



# Guillain-Barré Syndrome Foundation of Canada Inc. Fondation canadienne du syndrome de Guillain-Barré inc.

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soutien, éducation, et recherche pour le SGB, la PCID, et les variantes*

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Recognizing the financial burden that scientific conferences place on neurology residents and fellows, the GBS/CIDP Foundation of Canada and Talecris Biotherapeutics have developed an Awards Program. Through the GBS/CIDP Foundation of Canada, Talecris Biotherapeutics has provided an unrestricted educational grant to sponsor 3 Canadian neurology residents/fellows (\$1500.00 each award) in 2008. One Award will be given to our Western Provinces, one to our Eastern Provinces and Quebec and one to Ontario. The award will be used to defray expenses for individuals who a) have been invited to present papers or posters at a conference, or b) express interest in attending a neurology conference.

This educational Awards Program was established to support and provide an opportunity for neurology residents and fellows to travel to a scientific neurology conference in order to hear the latest data and updates on GBS and CIDP. It is anticipated that expertise acquired by the recipient will enhance the knowledge base of the speciality of neurology. The purpose of the Educational Award Competition is to promote interest in the field of peripheral neuropathy and to encourage excellence in research papers presented by residents and fellows.

Selection of the recipients will be based on the merit of the application evaluated by a selection committee composed of members of the GBS/CIDP Medical Advisory Board. In providing this opportunity, the goals of the GBS/CIDP Foundation-Talecris Biotherapeutics Educational Award are the following: to promote interest in clinical and basic neurology research related to GBS and CIDP, to recognize outstanding achievement in medical research, and to encourage residents and fellows to present research beyond the confines of their University. Furthermore, upon their return, the awardees are encouraged to make a brief presentation of highlights of the meeting during an educational venue at their institution. They will also be required to write a summary of the highlights of the meeting which will appear in the GBS/CIDP Foundation of Canada's Newsletter.

The completed application and supporting documents should be sent to the GBS/CIDP Foundation of Canada by the Application Deadline: **Monday, March 3, 2008**. The committee will review the application and will send a letter indicating the recipient within 2 weeks of the application deadline.

Please make this award known to the residents and fellows at your institution. For further information please contact Susan Keast, Executive Director, GBS/CIDP Foundation of Canada. [keast@zing-net.ca](mailto:keast@zing-net.ca)