

## **Graduate Studentships for Research in Schizophrenia & Psychosis**

### ***2023 Call for Applications & Guidelines***

The Schizophrenia Society of Canada Foundation (SSCF) and the Canadian Consortium for Early Intervention in Psychosis (CCEIP) are pleased to partner in offering 3 graduate studentships for research on schizophrenia and psychosis; biomedical or psychosocial. One studentship will be awarded for research at the Doctoral level and two at the Masters level.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**  
**May 1, 2023**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The objective of this competition is to provide a stipend for one Doctoral (PhD) student and two Masters students pursuing research aimed at identifying the causes of, or developing novel interventions for, schizophrenia and related psychosis. The research can focus on either biomedical or psychosocial aspects of schizophrenia and psychosis.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- The competition is open to full-time graduate students at the Doctoral or Masters level.
- The student must be currently working, or will begin working by September 2023 at the latest, under the supervision of a research investigator affiliated with a Canadian university.
- The student and supervisor must fulfill requirements for student projects and supervision within the parent university where the student will be registered, and where the supervising faculty member will be based.

#### **VALUE**

A total of three studentships will be awarded at the following level of funding:

- One PhD Studentship: \$21,000/year for 2 years
- Two MSc Studentship: \$15,000/year for 2 years

Starting Date: September 1, 2023\*

\*Can be deferred for a maximum 6 months, at the request of the applicant before September 1, 2023

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- A student receiving a SSCF-CCEIP Studentship will be required to supply a progress report on the course of his/her graduate studies and research project in the past year, by July 31<sup>st</sup> of each year of funding. A final overall progress report is also required at the end of the funding period.
- A student receiving a SSCF-CCEIP Studentship will be required to inform SSCF if they receive any other external studentship or scholarship for their graduate studies, at any time during those studies. Their SSCF-CCEIP studentship will be reduced by the amount of the new external award minus a modest top-up, such that the new total (from the SSCF-CCEIP award plus the external award) is above the stipend received previously from SSCF-CCEIP alone.
- A student receiving a SSCF-CCEIP Studentship will be asked to present to the CCEIP Board on their research, just prior to the end of the studentship. If the presentation coincides with a conference, then the CCEIP/SSCF will provide \$500.00 financial support for attendance.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

#### 1. Candidate:

- Complete the online application form for SSCF/CCEIP Studentship for Research in Schizophrenia and Psychosis: [https://www.research.net/r/studentship\\_app](https://www.research.net/r/studentship_app)
- Arrange to have your university send your official\* university transcripts as a PDF file directly to our office, or you may provide a scan of the official\* transcripts as a PDF.  
*\*An official transcript must be stamped with the official university seal*
- **Send the completed application form and the transcripts to [admin@epicanada.org](mailto:admin@epicanada.org) or by mail:**  
Canadian Consortium for Early Intervention in Psychosis  
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#### 2. Supervisor:

- Provide a letter indicating:
  - a. The supervisor's agreement to serve in a supervisory capacity
  - b. How the applicant's research project aligns with overall research themes on schizophrenia and psychosis investigated in the supervisor's laboratory
  - c. The trainee's previous research experience and appropriateness for the project.
- Provide a 2-page biosketch of the supervisor.
- **Submit the letter and biosketch DIRECTLY to [admin@epicanada.org](mailto:admin@epicanada.org). The letter should be signed and dated, in PDF format.**

3. Referee:

- The candidate must ask one person familiar with his/her work and accomplishments to submit a letter of reference. This letter should be from someone other than the proposed supervisor. We ask that the referee to cover the following points regarding the student, if possible: critical thinking, independence, perseverance, originality, organizational skills, interest in discovering, communication skills, interest in schizophrenia research.
- **The referee must submit the signed letter DIRECTLY to [admin@epicanada.org](mailto:admin@epicanada.org). Please submit the letter separately and electronically as a PDF file, named as follows: StudentLastName\_FirstInitial\_ReferenceLetter.pdf (e.g. Laos\_J\_ReferenceLetter.pdf).**

**DEADLINE**

All documents must be received by May 1, 2023. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

**EVALUATION AND AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT**

Applications will be evaluated by a committee composed of researchers from the SSCF and CCEIP based on:

1. The candidate's academic background and prior research experience (commensurate with their level of training);
2. The scientific merit of the project;
3. The significance of the project in contributing to our understanding of schizophrenia and related psychosis and to the well-being of patients with schizophrenia/psychosis.
4. Feasibility and the appropriateness of the research environment to carry out the proposed project.

**Candidates will be notified of the results of the competition by: July 1, 2023**

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