

The Pritchard Fellowships – 2021

<u>Call for Proposals</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>	<u>Funding Start Date</u>
June 15, 2021	July 15, 2021 (1PM)	September 1, 2021

DETAILS

A funding opportunity has been made possible by The Colin & Lois Pritchard Foundation Student Enhancement Endowment Fund. The goal of the fund is to support training and research activities for students studying in disciplines related to medicine and health at UBCO, with a preference for activities that are clinically focused and support collaboration with the Interior Health Authority. Pritchard Fellowships will provide stipends for UBCO graduate and undergraduate students undertaking clinical research projects at UBC's Okanagan campus, conducted in collaboration with clinicians working in the Okanagan region. Project proposals must state how students will be involved and demonstrate participation by a local clinician collaborator.¹

Fellowship funding will be paid in the following amounts:

- 1 Graduate fellowship (renewable) valued \$24, 000 (\$12, 000 per year (for 2 years))
- 1 Undergraduate fellowship valued at \$4,000

FULL APPLICATION

Principal Investigators are invited to submit a proposal for a new or existing project that describes how the Pritchard Fellowship(s) will stimulate and strengthen clinical research collaborations between UBC Okanagan researchers and local clinicians. Applications must describe the proposed research project, how it supports collaborative research, what the student's role will be in the project and how the clinician will be involved. Applicants do not need to specify the name of the student trainee at the time of application.

Applications will consist of a *single PDF document* that includes the following (in order):

- Cover page including 100-word lay summary and institutional signatures
- A free-form proposal addressing the evaluation criteria (2 pages maximum)
Proposals must be written using a 12-point black font, single line spacing and a standard, single column on an 8.5" x 11" page layout for documents; references and figures are included in the page limit. No supplemental materials, such as appendices, are allowed.
- CVs from Principal Investigator and Clinician (student CVs should not be submitted)

Applications for this funding call must be emailed to ResearchOffice.UBCO@ubc.ca

¹ For the purposes of this opportunity a local clinician is defined as a licensed clinician who practices within the Okanagan region and who is a member in good standing of a regulated health profession. Clinical research is defined as research with the goal of improving the prevention, diagnosis and treatment (including rehabilitation and palliation) of disease and injury, including improving the health and quality of life of individuals as they pass through life stages. Clinicians may or may not be employed by the Interior Health Authority.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The applicant must assure the committee that the proposed research will stimulate and strengthen clinical research collaborations between UBC Okanagan researchers and local clinicians, is worthy of funding, and can be carried out during the term of the award with the funds requested. Projects will be evaluated on the following criteria (equally weighted):

- 1) the plan/theme of the overall research and the first study to be performed as part of the thesis/project
- 2) the supervisory/training plan for the student(s) who will work on the proposed research
- 3) how the proposed research project supports and strengthens collaborative research activity between UBC Okanagan and local clinicians.

ELIGIBILITY

The Principal Investigator (PI) must be a UBC faculty member who is eligible to hold research funds. To receive a graduate student stipend, the faculty member must be eligible to supervise UBC graduate students. The Co-Principal Investigator must be a locally appointed clinical health professional (e.g., M.D., physiotherapist).

Graduate student stipends can be held only by graduate students based on the UBC Okanagan campus. Undergraduate student stipends can be held by students registered in an undergraduate program at UBC Okanagan or Vancouver conducting the research project on the UBCO campus. Stipends cannot be paid to students who are already receiving \geq \$50K in scholarships, bursaries, teaching assistantships, or other awards. If a graduate student funded by a Pritchard Fellowship receives new funding putting them over the \$50K limit, they will be rendered ineligible to continue holding the fellowship. In such instances, the faculty member may reallocate the stipend to another graduate student working on the same project.

ADJUDICATION PROCESS

Applications will be adjudicated by an Awards Committee comprised of representatives from UBC Okanagan and Interior Health.

AWARD DETAILS

Successful applicants will be notified in July 2021 and Year 1 funding will be disbursed effective September 1, 2021.

Recipient(s) will be required to:

- Recognize the award as a source of project funding
- Participate in recognition events (e.g., local conferences/research days) and knowledge translation activities (e.g., media interviews) to promote and recognize the funded projects
- Ensure students funded by the project understand and acknowledge the support from the Pritchard Foundation.
- Submit a yearly progress and financial report to ResearchOffice.UBCO@ubc.ca
- Graduate recipients will have their second year of funding approved contingent on the student's satisfactory progress at the end of Year 1.

In addition, recipients collaborating with clinicians who are employed by the Interior Health Authority will be required to:

- Have a field supervisor appointed by the IH Research Officer
- Participate in IH knowledge translation training and activities

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Term of the Award: The term of the graduate award is for two years with funding for the second-year conditional upon receipt and approval of an annual report that assesses progress towards activities, goals, milestones and outcomes articulated in the proposal. Undergraduates are required to submit a final report. All reports must be sent to ResearchOffice.UBCO@ubc.ca.

Award set-up: Grants will be established for each grant holder (faculty member). Grant holder must submit an RPIF prior to grant set up. Expenditures against this grant will be processed through the grant holder's Faculty/Unit office. Awards cannot be used for any purpose other than student stipends.

Research Ethics: If the/a research project in the funded application requires review and approval by one of the UBC's Research Ethics Boards (i.e. Behavioral, Clinical, Animal or Biohazard). It is strongly recommended that the certification process begin as soon as possible after application/notice of award. The project may not begin before the certification is received.

PROGRAM CONTACT

Please direct questions regarding this competition to Dr. Paul van Donkelaar, Associate Vice-Principal of Research and Innovation: paul.vandonkelaar@ubc.ca

Please direct questions regarding clinical research collaborators to Dr. Deanne Taylor, Corporate Director Research, Interior health Authority: deanne.taylor@interiorhealth.ca