

Mental Health Research Canada and the Canadian Women's Foundation's 2021 Indigenous Studentship for the Advancement of Women

Deadline: October 3rd

Submissions will be assessed on a rolling basis

This studentship will provide the opportunity to an indigenous Masters' or Post-Graduate College student to work directly with the Canadian Women's Foundation conducting a mental health research project relevant to the needs of Canadian women. The opportunity is part of the 2022-2023 MHRC Studentship cycle, where students share their time between academic institutions and community service providers, tying together their research with the end-users to ensure the project is tailored to and appropriate for that community's needs and people with lived experience.

This project is targeted for the Winter 2022 academic term (project to begin in **January 2022**).

An MHRC studentship is defined as financial support for a student which could encompass fellowships, internships, and scholarships. This particular opportunity is an internship, a form of studentship in which the student gains practical experience in a work environment with stakeholders (ie in this case, the Canadian Women's Foundation). MHRC aims to drive systemic change by encouraging adoption of effective, research-informed and client-centric approaches to mental health treatment.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Canadian citizen and/or Permanent Resident status;
- Identify as female and/or gender-diverse;
- Identify as First Nations, Metis, or Inuit;
- Currently enrolled in an accredited Masters or PhD degree at a University or a Post-Graduate Certificate at a College.

Focus of Research:

Research proposals must fall under the theme of the mental health impacts of COVID-19 and its ongoing effects on women and gender-diverse people. Projects will be undertaken under the joint supervision of the Canadian Women's Foundation and the student's academic supervisor.

Research proposals tailored to the applicant's home community and their unique needs are welcomed.

Financial Mechanics:

Candidates are eligible for funding of \$15,000 CAD, for one 6-month term. For this round of funding, **projects would begin in January 2022 and end by June 2022**. Funds will be paid directly to the student.

Application Process:

Students submit their applications, in by email to grants@mhrc.ca. Applications must detail the full proposal of the research they would like to conduct in partnership with the Canadian Women's Foundation and must include the following:

- **A description of proposed research (maximum of 4 pages), including:**
 - Project title
 - What is/are the specific research question(s)/objective(s) you will address with your project?
 - What research gap(s) is/are being addressed?
 - Identify which of the three project themes your proposal is targeting
 - Provide a background of relevant prior research that supports the need for your project. Please include a list of references at the end of your application.
 - Please describe your planned methodology.
 - What are the anticipated deliverables? (expected outcomes, results, and/or documents (thesis, journal publication, etc)
 - Projected timeline
- **The student's CV/resume**
- **Letter of Support:**
 - A letter of support submitted by the student's academic supervisor attested to the student's research capabilities and interest in conducting the given work

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During this internship, student would be expected to work for at least 10-12 hours a week on the project and be in regular contact with their assigned co-supervisor at the Canadian Women's Foundation.

For questions pertaining to this partnership or application process, please contact:

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