

**The Canadian Nurses Foundation Dementia Research Awards
Funding for Inclusion, Equity, Diversity, and Accessibility Research**

**Now Open to Applications from Postdoctoral Researchers
New Application Deadline: Friday, December 16th, 2022**

In partnership with the Canadian Nurses Foundation (CNF), the Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging (CCNA) is offering student awards to support the research activities of a nurse, enrolled full time in a Master's or PhD program, or holding an appointment as a full-time postdoctoral researcher.

This award is intended to support and complement success in a graduate program or postdoctoral fellowship and promote connection to the CCNA. Preference will be given to applicants whose research activities fall within the following areas:

1. ***Research related to inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility of people living with dementia and their care partners.
2. Indigenous dementia-related research based on principles of respectful research partnerships between Indigenous communities and/or organizations and researchers.

***Please consult the "Best Practices in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Research on the CIHR website for a detailed description of EDI research principles: <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/edi-eng.aspx#2>

Eligibility:

- Nursing students or students with nursing backgrounds enrolled full-time in a Master's or PhD degree program relevant to inclusion, equity, diversity, and accessibility, with a focus on dementia research.
- Nursing students or students with nursing backgrounds enrolled full-time in a Master's or PhD degree program relevant to Indigenous dementia research (broadly defined).
- Nursing students or students with nursing backgrounds engaged in a postdoctoral fellowship relevant to inclusion, equity, diversity, and accessibility or Indigenous dementia research.
- Students must have, or be willing to form, a mentorship link with a CCNA-affiliated Investigator.
- Note that, self-identified First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and BIPOC nurses enrolled full-time in a Master's or PhD degree program or engage in a postdoctoral fellowship will be given preference.

Proposed activities must be relevant to CCNA's domains and priorities: <https://ccna-ccnv.ca/>

Awards:

- Two awards are available in 2022. Each award is valued at \$15,000 per student in the first year (2022-2023) with the opportunity for a \$10,000 renewal for a second year (2023-2024).
- Funding may be renewed for a second year provided recipients are in good standing with their nursing program and based on demonstrated progress on their research project. Recipients will be required to complete an interim progress report.

Evaluation of Applications:

Applications will be reviewed by a review panel. The review panel will assess the following application components:

- Description of proposed activities, specifically related to dementia research in Indigenous populations, centering of community and Indigenous knowledge, or related to inclusion, diversity, equity, and ability issues in dementia care,
- Assembly of a relevant research team, and,
- Budget that supports research activities appropriately.

Accountability:

Award winners are requested to:

- Engage in semi-annual check-ins with CCNA mentor.
- Prepare a one-page report of their progress, due in June.
 - o This summary may be potentially used by and/or shared across the CCNA for reporting or promotional purposes
- Create and disseminate a knowledge mobilization/translation product. The CCNA Knowledge Translation and Exchange (KTE) Program can be consulted with to help design KTE components of the research.
- Develop and present a conference abstract or publication (if possible).

Application Requirements:

- Student Biography (maximum 150 words).
- Description of proposed research activities (maximum 2,000 words). *Activities must relate to or support a research topic that is related to cognitive health and/or neurodegeneration (e.g., quality of life, diagnosis, assessment, caregiver support, stigma and/or trauma, cultural safety, etc.).*
- Summary of existing or proposed engagement with a team of academic and community mentors/partners. At least one of the mentors must be a CCNA-affiliated investigator.
- Letters of support may be supplied (maximum 500 words).
- Budget.

Applications should be submitted to: tcb.ccna@gmail.com