

2020/21 ARCC Studentship Competition

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the ARCC studentship program provides an opportunity for support for individuals participating in applied cancer control research in full-time pursuit of a Master's degree or a PhD at a Canadian University. Candidates are expected to have an exceptionally high potential for future achievement and productivity. The studentship program will:

- Foster the development of high quality, broadly trained health professionals with expertise in the area of applied cancer control research
- Provide support for both scientific training and career development, promoting the acquisition of skills crucial to success in obtaining a graduate degree and in developing a successful career

Competition Timeline & Key Dates

Item		Deadline
Competition Open		10 February 2020
Application Deadline	*UPDATED*	17 April 2020
Award Announcement	*UPDATED*	June 2020
Funding Start Date		September 2020

1.1 VALUE & TERM

ARCC Studentships have a one year term with an overall value of \$25,000 which consists of a \$22,000 stipend and a \$3,000 research allowance*.

*A research allowance is provided to contribute to the costs of the award recipient's:

- materials and research supplies;
- access to/purchase of required scientific literature including books and journal article access
- travel to scientific meetings, including attendance and presentation at the annual ARCC Conference (required).
- equipment up to a maximum of \$1,500 before taxes.

A full list of eligible expenses will be provided to award recipients and their institutions.

2 ELIGIBILITY

Applicants and their supervisors must be current ARCC members, and the applicant must be currently enrolled in a full-time graduate program at a Canadian university undertaking cancer-related research training leading to a thesis-based graduate degree. Support is available only to candidates who have completed their first year of graduate training. The applicant must not hold another major award from other sources (major award is defined as any award that is valued at >\$22,000 per annum, i.e. CIHR). Canadian citizens, landed immigrants and permanent residents will receive first consideration.

The proposed research is to be in an area that is relevant to ARCC, specifically demonstrating alignment with one of the core ARCC Program Areas:

- Health Technology Assessment
- Health Systems, Services, and Policy
- Societal Values and Public Engagement
- Survivorship

Examples of studies that can be funded through this funding opportunity include studies that examine current programs & services, studies involving analysis of administrative data, and health technology assessments.

2.1 INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

The following types of research projects are **not** eligible for funding:

- Clinical Trials
- Translational Research
- Basic science or biomedical research

Contact the ARCC Network Manager, Rebecca Mercer at Rebecca.Mercer@cancercare.on.ca if you have questions about the eligibility of your project.

3 APPLICATION PROCESS

To be eligible for consideration, all applications must include the following documents in the order below. Applications will not be considered if required components are missing. The completed, signed application must be submitted on the provided ARCC application form, and submitted electronically. The application must be received by 4:00pm EST on the deadline (April 17, 2020). Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted. It is the applicants' responsibility to ensure the application is accurate and complete.

A scan of an **official** transcript for the most recent, complete academic year must be included with your application.

Item	Maximum Length
Proposal	See form
References/Bibliography	As Needed
Appendices	As Needed
Abbreviated CV for the applicant	Maximum 5 pages
Transcript (official, scanned version)	As needed
Abbreviated CV for the supervisor	Maximum 5 pages
Signed letter(s) of support from supervisor	As Needed

3.1 SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please email your application to: Rebecca Mercer, ARCC Network Manager, at Rebecca.Mercer@cancercare.on.ca . PDF format is preferred. Please send all items as one file.

Deadline for Submission: A complete application must be received by 4:00pm EST on Friday April 17th, 2020. Applications received after this day and time will **not** be considered in the review.

Results Deadline: Results of the studentship competition will be forwarded to applicants in June, 2020. Applicants will have 14 days from the date of offer of award to accept or decline. The status of offers not accepted or declined within the 14 days will automatically be set to declined, and the award will be re-offered to a wait-list applicant.

4 REVIEW PROCESS

Applications for the ARCC Studentship competition are evaluated by a review committee consisting of the ARCC Program Leads, Co-Directors, and other senior leaders from ARCC. Applications are reviewed based on scientific merit and the relevance to ARCC's program areas, with a focus on the trainee, their career plan, and the anticipated benefits of the research project. Strategic review will be based on the criteria below:

- Academic track record
- Relevant work and/or experience
- Applicants research environment
- Career development plans
- Research proposal

4.1 COMPETITION RESULTS

Official result letters and competition feedback will be emailed to the applicant directly. Successful applicants and brief project descriptions will be posted on the ARCC website.

4.2 FUNDING

All offers of award from the ARCC Studentship competition must be implemented within the period of offer as specified on the award letter.

A final report on work completed during the duration of the award must be submitted to Kim van der Hoek, ARCC Centre Manager, within 4 weeks of award termination. In addition, the funded student will be expected to present their research to the ARCC community through participation in the ARCC Conference and/or by presenting an ARCC webinar.

All publications and knowledge dissemination resulting from research supported by ARCC must acknowledge the support of ARCC.

NOTE: With understanding regarding the evolving COVID-19 situation, ARCC would like to confirm that we allow/accept all forms of digital/electronic signatures. Email authorizations are also accepted through Rebecca.Mercer@cancercare.on.ca if needed.

Please contact us should you need any additional accommodations to participate in the 2020 Studentship Competition!