

## Eligibility Guide

McMaster Institute for Research on Aging

# Eligibility for MIRA Post-Doctoral Fellowship

Eligibility window for degree completion (for July 15, 2020 deadline)

Applicants to the 2020-21 MIRA Post-Doctoral Fellowships program must fulfill or have fulfilled all degree requirements for a PhD, PhD-equivalent or health professional degree:

- Between May 1, 2017 and September 30, 2020 (inclusively), and
- Before the start date of their award.

Applicants who have not fulfilled all requirements for their degree at the time of application must submit proof to MIRA that requirements have been met no later than October 15, 2020, and before the start date of their award.

Where award must be taken up no earlier than August 1, 2020 and no later than May 1, 2021.

For applicants who have completed more than one Ph.D., Ph.D.-equivalent or health professional degree, the eligibility window applies to the most recent of these degrees.

## Allowable extensions to the eligibility window

The window of eligibility can be extended by a **cumulative maximum of two years** if the applicant had or has their career interrupted for one or more of the following reasons:

- Parental leave
- Illness
- Health-related family responsibilities
- Mandatory military service
- Disruptions due to war, civil conflicts and/or natural disasters in the country of residence

"Career interruption" refers to a period of time when the applicant was not working (full-time or part-time) and when their research output was completely interrupted. Additionally, for health professionals who have engaged in post-degree non-research-related clinical training (e.g., residency), the eligibility window can be extended by the duration of this training.

No other exceptions will be allowed.

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