McMaster Institute for Research on Aging
Call for Proposals: Labarge Mobility Scholarship
Winter 2018

Established in 2017 by the Labarge Centre for Mobility in Aging, which is funded by a generous gift from Suzanne Labarge, the Labarge Mobility Scholarship is intended to stimulate interdisciplinary collaboration in aging research on the broad topic of mobility, which includes both physical and community aspects, such as execution of daily activities and participation in society. To be awarded by the School of Graduate Studies on the recommendation of the McMaster Institute for Research on Aging to a graduate student working in the field of aging on the topic of mobility, entering their first year of study in the program.

The recipient will demonstrate high academic achievement, a proven interest in aging and mobility research, a strong work ethic, a desire to collaborate with diverse disciplines and to participate in research activities with potential benefits to older adults. The value of the award is $15,000 (Master's) and $18,000 (Ph.D.) for one year. In making the recommendation of these awards, MIRA requires confirmation that the supervisor and/or program will commit to matching the level of support for the recipient in the second year of enrollment in the graduate degree. There is one scholarship available for a Master's student, and one for a Ph.D. student.

Eligibility
- Canadian citizens, permanent residents and international candidates are eligible for the award;
- The scholarship is open to students beginning a graduate degree in the 2018/2019 McMaster school year.

Expectations and Deliverables:
- Participation in MIRA activities and events, including delivering a poster at the annual research showcase;
- A report outlining project outcomes and next steps, due at the end of the year of the award.

Applications consist of the following components:
- A cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Research proposal (maximum 2 pages, including goals, methods and dissemination plans)
- Letter of support from graduate supervisor, including confirmation of supervision, should you be successful, as well as confirmation of financial support for research costs beyond the stipend awarded through this competition
- Letter of support from faculty member who will serve as a co-supervisor (or collaborator) and mentor; must be from a different Faculty than the primary supervisor

Submission Details:
Please submit the package in two components, each saved with the nominee’s last name in the filename:
1. All files (excluding the CV) combined into one PDF;
2. The CV (PDF format).

The package should be submitted by email to MIRAinfo@mcmaster.ca by May 11, 2018.
Review process:
The McMaster Institute for Research on Aging has identified a cross-disciplinary group of researchers who will review and rank the submissions, and the Scientific Director of the Institute will make a selection based on the advice of this Committee.