Research Fellowship 2018–2019

The Centre on Aging invites applications for a Research Fellowship for the 2018–2019 (i.e., July 2018 to June 2019) academic year from University of Manitoba faculty members.

The Centre is a university-wide research centre with a mandate to conduct, encourage, integrate, and disseminate research on all aspects of aging.

Application deadline: November 10, 2017

Nature of Support

The Centre on Aging Research Fellowship is designed to support aging-related research in any discipline. The Research Fellowship is open to all University of Manitoba faculty members. An $11,000 stipend is available. The Fellowship is available to individual faculty members only, conducting their own research. It is not available to research teams.

The stipend will typically be used for teaching release for up to nine credit hours of teaching or equivalent. Funds can also be used as a research grant for costs directly related to the proposed research project, or as a combination of teaching release and research grant funds.

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Application Process

Applicants must submit one electronic copy of:

- the original completed application form (www.umanitoba.ca/aging);
- a three-page research proposal written in a language that allows all members of the selection committee, who may not be specialists in the applicant’s field, to have a clear understanding of its scope and nature. It must outline:
  * the objectives of the research and the relationship of the research to existing research and literature;
  * the methods and procedures to be used and the resources that are required, with particular emphasis on those for which funding is requested;
  * the importance of the topic and its relevance to aging;
  * the applicant’s qualifications for conducting the research;
  * the publications and/or future grant applications expected to result from the research;
  * a timetable for the completion of the proposed research;
  * how this is a strategic new direction (if applicable);
  * the novelty of the project (applicant must demonstrate how this research is novel within your discipline and to the aging literature).
- financial data including a budget summary and budget justification.

- a statement of how the applicant will contribute to, and participate in, Centre on Aging activities (maximum 300 words).

Applicants who wish to use the Research Fellowship (in full or in part) in the form of teaching release must obtain a confidential letter from his or her Department Head. The letter must indicate: the applicant’s normal teaching load; willingness to reduce the applicant’s teaching load in return for stipendiary replacement funds; willingness to release the applicant from departmental committee and administrative duties; and, a brief assessment of the applicant’s demonstrated and potential scholarly ability.

The Department Head must submit the letter electronically directly to the Director, Centre on Aging, 338 Isbister Building by November 10, 2017.

Applicants who wish to receive the Research Fellowship (in full or in part) in the form of a research grant must provide a budget and justification of budget items. Grants are provided only for costs directly related to the proposed research. Eligible costs include the following: personnel (students, technicians); materials, supplies and services; equipment (if equipment is requested, the applicant must confirm that items are not available for use from the University); publication costs; and research related travel (poster presentation).

Evaluation Criteria

A committee struck by the Centre on Aging reviews applications. Decisions are based on the following criteria: the significance of the proposed research; the feasibility that the research can be completed or largely advanced during the Fellowship; the likelihood of publications and/or funding from national granting agencies resulting from this work; the research/scholarly/creative achievements of the applicant; the novelty of the project (must demonstrate); and, the fit with the Centre on Aging mandate.

In all cases, overriding factors in the evaluation are the quality and originality of the proposed research, as reflected in the research proposal. Stage of research career as well as career patterns and responsibilities will be taken into account.

Priorities

Highest priority for funding will be given to:

- new researchers who do not yet have stable funding for their research; and
- established researchers for whom aging-related research represents a new research direction.

Conditions of Award

It is expected that the successful applicant will participate in Centre on Aging activities and will become a Research Affiliate of the Centre (or maintain their Research Affiliate status). They will also be required to present their research findings at the Spring Research Symposium or at a Centre-sponsored public seminar.

A final written report describing the research accomplishments during the period of the Fellowship must be submitted by July 1, 2019. It is expected that the Centre on Aging’s support is acknowledged in publications and conference presentations arising from the supported research.