



## 8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health

September 2-6, 2018 - Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada



### **Funding opportunity for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows for travel support to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> ISA AH**

The Canada Excellence Research Chair (CERC) in Aquatic Epidemiology is committed to world-leadership in aquatic epidemiology with a focus in ecosystem health. As part of its mandate, the CERC is building global capacity and supporting research in regions such as Asia, central and south America, and Africa where there have been limited opportunities for research in aquatic epidemiology and presentation of research findings at international meetings.

Applicants should be PhD students or post-doctoral fellows whose research focus is aquatic epidemiology or ecosystem health at the time of abstract submission. Masters students with outstanding records of scholarship and PhD students graduated less than 1 year and working in aquatic animal health will also be considered for funding. Preference will be given to applicants outside of Canada and the U.S.A, and especially those from the regions listed above.

Funding: Conference fees will be waived for successful applicants and travel and accommodation will be awarded to a maximum of \$2,500 CAD. Reimbursement will require submission of receipts and completion of a travel claim, as required by the University of Prince Edward Island. All applicants must submit a 250-word lay-person summary of their presentation for posting on the CERC website (<http://projects.upei.ca/cerc/>) no later than when they request travel reimbursement.

Awards: It is expected that there will be 6-8 awards. Awards will be based on: 1) quality and relevance of a 500-word abstract of the applicant's research and novelty to the field of aquatic epidemiology and/or ecosystem health, and a 2) recommendation from the applicant's major professor or primary academic advisor of their research potential.

Abstracts must include justification for the research, objectives, methods, results and an impacts statement.

#### **Deadline for submission: March 31, 2018**

Applications should be submitted electronically to Dr. Ian Gardner <[cerc@upei.ca](mailto:cerc@upei.ca)> by the deadline of March 31, 2018. Applications will be reviewed and ranked by a committee of 3 researchers from diverse geographical areas. Funding decisions will be made by April 30, 2018 so that applicants can take advantage of advance purchase airfares and lower-priced accommodations.