

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Health Professional Student Research Awards 2014-15

If you are interested in research and would like to gain hands-on research experience, please consider applying for a CIHR Health Professional Student Research Award. These scholarships of \$4251 allow you to become involved in *patient-oriented* research projects being conducted by faculty members. During the tenure of the award, students are expected to spend the equivalent of 13 weeks (based on a 40-hour work week) at 75% effort in research training (that is, a total of 390 hours).

THESE AWARDS ARE OPEN TO McMASTER BScN STUDENTS FROM ALL THREE COLLABORATIVE SITES

Students have to be supervised by a full-time faculty member who is an independent researcher at McMaster University or one of the collaborating sites.

This project is to be independent from all other course-related projects and is not to interfere with the completion of required coursework.

In order to qualify for an award, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 1) A Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- 2) Registered in Level III or above of the BScN Program (any stream);
- 3) Be registered as a student in the BScN program for the duration of the award;
- 4) CA of at least B+ (9);
- 5) No failures in the previous academic year;
- 6) Identification of a faculty member who is willing to supervise the research; and
- 7) Be able to complete the project and submit a final report no later than March, 31, 2016.

The award money does not necessarily have to be spent on completing the project, although some of it likely will be used for this purpose. It is meant to provide sufficient financial support for students so that they can devote significant time to the research project.

If you are interested in applying for this award and wish further information, please contact Dr. Wendy Sword, Professor and Assistant Dean (Research), School of Nursing at sword@mcmaster.ca or ext. 22307.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students must submit an electronic copy of their application to Dr. Wendy Sword, Professor and Assistant Dean (Research), School of Nursing, by 4:30 p.m. on **Friday, January 16, 2015**. Students will be notified of the outcome of the competition no later than February 13, 2015.

STUDENTS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THEIR PROPOSED FACULTY RESEARCH SUPERVISOR IN DEVELOPING THEIR APPLICATIONS

The application package must include the following:

- 1) Brief cover letter (maximum 1 page) indicating how the grant and involvement in research will advance your career goals, your time commitment to the research, and start and end dates
- 2) Cover page with project title, name, address, phone number, and email address
- 3) A 5 page (maximum) proposal using the following headings: background, rationale, research aim and question(s), methods, feasibility, and expected outcomes
- 5) Reference list
- 6) A 2-page CV
- 7) Letter from your proposed research supervisor indicating:
 - Availability of necessary resources to enable you to complete the project
 - Opportunity for your attendance at research seminars and presentation of the research in progress
 - Opportunity for continuity of your research experience throughout the academic year
- 8) Letter from the Coordinator of Studies confirming you meet the academic requirements.

The application is to be single-spaced (no more than 6 lines per inch) with text in a minimum 12 pt font and margins set at 2.5 cm.

Please note: Incomplete applications and applications that do not adhere to the above guidelines WILL NOT BE REVIEWED

Successful applicants must submit a research report of approximately 5 pages to (1) Lisa Hodge, Senior Grants Advisor, CIHR, Health Research Services at hodgel@mcmaster.ca and (2) Dr. Wendy Sword at sword@mcmaster.ca upon completion of their project and no later than March 31, 2016. The report must be submitted to obtain the \$750 that is held back upon receipt of the award.