

2019-20 Ontario Women's Health Scholars Awards Competition Instructions

The School of Graduate Studies is pleased to announce the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) 2019-20 Ontario Women's Health Scholars Awards Competition.

Funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, a Scholar Awards Program in Women's Health has been established to ensure that Ontario attracts and retains pre-eminent women's health scholars. The community of women's health scholars fostered by this Awards program will excel, according to internationally accepted standards of scientific excellence, in the creation of new knowledge about women's health and its translation into improved health for women, more effective health services and products for women, and a strengthened health care system.

Value of Awards

Up to three renewable one-year awards will be made by the COU at each of the Master's and Doctoral levels, and up to two renewable one-year awards at the Postdoctoral level.

Master's Award - \$25,000 plus \$1,000 research allowance

(\$8,333/term beginning September 1, 2019)

Doctoral Award - \$35,000 plus \$2,000 research allowance

(\$11,666/term beginning September 1, 2019)

Postdoctoral Award - \$50,000 plus \$5,000 research allowance

(\$4,166/month beginning September 1, 2019)

Submission Quota

McMaster can submit **two** applications per award level (Master's, Doctoral, and Postdoctoral) for a total of six applications.

Award Eligibility and Conditions

- All applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada as of the application deadline date (January 31, 2019).
- To be eligible for a **master's award**, an applicant must be registered as a full-time student in a master's program at an Ontario university at the beginning of the award period (i.e., Fall 2019), and must remain registered as a full-time student throughout the term of the award; a master's student remains eligible until the end of the sixth term of full-time study.
- To be eligible for a **doctoral award**, an applicant must be registered as a full-time student in a doctoral program at an Ontario university at the beginning of the award period (i.e., Fall 2019) and must remain registered as a full-time student throughout the term of the award; a doctoral student remains eligible until the end of the 15th term of full-time study.
- To be eligible for a **postdoctoral award**, an applicant must be engaged in full-time research at an Ontario university at the time of taking up the award (i.e., September

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1, 2019), and must have completed all requirements for the doctoral degree by the application deadline and normally no earlier than January 31, 2016). In cases where an applicant completed all requirements for the doctoral degree before this date, an explanation (e.g., childrearing responsibilities) must accompany the application.

- Holders of Women's Health Scholars Awards are precluded from holding any other award that offers financial support of more than \$20,000 for that same year.

Application Instructions for Students:

School of Graduate Studies deadline is Friday, December 1, 2018

Each applicant must submit to the [Dean of Graduate Studies](#) the following documents as **one PDF**:

1. The completed [application form](#).
2. A curriculum vitae (including information concerning the eligibility criteria).
3. A statement of no more than 1,000 words describing the research to be undertaken during the period of graduate or postdoctoral study, and a non-technical summary of no more than 500 words, both written by the applicant.

The candidate must also provide transcripts and ensure they arrive at The School of Graduate Studies **by Friday, December 1, 2018**:

1. For **Master's** and **Doctoral applicants** all **official** undergraduate and graduate transcripts sent directly by the Registrar's office of the issuing university.

Note: Transcripts are **NOT** part of the electronic application, they are sent separately to the McMaster University's School of Graduate Studies in sealed envelopes by the issuing university to:

Mailing Address for Transcripts:

Scholarships – School of Graduate Studies
McMaster University
1280 Main Street West, GH 212
Hamilton, Ontario L8S 4L8

2. Confidential letters from **two** assessors for Master's and Doctoral applicants, and **four** assessors for Postdoctoral applicants. For postdoctoral applications, two of the assessors must not have been associated with the applicant as a supervisor, a member of the applicant's supervisory committee, or a co-author; and are, if at all possible, not at the university at which the applicant was a doctoral student.

The letters of appraisal of an applicant for any award (master's, doctoral or postdoctoral) should focus on an evaluation of the applicant's research to date, and on the research the applicant proposes to undertake during the period of the

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award, paying particular attention to the selection criteria. For more information about the selection criteria, please see page 4 and 5 of the [2019-20 OWHS Awards Announcement](#).

Note: The applicant must ask each assessor to submit their appraisal electronically, directly to the [Dean of Graduate Studies](#) by **December 1, 2018**.

Useful links

For further information, please visit:

[COU website](#)

[2019-20 Ontario Women's Health Scholars Awards Announcement:](#)

Renewals

For current holders renewing their award for the 2019-20 academic year:

[Renewal Announcement for current Ontario Women's Health Scholars Awards holders](#)

[Renewal Form for current Ontario Women's Health Scholars Award holders](#)

Contacts

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[McMaster School of Graduate Studies - Scholarships](#)

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