

**Apply for Internship Support and to join the 2026-2027 Canopy trainee cohort and contribute as part of a diverse, interdisciplinary community working to strengthen Canada's One Health capacity in emerging zoonotic disease prevention and response**

Canopy – the Canadian One Health Training Program on Emerging Zoonoses - is pleased to open a **call for applications** from trainees at the **Master, Doctoral, or Post-Doctoral level, Clinical Interns or Residents**, as well as from **Early Career Researchers** (researchers or professionals who obtained their last degree within the last 5 years).

The goal of Canopy is to develop highly skilled researchers and professionals in various disciplines, shaping an emerging community of practice and a new generation of One Health advocates across Canada. These individuals will collaborate and innovate to accelerate the implementation of One Health in Canada to better prevent and respond to current and future threats caused by emerging zoonotic pathogens.

Canopy aims to support trainees in completing an **internship** that complements or builds on their existing research or experience, while offering **meaningful exposure to a different institution, organization, discipline, or way of working**. The internship should enhance Canada's ability to prevent, prepare for, and respond to emerging zoonotic diseases using a One Health approach and in alignment with one of Canopy's three priority area (see below). As part of the program, **trainees will be able to participate in targeted learning opportunities** to strengthen their understanding and application of **core One Health competencies** and to **deepen their engagement with Indigenous perspectives and other knowledge systems**. Trainees will also have the opportunity to **build meaningful connections with peers, mentors, and professionals** across disciplines, sectors, and regions, contributing to a growing national community of practice in One Health and emerging zoonoses.

We welcome applicants from **all disciplinary backgrounds**, including but not limited to the natural and health sciences, public health, social sciences, policy, Indigenous knowledge systems, humanities, and the arts. We recognize that preventing and responding to zoonotic diseases requires many perspectives, and we place a high value on **equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) and different ways of knowing**.

Applications will be reviewed using an evaluation rubric (see below). Equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) considerations are an integral part of the selection process, and

applicants are required to complete a short EDI questionnaire to help ensure a fair and inclusive review.

### **Priority Consideration for Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, Métis) Applicants**

Canopy is committed to fostering equity, diversity, inclusion, and the meaningful integration of Indigenous knowledge and perspectives in One Health training. To support this, **we warmly encourage Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, Métis) trainees to apply and will give priority consideration to their applications.**

## **ALIGNMENT WITH ONE HEALTH AND CANOPY PRIORITY AREAS**

Trainees are invited to submit proposals explaining how their planned internship is aligned with at least one of the following three priority areas:

**Priority 1. Health, Sustainability, and Resilience:** This priority focuses on promoting health and developing or implementing sustainable and resilient solutions. Proposals should demonstrate coherence with the One Health approach and explain how the internship will contribute to practices, policies, or programs that promote human, animal, and ecosystem health at local, national, or international levels, and reduce the impacts of emerging zoonoses.

**Priority 2. Disease Prevention:** This priority focuses on preventing zoonotic disease spillover. Proposals should demonstrate coherence with the One Health approach and explain how the internship will enhance ability to prevent zoonotic diseases through integrated surveillance, drivers of disease emergence, understanding infection dynamics or risk reduction activities.

**Priority 3. Disease Preparedness and Response:** This priority focuses on reducing spread and impacts of zoonotic diseases. Proposals should demonstrate coherence with the One Health approach and explain how the internship will develop capacity in laboratory diagnostics, epidemiological investigation, pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical countermeasures, healthcare capacity, or the management of short- and long-term impacts of zoonotic diseases.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

