

Bruyère RI Graduate Studentship Award Program

GUIDELINES

Approved by: Bruyère RI CEO

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These guidelines provide information regarding the Bruyère RI Graduate Studentship Award Program. They will be reviewed annually and may be subject to amendment. Awardees are responsible to ensure continued compliance with these guidelines.

BACKGROUND

The Bruyère Research Institute (Bruyère RI) supports research capacity building and opportunities for growth and innovation. Individuals who are pursuing advanced degrees are an essential component of knowledge creation and innovation. Bruyère RI strive to provide opportunities to foster the development of future health research and innovation leaders. As such, the Bruyère RI Graduate Studentship Award program has been developed.

Bruyère RI will have up to 3 awards available per year, at a maximum of \$10,000 per award.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Bruyère RI funding is:

- To foster the development of high quality, broadly trained health researchers and enhance the important contribution graduate students make to research and innovation environments; and
- Provide support for both scientific training and career development that facilitate the acquisition of professional skills crucial to successful careers.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility criteria for the Bruyère RI Graduate Studentship program are:

- The applicant must be registered in a full-time, thesis-based graduate program at an affiliated University in a health-related discipline leading to a Master's or Doctoral degree;
- The applicant must remain registered in the same program full-time during the course of the award;
- Students holding competitive academic scholarships from the tri-councils, Ontario Graduate Scholarship or similar organizations are not eligible;
- Applicants can be awarded this studentship up to two times maximum (2 years).

Supervision

- Projects must be supervised by a Bruyère RI investigator at the level of Senior Investigator or Investigator (Affiliate Investigators are not eligible);
- Supervisors may submit only one application per competition as primary supervisor; two as co-supervisor;

- Supervisors must have a Bruyère RI affiliation and hold research funding at Bruyère RI;
- Supervisors must have sufficient resources to ensure the satisfactory conduct of the research and must provide direct supervision.

Application Restrictions

Successful applicants may hold the award up to two times. Unsuccessful applicants may apply up to two times for this award.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

The 2021-22 Bruyère RI Graduate Studentship Program Award applications are due no later than close of business **April 22nd, 2020**.

Competition Results

Official result letters will be emailed to the applicant and supervisor by May 3rd, 2021.

AWARD FUNDING

Bruyère RI will provide up to three (3) studentships per year at a maximum of \$10,000 each, with equal monthly disbursements. The award is paid as a bursary.

Awardees will be required to sign a Bruyère RI funding agreement which outlines requirements for funding including reporting and presentation requirements.

The award is for 1 year. If the applicant leaves his/her academic program during the course of the award, the award will be cancelled and no further funding will be provided. In the event of an approved leave, the applicant can reapply for funding once they return to their program.

Matching funding

Investigators are expected to provide matching funding of a minimum of \$10,000 to awardees under their supervision.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION

The Bruyère Research Institute (Bruyère RI) supports the highest standards of research and scholarship practice and behaviour. By submission of a signed application, the applicant and their supervisor(s) agree that the information provided in the application adheres to all Bruyère RI research policies and procedures.

It is the applicants' responsibility to ensure that the application form is accurate and complete. The application is in the form of a letter using 12 point font, single spaced. All applications must adhere to the word limit guidelines as outlined in the following application instructions:

- Title of project
- Names/affiliations of applicant
- Name(s) of supervisor and co-supervisors (if applicable)
- Statement of academic record (GPA for last 2 years)
- Project description in lay language (maximum 400 words) outlining background, objectives, methods, deliverables with timetable, how research is new or innovative, relevance to Bruyère RI's research foci

- Applicants CV (UNIWeb if available) that highlights the start of the program and any external funding awards
- Abbreviated UNIWeb CCV of supervisor highlighting recent major research contributions (awards, presentations, publications, track record of research training of graduate students/trainees) for last 2 years (maximum 3 pages)
- Statement of support from supervisor including confirmation of matching funds, which can include entrance scholarships, funding from research grants, teaching/research assistantships, etc. (maximum 250 words), evidence may be required
- Personal statement of motivation to complete project

Applications should be submitted to Rhonda Maidment, Manager of Research Administration, Bruyère RI, rmaidment@bruyere.org.

REPORTING and PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Awardees are required to:

- submit a progress report in October and a final report in April;
- provide a lay summary of the research and be willing to be interviewed for communications purposes;
- participate in Bruyère RI's annual research day;
- present research to the Bruyère RI Board or other groups.

Additionally, any publications, including public messages, arising from research supported by the Bruyère RI Graduate Studentship Award program must acknowledge the support of Bruyère RI.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Applications deemed competitive will be reviewed and approved by the Bruyère RI CEO with input from the Research Advisory Committee. All applications will be ranked out of 20 according to merit and will be reviewed based on the criteria below. Only applications that rank a minimum of 16 points will be considered.

- Evidence of sufficient research resources for this work – supervisor will provide matching dollars, research funding is in place to support the project (3 points);
- Feasibility, level of innovation and overall quality of the research project – is the project clearly defined, relevant, well written with sufficient rationale? (4 points);
- Research relevance with the Bruyère RI mandate and personal statement of motivation and drive to engage in the research – does the research match at least one of Bruyère RI's research priority areas? Does the applicant show strong personal motivation, commitment and engagement to the research? (4 points);
- Academic record showing evidence of solid and sustained academic performance: GPA (3 points);
- Supervisory support of applicant – is the supervisor positive and strongly supportive of the candidate? (3 points);
- Supervisor and co-supervisor research outputs and publications – in the recent past, how strong is the supervisor or co-supervisors' track record(s) of outputs including co-publications with trainees? (3 points)

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the Bruyère RI Graduate Studentship Award program, please contact Rhonda Maidment, Manager of Research Administration, Bruyère RI, rmaidment@bruyere.org.