



CCN-RCC Visiting Trainee Program Application Scoring Rubric

To be considered eligible, the trainee's supervisor must be a CCN-RCC member (non-members can join as part of their application), and it must be clear in the application that the available research training at the visit institution is not available at the trainee's home institution.

Please assess the candidate on the dimensions below for a total score out of 60. Priority will be given to trainees from early career investigators. While not a requirement, consideration of geographic representation (Western/Eastern Canada) as well as smaller institutes may also occur.

1. Accessibility and applicability to the wider Canadian concussion research field **(/5)**
2. Alignment with CCN-RCC goals (i.e., consider possible overlap with other themes) **(/10)**
 - To develop a national concussion research agenda that reflects the priorities of patients and stakeholders and the unique strengths of Canadian researchers and knowledge translators.
 - To promote innovative and collaborative research to improve the prevention, diagnosis, prediction of recovery and treatment response, and management of concussion.
 - To build collaboration and increase impact through continuous engagement with patients and knowledge users, integrated knowledge translation, and development of highly qualified personnel.
3. The exchange is likely to benefit the trainee's research and/or professional development, and will provide knowledge and/or skills that are not available at the home institution **(/10)**
4. The training goals are clear and achievable within the proposed visit **(/10)**
5. There is clear justification for selecting the host supervisor/institution **(/5)**
6. The proposed research project is of high quality **(/10)**
7. The visiting trainee lab and host lab have made considerations for how the proposed project and data will contribute to improving outcomes for underrepresented populations and/or advance research on health inequalities **(/5)**
8. There is strong need for the exchange as evidenced by the lack of resources at the home lab/institution or the early career stage of the trainee's supervisor or other factors **(/5)**

Scoring of application: /60