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| <b>ELIGIBILITY</b>       | <p>The internship award is meant to support experiential learning that offers meaningful exposure to an institution, organization, discipline, or way of working <b>that differs from your usual training environment</b>. Some overlap with your research or training is welcome, provided the internship offers <b>clear additional learning or experiential value</b>. <b>You must clearly explain how this internship meets this criterion; otherwise, your application will not be considered further.</b></p> <p>Student enrolled in a graduate program or a post-doctoral fellow, clinical intern/resident, or early career researcher (researchers or professionals who obtained their last degree within the last 5 years) in Canada.</p> <p>Trainees who have already received internship support from Canopy are not eligible for a second internship. Graduate students who have received a research scholarship from Canopy are eligible to apply for internship support (subject to other eligibility criteria).</p> |
| <b>AVAILABLE FUNDING</b> | <p>Canopy will offer up to <b>10,000\$</b> to each successful applicant to support their internship experience <b>in winter or spring, 2027</b>.</p> <p>This funding can be used for trainee support, internship participation expenses, and knowledge translation and complementary training during an internship of <b>up to three months</b>. Please refer to the budget template for more information (available via the application form).</p> <p>The funding <b>is not intended to be used for other aspects of the trainee's research project</b> (e.g. laboratory supplies/equipment). The exact amount of the award will be determined after review of your proposed budget.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <b>EXPECTATIONS</b> | <p>All interns are expected to <b>actively participate</b> in the Canopy training program, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-person participation and presentation of their internship experience at a future <b>Canopy symposium or workshop</b> (dates and location to be confirmed), with additional travel support provided.</li> <li>• Occasional virtual meetings.</li> <li>• A 20-hr <b><u>'Indigenous Canada' MOOC course</u></b>, offered by the <b>University of Alberta through Coursera</b>, to be completed by the end of the internship (alternative training/experiences may be considered equivalent, to be determined on a case-by-case basis). Canopy will reimburse the fee for obtaining a certificate on demonstration of completion for successful applicants only. Applicants are advised not to start the MOOC until they receive notice of acceptance to Canopy.</li> <li>• Completion of a <b>personal learning plan, reflective journalling activities, and private reading</b> (approx. 3-6h/month combined) as well as a LinkedIn post and blog for the Canopy website.</li> <li>• Completion of <b>seven online CIHR <u>research training modules</u></b>, to be completed by the end of the internship.</li> </ul> |
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| <b>SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS</b> | <p>Each submission must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>An explanation of how the proposed experience is different from and complements</b> your current training and experiences to date (250 words).</li> <li>• <b>A detailed description of the proposed internship</b> including trainee roles and responsibilities, deliverables and expected outcomes, how the internship aligns with the mission of the host institution, and whether EDI has been considered (if 'yes', describe how, and if 'no', explain why not) (350 words).</li> <li>• A clear rationale for how the proposed internship <b>aligns with one of the three Canopy priorities</b> (see below) (250 words).</li> <li>• A <b>statement of motivation</b> explaining why doing a Canopy internship is relevant for you as a trainee (250 words).</li> <li>• A <b>detailed budget</b> of how the requested funds will be used and for what purpose, using the template provided (available via the application form).</li> <li>• <b>Contact information for two proposed mentors</b> who have agreed to take on the role<sup>1</sup>: (1) a host organisation mentor and (2) an additional mentor at your home institution who is <u>not</u> your supervisor or a member of your advisory committee, or at another organisation if you are not affiliated with an institution. The proposed mentors will be contacted directly to confirm their awareness of the application, willingness to mentor the trainee, and willingness to participate in Canopy activities.</li> <li>• <b>A CV</b> (traditional or narrative CVs are welcome, maximum 4 pages).</li> <li>• A <b>completed EDI questionnaire</b> (available via the application form).</li> <li>• A commitment to complete the '<a href="#">Indigenous Canada</a>' <b>MOOC</b> by the end of the internship.</li> </ul> |
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<sup>1</sup> See below for eligibility criteria and expectations for mentors.

## ELIGIBILITY AND EXPECTATIONS FOR MENTORS

### Eligibility for mentors:

Individuals working in the one of the following sectors, with a depth of experience in topics related to One Health and emerging zoonoses:

- Academia
- Government
- Industry
- Community or non-profit organisations

### Expectations of mentors<sup>2</sup>:

- To meet with their trainee(s) monthly.
- Be willing to participate and provide their expertise/perspectives in occasional online training activities and in-person workshops, travel-permitting.
- To participate in communications/networking/activities with other mentors (e.g. discussion forums).
- To complete a 20-hr '[Indigenous Canada](#)' MOOC course, offered by the University of Alberta through Coursera (to be completed over the first year of your mentorship commitments). Alternative training/experiences may be considered equivalent.

