CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Winter 2023 MHRC-SHRF Mental Health Impact Scholarship

Applications Due: August 29th, 2022

This scholarship will provide the opportunity to a Masters’, College or PhD student to conduct a one-semester mental health research project in partnership with a local organization to support the mental health needs of Saskatchewan’s population. The opportunity is part of the 2022-2023 MHRC Studentship cycle, where students share their time between academic institutions and community service providers, tying together their research with the end-users to ensure the project is tailored to and appropriate for that community’s needs and people with lived experience.

This project is targeted for the Winter 2022-2023 academic term (project to begin January 2023).

Eligibility Criteria:

- Canadian citizen and/or landed immigrant status;
- Currently enrolled in an accredited Masters or PhD-level program at one of the following eligible Saskatchewan-based institutions:
  - Parkland College
  - Saskatchewan Health Authority
  - Saskatchewan Polytechnic
  - St. Thomas More College
  - University of Regina
  - University of Saskatchewan
- Applicants must work with their academic supervisor to partner with a Saskatchewan-based service provider or community organization with direct experience in the proposed research and interest in its intended outcomes. A co-supervisor from the organization will be designated to co-supervise the student’s work, alongside the academic supervisor.

Focus of Research:

Research proposals must aim to support the mental health of Canadians in Saskatchewan, with a preference given to projects addressing the unique needs of diverse and/or vulnerable populations in Canada.

Financial Mechanics:

Candidates are eligible for funding of $15,000 CAD, for one 4-6 month term. For this round of funding, projects would begin in January 2023 and end by April or June 2023. Funds will be paid directly to the academic institution and held by the student’s supervisor.
Application Process:

Please send a research proposal using the provided proposal template addressing the questions below, along with your resume to Sarah Murphy, smurphy@mhrc.ca and cc: Karen Tilsley, ktilsley@shrf.ca. Applications must detail the full proposal of the research they would like to conduct, including the following:

- **A description proposed research, including:**
  - Project title
  - What is/are the specific research question(s)/objective(s) you will address with your project?
  - What research gap(s) is/are being addressed?
    - Identify which of the two project themes your proposal is targeting
    - Provide a background of relevant prior research that supports the need for your project. Please provide in-text citations in a (Author, Year) format, and attach your reference list at the end of your application.
  - Please describe your planned methodology.
    - Research should engage people with lived experience (PWLE) throughout the project. Please ensure to include a description how you plan to meaningfully involve PWLE in your work.
  - What are your anticipated deliverables? (expected outcomes, results, and/or documents (thesis, journal publication, etc)
  - Projected timeline
  - Please briefly explain how the results of this project will help remove barriers of access to care, or improve the quality of care, for the target population
  - Please briefly describe your career goals in mental health, and how this studentship will help you on your path.

- **Letter of Support:**
  - A letter of support from the partner organization proposed for this project, detailing how the project will benefit them and their intended involvement in supporting the student throughout the project
  - A letter of support from the student’s academic supervisor

- **Financial Clarifications**
  - Please identify if any other student funding support is held by the applicant.
  - This funding is NOT available for indirect costs of research.

**Due Date: end of day August 29th, 2022.**

The term of this scholarship begins January 2023 for a 4-month period. Students are expected to work for approximately 10-12 hours a week on the project and be in regular contact with both their academic supervisor and co-supervisor at the chosen community organization.

For questions pertaining to this partnership or application process, please contact:
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