



## **Royal Canadian Legion Masters Scholarship in Veteran Health Research**

More Canadian research is needed to address the needs over the course of a person's life for those who have served our nation and their families. Canada provides our military with the best training and equipment in the world but we must also ensure that when these soldiers return home to the "new battlefield" of challenges due to physical and mental injuries or the social challenges of reintegrating into family and community life that they are provided with the same level of support. This support must be based on the best evidence possible resulting from research from the best and brightest Canada has to offer.

With this goal, the Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran Health Research (CIMVHR) and The Royal Canadian Legion have made a commitment to offer a Canadian scholarship that will ensure a lasting legacy for Veteran research in Canada by training a future generation of researchers. Creating links between up and coming researchers and CIMVHR's established network of University Investigators and Government partners will also ensure that high impact research can be rapidly translated into practice, policies and programs that affect the lives of those who have served and their families.

### **The following guidelines have been created for the Scholarship:**

- One scholarship will be awarded to a student entering his/her first year, full-time Master's program who demonstrates excellence in their proposed research and exhibits significant potential for a high impact research career in a relevant area. The award winning student will receive \$15,000 per year for two years to fund their Master's degree and research related to Veterans and their families.
- Dominion Command of The Royal Canadian Legion will contribute \$30,000 over 2 years to fund the scholarship.
- The Scholarship competition and all follow up activities with successful students will be administered by CIMVHR.
- Applications must be submitted to Julie Burch, contact information below, by May 31, 2017.
- Applications will be evaluated by members of CIMVHR's College of Peer Reviewers according to predetermined evaluation criteria and ranked so the top candidate can be selected.
- The funded scholar will, through the guidance of the Legion, meet Veterans so they have the chance to understand why they are doing the work they are doing.
- The successful student is expected to attend the annual Military and Veteran Health Research Forum (MVHR Forum), the top national conference on military and Veteran health in Canada, hosted by CIMVHR, and to make linkages with CIMVHR's network of academic researchers, government scientists and other researchers working in the area of military and Veteran health research. The 2017 Forum is being held in Toronto from November 25-27.
- In their second year, the funded scholars will be asked to submit a proposal based on their sponsored research to present at the MVHR Forum. This will ensure the information is disseminated to the relevant populations. Students will be encouraged to publish research results from their thesis in peer reviewed journals and seek opportunities to collaborate with other CIMVHR Researchers on at least one publication related to their area of research.



- Students will be asked to acknowledge the Legion and CIMVHR as sources of funding in all presentations and publications related to their thesis research.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

*Please use the form that follows (Page 3-4) to submit your application.*

Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Research topic is related to an area of priority identified by the Legion and within one of CIMVHR's priority research areas:
  - Mental health and rehabilitation
  - Physical health and rehabilitation
  - Social health and well-being
  - Transition from military to civilian life
  - Transition back to family life following deployment
  - Health care policies and programs
  - Occupational and work place health
  - Gender related health issues.
2. Research has significant potential to improving the physical or mental health or wellbeing of Veteran populations or their families (the beneficiary populations).
3. Quality of research methodology proposed and analytical and writing skills demonstrated
4. Level of support demonstrated by thesis supervisor for both the importance of the research and the candidate's potential for a successful high impact research career
5. Preference will be given to students studying at one of CIMVHR's partner Universities who are Canadian
6. All other procedural aspects of the evaluation process will be conducted according to the requirements of the CIMVHR Peer Review Manual and the terms of reference for a CIMVHR Peer Review Committee

**Please submit your PDF application by May 31, 2017 to [julie.burch@queensu.ca](mailto:julie.burch@queensu.ca), and ensure receipt by:**

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## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION MASTERS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Please complete and submit as instructed.

Create PDFs of these 2 files as directed below. Please send both documents together in 1 email with the subject line: ***RCL2017 – YOUR LAST NAME***

PDF #1: A letter of support from your supervisor and your current CV – save the file as:

***RCL2017\_YourLastName\_CV***

PDF #2: This information sheet which includes your 500 word submission –save the file as:

2. ***RCL2017\_YourLastName\_Form***

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### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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Last Name:

First name:

University you are enrolled in:

Your Thesis Supervisor's Name:

### RESEARCH FOCUS

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Working Title of your thesis:

Indicate which of CIMVHR's priority research areas your work will pertain to:



**CIMVHR**  
Canadian Institute for Military  
and Veteran Health Research

**ICRSMV**  
L'Institut canadien de recherche sur  
la santé des militaires et des vétérans

### Research proposal

In 500 words please describe your research objectives and methodology.