Accelerating the careers of emerging research leaders worldwide

OVERVIEW
The CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars program is designed to support exceptional early career researchers at a pivotal time in their development. Global Scholars are outstanding investigators and emerging leaders who are interested in fostering new collaborations, expanding their interdisciplinary and cross-sector knowledge, and building skills to position themselves as leaders and agents of change within academia and beyond.

OPPORTUNITY
CIFAR invites outstanding early career investigators from the natural, biomedical and social sciences and the humanities to apply to this program. The CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars program provides:

» $100,000 (CDN) in undesignated research support
» A two-year appointment to a CIFAR research program, a network of top-tier research leaders
» Opportunities to network and collaborate with colleagues from diverse disciplines
» Mentorship from a senior researcher within a CIFAR research program
» Specialized leadership and communication skills training
» Support for initiatives that position them as leaders

Upon completion of the program, CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars will have expert skills, a strong network of research collaborators across disciplines, experience engaging leaders across sectors, and the capacity and excitement to continue to tackle complex questions in novel ways.

Program is supported by:

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WHO
Researchers from anywhere in the world within five years of their first academic appointment. For additional eligibility requirements visit our website.

WHAT
$100,000 (CDN) in undesignated research support, mentorship within a CIFAR research program, skills training and leadership opportunities.

WHEN
2017 applications open March 1 and close May 23. In-person interviews take place September 16 and 17 in Toronto, Canada.

ABOUT CIFAR
CIFAR brings together outstanding researchers to work in global research programs that address some of the most important questions our world faces today. Established in 1982, CIFAR is a Canadian-based global organization, comprised of nearly 400 fellows, advisors and scholars from 130 institutions in 17 countries.

CIFAR fellows are among the most highly cited and honoured researchers in the world. Nearly two-thirds of CIFAR fellows contributed to the top 1 per cent of the most cited papers from 2008-2013, and 18 Nobel Laureates have been associated with CIFAR since its inception.

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The work of our fellows and advisors has transformed our understanding of population health, the Earth’s evolution, early brain development, artificial intelligence, the effect of institutions on prosperity, and much more. CIFAR research programs emphasize areas in which Canadian researchers are among the world leaders.

Today, CIFAR is gaining significant momentum in its unique role as a global convenor of leading researchers and organizations. With 14 research programs in its portfolio, CIFAR is now comprised of 378 fellows and advisors, from 17 countries, on 6 continents. Based at 130 universities and research centres around the world, CIFAR fellows are among the most highly cited and honoured researchers in the world. As many as 18 Nobel Laureates have been associated with CIFAR since its inception, including the most recent recipient, Arthur B. McDonald, associate fellow in CIFAR’s program in Cosmology & Gravity, who received the 2015 Nobel Prize in Physics.

In 2015-16, the Institute marked the third, full year of CIFAR 2.0, an organizational transformation designed to broaden and deepen the impact of its research investments by emphasizing three points of accountability: creating transformative knowledge; positioning stakeholders to act; and nurturing the next generation of research leaders.

In April, 2016, CIFAR launched the Azrieli Global Scholars program, a new core element of the CIFAR Global Academy that provides competitive fellowships to support some of the most promising new university faculty members in the world.

CIFAR continues to form exciting new partnerships with prestigious international research institutes and new alliances with knowledge user communities to expand its global reach and impact. In November 2016, CIFAR will host the CIFAR Forum on the Well-Being of the World’s Children, bringing together an internationally diverse gathering of senior leaders in government, NGOs and global research to generate insights with the potential to impact global policy and inform a new call for research proposals at CIFAR.

CIFAR is generously supported by the governments of Canada, British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec, Canadian and international partners, as well as individuals, foundations and corporations. CIFAR’s international partners include the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Chinese Academy of Sciences, and Inria in France. In 2015-16 CIFAR had one of the most successful years ever in securing financial support, further ensuring that its mission is sustainable for many years to come.

CIFAR’s core purpose is to create knowledge that enriches human life and leads to a better future for Canada and the world. Since 1982, we have been connecting the world’s best minds through interdisciplinary research programs to tackle difficult and important questions of global significance.

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CIFAR RESEARCH PROGRAMS
-Azrieli Program in Brain, Mind & Consciousness
-Bio-inspired Solar Energy
-Child & Brain Development
-Cosmology & Gravity
-Genetic Networks
-Humans & the Microbiome
-Institutions, Organizations & Growth
-Integrated Microbial Biodiversity
-Learning in Machines & Brains
-Molecular Architecture of Life
-Quantum Information Science
-Quantum Materials
-Social Interactions, Identity & Well Being
-Successful Societies

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