

# NMIN's *NanoMedicines Translated* Program Guidelines

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## Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

### Program Objectives

NMIN's *NanoMedicines Translated* Program focuses on translating NMIN-funded research into clear language summaries (published as "ResearchSNIPS") to increase accessibility and dissemination of results to a broader audience.

NMIN ResearchSNIPS will be concise, clear, and free of jargon. They will highlight why the research was done, how it was done, what it discovered, and how the research results can be used.

HQP will earn four credits towards NMIN Advanced Training Certification and receive a \$500 award upon completion of an NMIN ResearchSNIPS.

### Value Proposition

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- Share research beyond peer-reviewed journals to a broader audience including non-specialists and the public.
- Gain experience in clear language writing.
- Add clear language writing skills and experience to your CV.

### What is a clear language summary?

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NMIN clear language summaries, or ResearchSNIPS, are short (1-2 page) summaries of NMIN research publications, written so that non-specialist audiences can understand what the research is about, what the researchers did, what they found, and how the research results can be used.

A clear language summary is not a simplification or "dumbing down" of the research. Instead, clear language summaries are science communication tools, written so audiences unfamiliar with the subject matter can understand the value, impact, and application of the research results.

Clear language summaries can help non-experts understand the significance and usefulness of research results. This may include grant and publication reviewers, government officials, industry, and the public.

### Who can apply?

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Current or former NMIN HQP who have co-authored a paper from an NMIN-funded research project that has been published, or submitted for publication, in a peer-reviewed journal.

### Who is the audience?

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NMIN ResearchSNIPS are developed for both scientific audiences (grant and publication reviewers, industry representatives, healthcare professionals, and outside researchers) and non-scientific audiences, (policymakers and government officials, patient organizations and advocacy groups, and the general public).

NMIN ResearchSNIPS are written at a grade 10 level. Where possible, they are targeted at industry representatives, healthcare professionals, and patient organizations to enable uptake of research results leading to the widespread adoption of nanomedicine innovations.

NMIN ResearchSNIPS will be made available on NMIN's website.

### **How are papers selected?**

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Peer-reviewed publications are selected based on the following criteria:

- Novel findings
- Clear audience for the uptake of key messages
- High potential for uptake by and benefits to Canadian businesses and industry sectors, healthcare professionals, patient organizations and the general public

Papers must be based on NMIN-funded research and be published, or submitted for publication, in a peer-reviewed journal.

### **Who writes the NMIN ResearchSNIPS?**

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The HQP applicant will write the NMIN ResearchSNIPS and will receive training and editing support from the NMIN Administrative Centre.

### **How do I apply?**

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To apply, please complete the NMIN *NanoMedicines Translated* application form and submit it and a copy of the publication to the NMIN Administrative Centre. You will be notified if your paper is selected to become an NMIN ResearchSNIPS.

### **What is the process?**

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1. Applications will be reviewed and selected through a competitive process.
2. Once an application is selected, HQP will be notified and their ResearchSNIPS will be added to the production schedule.
3. HQP will receive support for clear-language writing from the NMIN Administrative Centre.
4. HQP will submit a draft ResearchSNIPS to the NMIN Administrative Centre.
5. The NMIN Administrative Centre and a professional editor will provide edits and feedback to the HQP on the draft ResearchSNIPS.
6. HQP and their Supervisor (on publication) will approve the final, edited draft.
7. The NMIN ResearchSNIPS will be formatted, published on the NMIN website, and disseminated to target audiences.
8. HQP will be issued a \$500 award.

### **Contact Information**

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For further information or assistance in completing the application, contact:

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