



REQUEST FOR APPLICATION

Psychosocial Doctoral Training Award 2011 – 2012

Parkinson Society Canada in partnership with the Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction (INMHA) has launched a Priority Announcement to announce funding of up to one Doctoral Research Award in the area of psychosocial research in Parkinson's disease. Researchers must be working in Canada to be eligible for this award.

NOTE: Applications are submitted through the CIHR Doctoral Research Award: Priority Announcement (Specific Research Areas) competition:

Important Dates:

Competition	201110MDR
Application Deadline	2011-10-14
Anticipated Notice of Decision	2012-04-16
Funding Start Date	2012-05-01

Doctoral Training Award

- The total amount available for this funding opportunity is \$ 105,000
 - Up to three years duration, \$30,000 per annum
 - Research allowance: \$5,000 per annum
- This award is non-renewable
- Applications receiving a rating of less than 3.5 will not be considered for funding

The objectives of this award are to increase interest in Parkinson's disease and to specifically encourage researchers from other health disciplines e.g. nursing, occupational therapy, speech language pathology and social work in the area of psychosocial research in Parkinson's disease. Funding is being offered as a complement to the biomedical research that is currently being funded. Applications to this initiative **MUST** be psychosocial in focus.

Parkinson Society Canada is committed to advancing our research program to better serve Canadians with Parkinson's, to foster Canadian Parkinson's research leadership internationally, and to support efforts to ease the burden and find a cure.

- Emphasis is placed on research directed towards improving quality of life, increasing our understanding and treating of non-motor and motor symptoms of Parkinson's or addressing issues pertaining to caregiving or supportive interventions, or behavioural and cognitive changes. Research can address the full spectrum of the stages of Parkinson's disease including

end of life/ palliative care or ethical issues and can involve qualitative and /or quantitative methodologies.

- The following psychosocial research topics have been identified as priority issues by Parkinson Society Canada. These can include but are not limited to:
 - Investigating the Psychological Well Being of people living with Parkinson's disease (PLWP), Partners and Families,
 - E.g. Concurrent psychiatric disorders including depression and impulse control disorders amongst PLWP.
 - The psychological impact of PD on the spouse and family members, as well as individuals who live alone.
 - Evaluating the Benefits of Standardized care,
 - E.g. identifying best practice by focusing on the diagnosis and early treatment experiences of PLWP.
 - Assessing Medical Services
 - E.g. Methods of improving support and access to services for PLWP for more advanced level PD caregivers, young onset and/or newly diagnosed individuals, individuals who live in rural areas.
 - Methods for improving appropriate services for PLWP from ethnic communities incorporating accommodation of language and cultural barriers.
 - The Economic Burden of Parkinson's.
 - E.g. Loss of income, cost of treatments, and comparison of impact on young versus older onset patients

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are submitted through the "201110MDR" competition of the Doctoral Research Award: 2011-2012 funding opportunity. Click here to see the full [RFA](#)

Alternatively, the full announcement can also be viewed on the CIHR website at:

<http://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=1343&&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=AND&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true#a15>

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