Award for Graduate Students in Northern Health Research
Graduate Student Guidelines and Application Form
Deadline for Application: July 27, 2007

Objectives

The Arctic Health Research Network’s primary objective is to facilitate and promote community driven, northern lead, health and wellness research within a model where traditional knowledge and western sciences are both recognized when promoting knowledge that will create healthy environments and improve the health of persons in the North.

Program Overview

The AHRN-Nunavut Masters or PhD Scholarship enables Nunavut residents to participate in graduate level studies that increase northern capacity in health research, and may do so through training and education at any university (Canadian or International).

There will be one award granted to either a PhD or Masters student each year. Maximum graduate funding is $21,000 for PhD students and $17,500 for Master’s students [or the current Canadian Institute of Health Research rate]. Awards are one year in length with the option for renewal upon re-application after the full year of funding has been completed. Re-applications will be treated as a new application with all other applicants; students are strongly encouraged to apply for other sources of support after the first year.

Eligibility

This award is open to graduate students who are:
- Beneficiaries of the Nunavut Land Claim and long-term residents of Nunavut
- Registered in degree programs in which a research thesis or project is a major component
- Studying in any discipline related to northern health research (excludes health professional training such as MD, RN, Physiology, etc.)
- Registered full time (part time students will be considered for those who choose to keep residency in Nunavut - justification must be given for full award for part-time students)

Student awards are not meant to fund administrative, overhead expenses or operating costs of research projects.

Sponsoring Supervisor
A faculty supervisor possessing a record of productive research in a health research discipline and sufficient resources to ensure satisfactory conduct of research must sponsor the candidate.

Review Criteria
A review panel of community and academic representatives designated by AHRN NT will review applications in May of each year.

Selection of successful recipients is based on the following criteria:

**Abilities of Candidate**
- Academic record
- Health related experience
- Originality
- Research abilities
- Critical thinking
- Other awards

**Quality of the Training Environment**
- Candidate’s training program
- Scientific activity of supervisor
- Research resources available
- Training record of supervisor
- Community research expertise

**Nature of Proposed Area of Research**
- Responds and contributes to northern health priorities
- Recognizes diversity of knowledge systems

**Conditions of Award**

The successful Candidate must provide a year end report [to include an academic transcript, a narrative report of main events/activities/achievements, publications/conference presentations, etc]. The final installment of the award will be withheld pending the submission of the student’s year-end final report.

The Candidate will be required to return to the Northwest Territories, Yukon Territory or Nunavut after training to work in the health research field for a minimum of one year per year of support or be employed by an organization that works toward development of health research capacity. The Arctic Health Research Network will facilitate employment in a health research field to the best of its ability where possible.
Application Checklist

Please include the following documents with your application.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

☐ Proof of registered graduate status [Full time or part-time]
☐ COMPLETE application form (All areas of application form must be complete)
☐ Student’s current CV (no prescribed format)
☐ Student’s official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions (or most recent for PhD applicants)
☐ Faculty Supervisor’s signed and sealed letter of support for student’s work (may be forwarded directly from individual)
☐ Faculty Supervisor’s current CV.
☐ A copy of research ethics approval from appropriate academic institution. If not available, please advise when and how it will be obtained.
☐ A copy of research license from Nunavut Research Institute. If not available, please advise when and how it will be obtained.
☐ 2 letters of reference (see below)

Letters of Reference

Two references are required in addition to the letter from the Candidate’s supervisor. They must be submitted either in sealed envelopes or forwarded directly from referee. Referees should focus on your potential for graduate work and include the following information:

- Context in which they have known you, and for how long
- Appropriateness of your academic preparation to date
- Your potential for leadership in the health research field in Nunavut
- Your commitment to a career in health research
- Your interest/involvement with northern communities
Applications can be received by MAIL or EMAIL or IN PERSON.

Submit a printed copy of the completed form and all supporting documents by July 27, 2007 at 17:00 to:

The Arctic Health Research Network - Nunavut
Gwen Healey, Executive Director
PO Box 11372
Iqaluit, NU
X0A 1H0

Email: ahrn.nunavut@gmail.com

Completed applications should be received by July 27, 2007 at 17:00.
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AHRN-NU Graduate Award  

APPLICATION FORM  

Instructions: Please complete the following form. Information may be entered electronically, or the form may be printed and completed manually.  

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Personal Statement: Provide a summary of your personal, academic and career goals (Maximum 1 page).
Research Focus: Provide a brief description of your area of research interest and how it relates to the primary research themes within the health of northern populations (Maximum 1 page).
Research Project: Briefly describe the purpose/objectives of your proposed research project, and if possible, describe your proposed methods (Maximum 1 page).
Community Focus: Briefly describe how your research will contribute to the Northwest Territories, and how northern communities will be involved in your project. Also, briefly describe how you plan to disseminate the results of your project (Maximum 1 page).
I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature: ________________________________

Date: ____________________