Summer by Design

 PROGRAM APPLICATION

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Hosted by the University of Toronto’s Medicine by Design initiative, in partnership with CCRM, the Rotman School of Management and Stem Cell Network, **Summer by Design** is an intensive program for post-graduate students and postdoctoral fellows from Canadian and international universities in commercialization and translation of regenerative medicine.

Eight days of expert-led, interactive sessions including lectures, group work and case studies, participants will:

* Learn from experts across the technology translation continuum and be introduced to important topics involved in the commercialization of regenerative medicine including:
	+ **Commercialization** including productization, company creation and valuation, economic reimbursement, regulatory affairs and clinical translation, intellectual property, technology and market assessment, manufacturing and scale-up
	+ **Technology strategy and IP**
	+ **Regulatory affairs and reimbursement**
	+ **Marketing**
	+ **Strategic communications and pitching** including one-on-one coaching to develop presentation and pitch skills.
* Explore Toronto’s dynamic life sciences hub by meeting with clinical and industry leaders in regenerative medicine
* Make connections with other Summer by Design participants to strengthen their networks of international peers

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To apply to the program, please complete the application on page 4 with the requested additional documents to **stephanie.hume@utoronto.ca** by**11:59 pm on March 31, 2025, Eastern Time**.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Summer by Design participants are selected in a competitive process with consideration of both the video submission and short answer questions. Applicants will be evaluated based on the following selection criteria:

* Applicants must be senior PhD students or post-doctoral fellows in engineering, life science or medicine whose research is focused on regenerative medicine.
* Applicants should have a strong interest and/or experience in clinical translation or commercialization.
* Applicants demonstrate enthusiasm for working as part a team or group, an interest in international collaboration, and enthusiasm for sharing their expertise, research and insights from their home institution with the larger group.

**Notes:**

* Applicants must commit to participating fully in Summer by Design. Sessions typically run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays from June 2-11, 2025.
* All applicants must provide a letter from their supervisor indicating they support the applicant’s participation in Summer by Design.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION:

The University of Toronto recognizes that diversity is essential to the creation of a vibrant intellectual community that allows our researchers to maximize their creativity and their contributions. Medicine by Design is therefore strongly committed to diversity in research and especially welcomes applications that engage racialized persons/persons of colour, women, Indigenous/Aboriginal Peoples of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ+ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

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**Application submission deadline**: December 20, 2024, at 11:59 PM Eastern Time

Instructions

The application includes **four (4)** items:

* + **Application –** Complete the following Microsoft Word template.
		- Formatting requirements: Arial size 11 font, with 1-inch (2.54 cm) margins, single spacing.
	+ **Curriculum Vitae** – Include your education, relevant research or work experience, academic awards and publications.
	+ **Letter of Support** – Attach a letter of support from your current supervisor on official letterhead, or ask your supervisor to e-mail it directly to maria.sette@utoronto.ca (Maximum 1 page).
	+ **Video Submission** – Include the Zoom recording link and password to your video submission in section 2 of the application.

Please submit all documents **stephanie.hume@utoronto.ca** by**11:59 pm on March 31, 2025, Eastern Time** with subject line, ‘Summer by Design Application 2025’**.** Notification of receipt will be sent within one business day.

SECTION 1: General Information

## **Applicant:**

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| Last Name, First Name:  | Role:  |
| Email Address: | Phone Number: |
| Mailing Address (please include postal/zip code and country): |
| Faculty/Department: |
| Institute:  |
| Emergency Contact (optional; this can be provided later after acceptance into the program): |
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## **Supervisor:**

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| Last Name, First Name:  | Role:  |
| Email Address: | Phone Number: |
| Mailing Address (please include postal/zip code and country): |
| Faculty/Department: |
| Institute:  |
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SECTION 2: Video Submission

In a maximum of 2 minutes, briefly discuss your background/interests and why you are interested in the Summer by Design program.

How to submit video recording: We suggest you record your video via Zoom. Do this by entering a Zoom meeting with yourself and select record meeting to the cloud. Once you have completed your recording and ended the meeting, the recording link will be emailed to you. Please note that the email will also contain a password to access the recording. Please copy the link and password into this application document for submission.

SECTION 3: Short Answers

Please provide an overview of your current research interests. (Maximum 250 words)

Please describe why you are interested in this program and how it would benefit your research and career goals. (Maximum 250 words)

What knowledge or expertise would you be able to share during the workshop? (Maximum 250 words)

Please describe your interest and/or experience in clinical translation and/or commercialization. (Maximum 250 words)