



## Background

The Canadian Stroke Network (CSN) is pleased to announce the seventh annual competition for the Paul Morley Mentorship Award in Stroke.

From 2000-2005, Dr. Morley served as the Deputy Scientific Director for the CSN. In this capacity, he skillfully provided leadership to all training activities within the CSN. He developed the original CSN training program and the Summer Studentship program. In 2001, he spearheaded the formation of the Focus on Stroke partnership with the Heart and Stroke Foundation, AstraZeneca, and CIHR. This partnership resulted in new funding for stroke trainees and a streamlined common system for application and review of trainees in stroke. Over 135 trainees have benefited from this program, many of whom are new to the field of stroke. Dr. Paul Morley is currently a member of the Board of Directors.

The CSN Board of Directors decided in 2005 to honour Dr. Morley's efforts with the creation of the Paul Morley Mentorship Award in Stroke. This award recognizes the efforts of others who, like Paul, have made significant contributions to the training of new stroke researchers in Canada.

## Nature of the Award

- \$25,000 one-time award; awarded annually
- Funds will help support the awardee's training activities/programs
- Nominations will be solicited annually, and the recipient of the award will be recognized at the Annual General Meeting.
- All clinician and basic researchers with an interest in stroke are eligible (this includes all disciplines); nominations are not limited to CSN researchers
- Nominations in support of a candidate should include:
  - Cover letter from nominator
  - Brief letters of support from 3 students or trainees (2 if nominator is a student/trainee)
  - Brief letter of support from candidate's institution
  - Letter from candidate describing in one-page how he/she would use award for training activities/programs
  - CV of candidate
- The CSN Planning and Priorities Committee will review nominations and make a recommendation to the CSN Board of Directors; the CSN Board will make the final decision.
- The main criteria for evaluation will be the candidate's demonstrated commitment and track record in developing the skills and experiences of potential or existing stroke researchers or health-care providers in Canada; letters should emphasize this, providing concrete examples.
- Letters of support should be addressed to Pierre Boyle, Chair of the Board, CSN
- Nominations should be sent by e-mail to Robin Millbank, Manager, Professional Development and Training, at [robin@canadianstrokenetwork.ca](mailto:robin@canadianstrokenetwork.ca)
- The deadline for nominations is Friday, May 17, 2013.