ELIGIBILITY GUIDE

McMaster Institute for Research on Aging

MIRA Postdoctoral Fellowships in Aging Research & Labarge Postdoctoral Fellowship in Mobility in Aging

Eligibility and Extensions to Timelines

Applicants to the 2022-23 MIRA and Labarge Postdoctoral Fellowship program (May 14, 2022 deadline) must fulfill or have fulfilled all degree requirements for a PhD, PhD-equivalent or health professional degree:

- Between May 1, 2019 and September 30, 2022 (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, 2022, and before the start date of their award. The award must be taken up no earlier than August 1, 2022 and no later than May 1, 2023.

For applicants who have completed more than one PhD, PhD-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.

Allowable extensions to planned completion of the Fellowship

Fellowships are tenable over one or two years, provided the supervisor and/or candidate can secure funding to meet the minimum requirements for postdoctoral funding in their department for each year of the Fellowship. If a Fellow intends to take a leave of absence or wishes to request a no-cost extension for any of the reasons listed above, they must notify MIRA in writing by emailing mirafund@mcmaster.ca.

For further information, please email mirafund@mcmaster.ca