

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Health Professional Student Research Awards 2010

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 3-months full-time work to complete. 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 must be student designed and implemented, and supervised by a full-time faculty member in nursing at any of the collaborative sites. This project is to be independent from all other course-related projects (including HTH SCI 4L02 research project) 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) Completion of HTH SCI 3C04 with a grade of at least B+ (9)¹;
- 2) CA of at least B+ (9);
- 3) No failures in the previous academic year;
- 4) Identification of a faculty member who is willing to be the research project supervisor; and
- 5) Be able to complete the project by March, 31, 2011.

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. Wendy Sword, Assistant Dean (Research), School of Nursing at sword@mcmaster.ca or ext. 22307.

¹ A student may be enrolled in HTH SCI 3C04 at the time of submitting a LOI (see page 2) but will have to successfully complete the course with a grade of at least B+ and have a CA of at least B+ to submit a full application

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Phase 1: Letter of Intent (LOI)

Students interested in applying for a CIHR Health Professional Student Research Award must submit an electronic copy of an LOI to Dr. Wendy Sword, sword@mcmaster.ca no later than **Friday, January 22, 2010**.

The LOI must include the following:

- 1) A title page with the project title, name of student(s), contact information, and name of a faculty member who has agreed to supervise the research;
- 2) The research question, a statement of the issue the research will address, and a brief description of the study sample and research methods to be used (1-2 pages); and
- 5) A letter from a faculty research supervisor confirming their willingness to provide guidance and to oversee the research.

The LOI 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 a minimum of 2.5 cm. APA format is to be used for referencing.

Phase 2: Full Application

Successful LOIs will be invited to submit a full application. Students must submit an electronic copy and 3 hard copies of their application to Dr. Wendy Sword, Assistant Dean (Research), School of Nursing, Room HSc 3H48B by 4:30 p.m. **Friday, May 21, 2010**.

The application package must include the following:

- 1) Cover page with project title, name, address, phone number, and email address;
- 2) Summary of the proposed research (1 page);
- 3) Detailed description of the proposed project using the following headings: background; research goal and question(s); methods; ethical considerations; and time line for the project (maximum 6 pages);
- 4) List of references;
- 5) Brief description of the relevance of this project to nursing practice or education and to your career goals (1 page);
- 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 support for your project and her/his role in the completion of the project; and

8) Letter(s) of support from identified recruitment setting(s) if access to patients/clients or students is required to complete the research.

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 a minimum of 2.5 cm. APA format is to be used for referencing.

NOTE: INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS and APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT ADHERE TO THE ABOVE GUIDELINES WILL NOT BE REVIEWED

Students are strongly encouraged to work closely with their proposed faculty research supervisor in developing applications.

Applications are reviewed by two McMaster University School of Nursing Faculty members who are experienced researchers. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the competition no later than June 25, 2010.

Successful applicants must submit a 5-page report to Health Research Services, Faculty of Health Sciences and to the Assistant Dean (Research), School of Nursing upon completion of their project and no later than March 31, 2011 in order to obtain the full amount of the award.