CIFAR Research Scientists

Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR) invites exceptional early career researchers from across the natural, biomedical, and social sciences and the humanities to join CIFAR's interdisciplinary research programs that address some of the most complex questions facing the world today. The CIFAR Azieli Global Scholars program provides funding, skills training, mentorship, and opportunities to collaborate with colleagues from diverse disciplines to position scholars as leaders and agents of change within academia and beyond.

Applicant's research must be aligned with one of themes of an eligible CIFAR research program (see 2019 Eligible Programs below)

The Award:

- $100,000 CDN in unrestricted research support (approximately $74,085USD) and a two-year membership in a CIFAR research program, a global network of top-tier research leaders

  o Possible uses of funding include, but are not limited to: research projects, teaching release, trainee support, conference travel, etc

- Does not support indirect costs

  o Caltech's minimum overhead rate is 15% of total costs on awards of less than $500K per year, and 30% on awards of $500K or more per year. Applicants must work within their division to account for the required overhead via an approved MORA form.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must hold a Ph.D. (or equivalent) and be within the first five years of a full-time academic position, including responsibility for both conducting an independent research program and supervising/teaching graduate or postdoctoral trainees

  o Typically, applicants will be an Assistant Professor (or equivalent)

  o The applicant's position must be secure for the duration of the CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholar active term (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)

  o The Applicant's start date in this position must be no earlier than May 1, 2014 (special consideration may be given to those who have taken parental leave or those with exceptional circumstances

  o Postdoctoral fellows are not eligible
- There are no geographical restrictions

- Applicants must be available to attend an in-person interview June 26-27 2019 in Toronto, Canada

- Applicants are expected to attend 2-4 meetings of their designated CIFAR research program each year, as well as the annual meeting of global scholars

  - As these meetings are held worldwide, applicants must have a valid passport and, if required, be able to obtain travel visas

2019 Eligible Programs:

- Azrieli Program in Brain, Mind & Consciousness
- Bio-Inspired Solar Energy
- Gravity & the Extreme Universe
- Humans & the Microbiome
- Molecular Architecture of Life

Reporting Requirements:

- Annual reporting required

Recent Caltech Recipients:

- Thomas Vidick (2017)

Guidelines and previous recipients: http://www.cifar.ca/global-scholars/


Application Portal: https://portal.mycifar.ca/

Please notify the Foundation Relations team if you anticipate making a submission. We are here to help ensure that Caltech's proposals are competitive. We can assist with proposal development and advise you on the routing of your paperwork. Interested researchers should
work with their division grant manager to prepare the budget, the MORA form, and the Division Approval Form (DAF). Submissions and awards for this grant program will be processed through the Office of Foundation Relations.