## TO APPLY FOR INTERNSHIP SUPPORT: [CLICK HERE](#)

**Application deadline: Wednesday 30 September 2026 (11:59pm EDT).**

We expect decisions to be communicated by the end of November 2026.

The next call for internship support applications will open in Winter 2027.

The next call for research scholarship applications will open in Spring 2027.

Questions? Contact [info@canopytraining.ca](mailto:info@canopytraining.ca)

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<sup>2</sup> With the exception of the MOOC, these activities are expected to total ~3 hours/month.

## Evaluation rubric: Canopy Internship Support Fall 2026-2027

### 1. Initial evaluation of eligibility

| Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Yes | No |
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| Is the applicant enrolled in a graduate program or a post-doctoral fellow, clinical intern/resident, or early career researcher (researchers or professionals who obtained their last degree within the last 5 years) in Canada? ( <i>'No' indicates the applicant is ineligible</i> ) |     |    |
| Has the applicant already received Canopy internship support? ( <i>'Yes' indicates the applicant is ineligible</i> )                                                                                                                                                                   |     |    |
| Does the application clearly justify how the proposed internship complements and differs from the applicant's training and experience to date? ( <i>'No' indicates the applicant is ineligible</i> )                                                                                   |     |    |
| Does the application clearly justify how the proposed internship aligns with one or more Canopy priority areas? ( <i>'No' indicates the applicant is ineligible</i> )                                                                                                                  |     |    |
| Does the applicant agree to complete the MOOC* and/or describe equivalent training or experiences? ( <i>'No' indicates the applicant is ineligible</i> )                                                                                                                               |     |    |
| Has the applicant received support from the proposed two mentors? ( <i>'No' indicates the applicant is ineligible</i> )                                                                                                                                                                |     |    |

\*MOOC: 'Indigenous Canada' [Massive Open Online Course](#) from the Faculty of Native Studies, University of Alberta.

## 2. Evaluation of proposed internship

|                             | Weight | Criteria                                                    | Unsatisfactory<br>0-1                                                           | Satisfactory<br>2-3                                                                                                                        | Outstanding<br>4-5                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Proposed internship</b>  | 33.3%  | Description of proposed internship: details                 | Provides minimal details of internship.                                         | Provides general description of proposed internship with limited detail about roles, responsibilities, deliverables and expected outcomes. | Provides a thorough description of proposed internship, including clear roles, responsibilities, deliverables and expected outcomes. |
|                             |        | Alignment with host institution                             | Provides minimal details of alignment with the mission of the host institution. | Provides general description of alignment with the mission of the host institution.                                                        | Provides a thorough description of the alignment with the mission of the host institution.                                           |
|                             |        | EDI considerations                                          | Provides minimal details of whether EDI has been considered.                    | Provides general description of whether EDI has been considered.                                                                           | Provides a thorough description of whether EDI has been considered.                                                                  |
| <b>Canopy priorities</b>    | 33.3%  | Alignment with Canopy priority area (see below for details) | Low alignment of proposed internship with one or more Canopy priority areas.    | Moderate alignment of proposed internship with one or more Canopy priority areas.                                                          | Strong alignment of proposed internship with one or more Canopy priority areas.                                                      |
| <b>Applicant motivation</b> | 33.3%  | Statement of motivation                                     | Provides minimal to no evidence of interest in completing a Canopy internship.  | Describes general interest, relevance, and rationale for completing a Canopy internship.                                                   | Describes strong and specific interest, relevance, and rationale for completing a Canopy internship.                                 |

### 3. Additional verifications

| Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Yes                      | No                       |
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| The <b>CV</b> supports claims made in motivation statement and outlines relevant One Health or other experience and curiosity                                                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The <b>budget</b> respects all of the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expenses are eligible</li> <li>• Limits per category of expenses are respected</li> <li>• Sufficient justification/description is provided</li> </ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Note: After screening for eligibility, each eligible application will be scored using the above rubric. Applications scored as unsatisfactory will not be retained. The final selection of trainees will consider the application score as well as EDI responses and disciplinary area to ensure a diversity of high-quality trainees in the program.

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