



Royal Canadian Legion Masters Scholarship in Veteran Health Research

While Canada provides its' military with the best training and equipment in the world, it must also ensure that when 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 in mind, the Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran Health Research (CIMVHR) and The Royal Canadian Legion offer a Canadian scholarship that will create a lasting legacy for Veteran research in Canada by training a future generation of researchers. Generating links between up and coming researchers and CIMVHR's established network of university and government researchers also ensures 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 Royal Canadian Legion Masters Scholarship in Veteran Health Research sponsors Canadian research that addresses the health needs over the life course of those who have served our nation and their families. 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.

Scholarship guidelines

- One scholarship per year will be awarded to a student entering his/her first year of a 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.
- 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 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 CIMVHR's annual Military and Veteran Health Research Forum. This national conference on military and Veteran health in Canada provides opportunities for scholars to make linkages with CIMVHR's network of academic researchers, government scientists and other researchers working in the area of military and Veteran and family health research. The MVHR Forum is being held from October 15-17, 2018 in Regina, Saskatchewan.
- Second year funding depends on the viability of the research. At mid-point, a progress report is required, to demonstrate that the research is feasible and remains aligned with the goals of the scholarship.

- Also in their second year, the funded scholar 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.
- Applications must be submitted to Julie Burch, contact information below, by **May 31, 2018**.
- Please use the form that follows (Page 3-4) to submit your application.

Evaluation Criteria

- Research has significant potential to improving the physical or mental health or wellbeing of Veteran populations or their families (the beneficiary populations).
- Quality of research methodology proposed and analytical and writing skills demonstrated.
- 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.
- Preference will be given to students studying at one of CIMVHR's partner Universities who are Canadian.
- 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.

Due date extended to June 15th 2018!

Please submit your PDF application to CIMVHR and ensure receipt by:

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