

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Health Professional Student Research Awards 2012

If you are interested in research and have a research question you would like to pursue, you may be eligible for one of the \$4251 CIHR Health Professional Student Research Awards available to McMaster University health sciences students. The aim of these prestigious awards is for students to gain more exposure to health research than is afforded through their usual coursework.

Students may apply for this award to support a research project that would take them the equivalent of 13 weeks of research work being done at 75% of a 40 hour work week to complete. Students are expected to complete their projects during the summer months or over the course of the 2012-2013 academic year. Applications will be accepted from individual students or from student research teams. If a team is given an award, the \$4251 is shared by team members.

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

The proposed research project may be an original student-initiated study or a study identified by a supervisor as part of a larger research project. It must be patient-oriented research, that is, research focused on interventions that have the potential to lead to improved health outcomes for Canadians. Students have to be supervised by a full-time faculty member who is an independent researcher from McMaster University or at 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, 2012.

The award money does not necessarily need to be spent on completing the project, although some of it likely will be used for this. 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. Maureen Markle-Reid, Acting Assistant Dean (Research), School of Nursing at mreid@mcmaster.ca or ext. 22306.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students must submit their application electronically to Dr. Maureen Markle-Reid, Acting Assistant Dean (Research), School of Nursing, by 4:30 p.m. on **Monday, January 16, 2012**. Students will be notified of the outcome of the competition no later than February 16, 2012.

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

The application package must include the following:

- 1) Cover letter of interest that includes a statement about the relevance of the research experience to your career goals;
- 2) Cover page with project title, name, address, phone number, and email address;
- 3) Summary of the proposed research (1 page);
- 4) Detailed description of the proposed project using the following headings: background; literature review; research goal and question(s); methods; ethical considerations; time line for the project; and relevance to clinical practice (maximum 6 pages);
- 5) Reference list;
- 6) Clear description of the role that each member of the team will assume in the project if the proposal is being submitted by more than one student (1 page);
- 7) Letter from a research supervisor outlining willingness to oversee the research, availability of resources to enable you to complete the project, and opportunities for you to present the research in progress.
- 8) Letter(s) of support from identified recruitment setting(s) if access to patients/clients is required to complete the research;
- 9) Letter from the Coordinator of Studies confirming you meet the academic requirements; and
- 10) Copy of your resume.

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

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. Maureen Markle-Reid at mreid@mcmaster.ca upon completion of their project and no later than March 31, 2012. The report must be submitted to obtain the \$750 that is held back upon receipt of the award.