



## The Pritchard Fellowships Grant Program – 2022 Competition

<u>Call for Proposals</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>	<u>Funding Start Date</u>
June 2, 2022	July 15, 2022 (4PM)	September 1, 2022

### 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 strengthen collaborative research activity between UBC Okanagan and Interior Health through research and student training. Pritchard Fellowships will provide stipends for graduate and undergraduate students undertaking clinical research projects at UBC's Okanagan campus, conducted in partnership with clinical collaborators in the Okanagan region. Project proposals must state how students will be involved and demonstrate participation by a clinician collaborator.<sup>1</sup>

Fellowship funding will be paid in the following amounts:

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

For the 2022 competition, up to 2 Graduate fellowships and up to 2 Undergraduate fellowships may be awarded.

### 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 Interior Health. Applications must describe the proposed research project, what the student's role will be in the project, how the clinician will be involved, and how it supports collaborative research. Applicants do not need to specify the name of the student trainee at the time of application.

Applications for this funding call must be emailed to [vprawards.ubco@ubc.ca](mailto:vprawards.ubco@ubc.ca). The Application will consist of a *single PDF document* that includes the following (in order):

- Cover page including 100-word lay summary and institutional signatures (template provided)
- Application form addressing the evaluation criteria (template provided)
- CVs from the Principal Investigator and the Clinician (student CVs should not be submitted)

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<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this opportunity a clinician is defined as a licensed clinician who practices in Interior Health 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.



Templates can be found on the [UBCO ORS Internal Funding website](#).

## Evaluation Criteria

The application 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.

Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria (equally weighted):

- **Project Plan & Research Theme:** the plan/theme of the overall research including a description of the first study to be performed as part of the thesis/project (1-page)
- **Supervisory & Training Plan:** the supervisory/training plan for the student(s) who will work on the proposed research (½-page)
- **Collaboration Plan:** how the proposed research project supports and strengthens collaborative research activity between UBC Okanagan and Interior Health (½-page)

## Eligibility

The Principal Investigator (PI) must be a UBC faculty member who is eligible to hold research funds. PIs can supervise a maximum of two Pritchard Fellows concurrently. To receive a graduate student stipend, the faculty member must be eligible to supervise 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, research assistantships, or other awards. If a graduate student funded by a Pritchard Fellowship receives new funding that renders the student ineligible to continue holding the fellowship, 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 mid-July and Year 1 funding will be disbursed effective September 1. 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. Recipients must work with the UBCO Development Office to provide an acknowledgment letter to the Pritchard Foundation within 45 days of the award.
- Submit a yearly progress and financial report to [vprawards.ubco@ubc.ca](mailto:vprawards.ubco@ubc.ca) by August 1, each year (template will be provided).
- Graduate recipients will have their second year of funding approved contingent on the student's satisfactory progress at the end of Year 1.

### 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. The term of the undergraduate award is one year and is non-renewable.

**Award set-up:** Grants will be established for each grant holder (faculty member). The grant holder must submit an RPIF prior to grant setup. 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 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 any questions regarding this competition to:

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