



Arctic Health Research Network - Yukon

Award for Students in Northern Health Research

Graduate Student Guidelines and Application Form

Mission

The **Mission** of the **Arctic Health Research Network – Yukon** is to facilitate and promote community-based, northern-led health research activities aimed at improving the health of First Nations and non-First Nations peoples in the Yukon.

Objectives

Through a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) funded project to Dr. Kue Young from the University of Toronto, the Arctic Health Research Network – Yukon, in partnership with the Northern Research Institute at Yukon College, is offering an annual scholarship to promote northern health research. The Masters or Ph.D. scholarship is to enable northern residents to undertake graduate level studies which will benefit northern capacity in health research through the training and education at any university (Canadian or International).

Program Overview

There will be **ONE** award to either a PhD or Masters student **each year**. Maximum graduate funding is \$21,000 for a PhD student or \$17,500 for a Master's student [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. Award recipients are strongly encouraged to apply for other sources of support after the first year.

Similar annual scholarships are being offered through the Arctic Health Research Network –NWT and the Arctic Health Research Network –Nunavut.

Eligibility

This award is open to graduate students who:

- are a Canadian resident;
- have resided in one of the three territories for a minimum three years;
- registered in a degree program in which a research thesis or project is a major component;
- study in any discipline related to northern health (excludes health professional training such as MD, RN, etc., [CIHR mandate includes training health researchers;



- are registered full time, or part time. Part time students must provide justification for application for full award.

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

Sponsoring Supervisor

Students will require confirmation of a thesis supervisor possessing a record of community driven research in a health discipline relevant to the North.

Review Criteria

A review panel of community (First Nations and non-First Nations) and academic representatives designated by AHRN-YT will review applications each year. This year (2008/2009), the review will take place the week of August 25th, 2008.

Selection of successful recipients is based on the following criteria:

1. *Abilities of Candidate*

- Academic record
- Health related experience
- Originality
- Research abilities
- Written and oral communications skills
- Other awards

2. *Quality of the Training Environment*

- Candidates' training program
- Community research expertise
- Scientific activity of supervisor
- Training record of supervisor
- Research resources available

3. *Nature of Proposed Research Program (as demonstrated in written letter of application)*

- Responds and contributes to Yukon and/or northern health priorities;
- Recognizes diversity of knowledge systems;
- Enhances capacity of Yukon/northern residents to participate in health research activities;
- Facilitates the transfer of knowledge to Yukon/northern residents or a specific community.



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, community workshops/meetings, publications/conference presentations, etc.
- Copies of other reports, publications and theses generated by the research must also be provided when completed.
- Reports and/or publications will include the acknowledgement of "Partial financial support provided by an Arctic Health Research Network Scholarship from AHRN-Yukon, through the University of Toronto from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research."

Application Checklist

Incomplete applications will not be considered for review.

MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETE APPLICATION:

- 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
- Student's official academic record
- Student's written letter of application
- Supervisor's sealed letter of support for student's work
- A copy of research ethics approval from appropriate academic institution. If not available, please advise when and how it will be obtained.
- NOTE RENEWAL APPLICANTS:** Written letter of application must address original criteria but must also outline progress of academic studies and research thesis/project as well as why funding should be continued. Must also include a copy of your final written report required as funding criteria from previous funding round.

Completed applications should be received by August 22nd, 2008:

Arctic Health Research Network – Yukon
Jody Butler Walker, Executive Director
#209 – 100 Main Street
Whitehorse, YT
Y1A 2A7



ARCTIC HEALTH RESEARCH NETWORK – Yukon Graduate Award Application Form

Instructions: Please complete the following form. Submit a hard copy of the completed form and all the original supporting documents by August 22nd, 2008 to:

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Whitehorse, YT
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Email: jody@butlerwalker.ca

STUDENT INFORMATION	
Name:	Field of Study:
Projected Graduation Date:	Email:
Telephone:	Fax:
Permanent address:	
PROGRAM INFORMATION	
Degree Program: Master's _____ PhD _____	
Year of Study: 1 st year _____ 2 nd year _____ 3 rd year _____ 4 th year _____	
University:	
Faculty/Department:	
Area of Research Interest:	



PROJECT & SUPERVISOR INFORMATION (IF KNOWN)	
Research Project Title:	
Supervisor:	
Name:	Position:
Institution:	Email:
Telephone:	Fax:
Address:	

Personal Statement: Provide a summary of your personal, academic and career goals (Maximum 1 page).



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Research Focus: Provide a brief description of your area of research interest and how it relates to the health of Yukon and/or northern populations (Maximum 1 page).

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Research Project: Briefly describe the purpose/objectives of your proposed research project, and your proposed methodology. (Maximum 1 page).

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Community Focus: Briefly describe how your research will contribute to the Yukon or the North, and how a northern community or communities will be involved in your project and will benefit from the results of your work. Also, briefly describe how you plan to disseminate the results of your project (Maximum 1 page).



Supporting Documentation: Please include the following documents with your application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. Official transcripts for all degrees (photocopies of originals accepted)
2. Current C.V./Resume (no prescribed format)
3. Two references, 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 the Yukon, Northwest Territories or Nunavut;
 - Your commitment to community driven health research;
 - Your interest/involvement with northern communities.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____