



Graduate Student Research Award

The Graduate Student Research Award, introduced in 2007, is intended to support the research activities of WNRCSN members who are graduate students. This award is available to:

- 1) faculty members who are WNRCSN members and who are engaged in graduate studies; or
- 2) graduate students at WNRCSN-affiliated institutions who are members of WNRCSN.

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One research award will be funded up to \$2500. It is expected that the research will be completed within a two-year period.

Criteria:

1. The focus of the research must be related to nursing education. Research within this focus may be directed to any aspect of nursing education, including issues of importance to faculty members or students, strategies pertaining to teaching and learning, or curricular challenges.
2. Both the Graduate Student and their Supervisor must be WNRCSN members prior to submission of the application. Graduate students at a WNRCSN-affiliated educational institution as well as graduate students who are also faculty members, may hold Full Active Member (voting) or Associate Member (non-voting) status. The Associate Member category requires that members provide documentation of their graduate student status.
3. Proposals that arise from graduate course work, theses, or dissertations are only available for the Graduate Student Research Award and not eligible for either the WNRCSN Research Award, or Education Innovation Award.
4. Successful applicants will need to submit proof of ethics approval from their local IRB.
5. Research funds must be deposited into a research account with the successful candidate's educational institution. Funds will be sent to the successful candidate once the ethical approval certificate has been submitted to the WNRCSN Secretary.
6. Budget to include personnel and materials expenses only. Items such as conference expenses, teaching release, and office overhead (rent) are not eligible expenses. Please specify if funding is expected or has been obtained from other sources. Approximately 10% of the budget allowance may be moved from one line to another, as long as an explanation is provided to justify same.
7. If for any reason, the successful applicant cannot begin the project at the time the funds are awarded, or cannot be completed within two years, the award will not be deferred. In those circumstances, the award must be relinquished and the second-ranked applicant will be offered the award. Once the research has been initiated, an extension may be requested by emailing president@wnrcasn.ca.
8. Reports: It is expected that an annual report will be submitted to WNRCSN Executive outlining the progress of the study (i.e., completed activities, remaining activities, and expected date of completion). This report is due one year after the award date. Further, it is expected that a two-page summary report outlining the major findings will be submitted to WNRCSN Executive at the completion of the study.
9. As an award recipient, the successful candidate(s) will be asked to provide a recent photo and a one page project overview (300 words) to be posted on the WNRCSN website.
10. WNRCSN must be credited with funding support in all public dissemination of the project.
11. Decisions for awards will be based on the quality of the application.