

Title: ***Essentials for Preparing a Career in Diabetes and Endocrine Research***

**Overview** – This 3.5 hour workshop is targeted to individuals in their final year of PhD studies and post-doctoral fellows. The session will provide participants with knowledge on:

- Elements required to write a successful grant;
- How to incorporate patient perspective into a research project; and
- The traits required to be a successful scientist.

**Target audience:** Students who are close to completing their PhD studies and individuals who are doing post-doctoral fellowship training.

**Agenda:**

Co-Chairs: André Carpentier (Sherbrooke, QC)  
Brian Rodrigues (Vancouver, BC)

*The value/benefit of completing a Post-Doctoral Fellowship (30 minutes)*

- Different career paths available  
**Presenter: Seema Nagpal (Ottawa, ON)**
- Why social media matters to Scientists  
**Presenter: Holly Witteman (Laval, QC)**
- Importance of networking  
**Presenter: Jonathan McGavock (Winnipeg, MB)**

*Writing successful grants (45 minutes)*

**Presenter: Vincent Poitout (Montréal, QC)**

Participants will learn the aspects of successful grant writing and what peer reviewers look for in an application.

*Incorporating patient perspective (SPOR) (30 minutes)*

**Presenter: Joyce Dogba (Laval, QC)**

- Why is it important to have the patient voice?
- How do you incorporate the patient voice and ensure that perspective is carried through the entire project?
- Translation of project outcome and evaluation

*Community-based research: Why it is important and how to do it successfully in Canada (25 minutes)*

**Presenter: Jonathan McGavock (Winnipeg, MB)**

Participants will learn how to do community-based participatory research that involves community members, representative organizations, and researchers in every aspect of the research process.

*How to select a great supervisor and become one (60 minutes)*

Vignettes from the individuals listed below:

- 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient - **Larry Leiter (Toronto, ON)**
- 2016 Young Scientist recipient - **James Johnson (Vancouver, BC)**
- Plenary Speaker - **Peter Senior (Edmonton, AB)**

CDA Success stories (in the past five years, individuals who have received a CDA Post-Doctoral Fellowship and now a career award)

- Post-Doctoral Fellowship training - **Frank Huynh (Durham, NC, USA)**
- Scholar - **Pedro Geraldés (Sherbrooke, QC)**
- Clinician Scientist - **Ravi Retnakaran (Toronto, ON)**

Questions and discussion with vignette presenters (20 minutes)