interested applicants should read the Terms of Reference to ensure they are eligible.

Eligible students apply using the **Laszlo and Etelka Kollar** Brain@McGill Graduate/ Postdoctoral Research Travel Award Form and submit all required documentation to Dr Anne McKinney (anne.mckinney@mcgill.ca).

Terms of Reference

This scholarship is awarded to graduate /postdoctoral students who must travel to undertake research required for their program of study.

1. The **Laszlo and Etelka Kollar Brain@McGill** Research Travel Award is **valued up to a maximum of \$8000**. The duration of the research trip must be a minimum of one month to a maximum of four consecutive months. The award value will be prorated depending on the duration of the research trip and its location.
2. To be eligible to hold this award, a student must be registered in ZNZ or Oxford as a full-time, regular (not “on-leave” or “part-time”) student in good standing in a master’s or doctoral program in the term in which the award is held. If it is a postdoctoral fellow they must be less than 4 years after obtaining their doctoral degree.
3. **The following categories of activities will not be supported:**
 - a. instructional activity (courses, field schools, training programs);
 - b. conferences, seminars, working groups, etc.;
 - c. travel to paid employment (co-op terms, internships, research assistantships, etc.).
4. Students or postdoctoral fellows are eligible to hold no more than one **Laszlo and Etelka Kollar Brain@McGill** Travel Award during their degree program.
5. Recipients of a **Laszlo and Etelka Kollar Brain@McGill** Travel Award may accept other scholarship support from external sources
6. Applications for Graduate Research Travel Award **MUST** include
 - a. a list of scholarly contributions (publications, conference papers, etc.) and graduate awards received;

- b. a statement of the research to be conducted, including description of research, relevance, contribution to the student's development as a researcher, and justification for travel (maximum two pages);
 - c. a letter of support from the senior supervisor, indicating the relevance of travel to the research and their permission
 - d. completion of the one-page budget summary, including dates of travel, travel costs, accommodation, and living expenses. (It is not necessary for these costs to equal or exceed the value of the award.)
 - e. a letter of invitation and agreement from the host lab at McGill.
7. Awards are made by the Brain@McGill Awards Committee. Awards will be adjudicated on the following criteria:
- a. academic ability, based on transcripts and scholarly contributions;
 - b. the research proposal;
 - c. justification for travel and contribution of travel to the development of the student as a researcher.

Process

Eligible students and postdoctoral fellows must submit the application, budget summary and all the supporting documentation required directly to their program by the internal deadline. Applications will be considered four (4) times a year.

Eligibility criteria – Eligibility criteria for this award are outlined in the Terms of Reference. Please note that incomplete applications will be rejected.

Hungarian Nationals will be given priority. Funding will be given on scientific excellence.

Timing of Award and Accountability This scholarship is intended to support students while working on their degree requirements or advancing postdoctoral fellows. Therefore, recipients of the award do not need to account for travel expenses.

However, recipients must conform to the following requirements:

If planned research travel is delayed, a recipient may postpone the award only as far as the spring semester of the year following the application.

Students will be required to submit a short report of their activities after the travel has been completed. Failure to do so will result in a reduction of awards made to the student's program in future.