



AGE-WELL ACCESS AWARD

Access to Courses, Conferences, and Exchanges for Student Success

The AGE-WELL ACCESS Award offers funding of **up to \$5000** to support AGE-WELL HQP in experiential learning opportunities such as internships and exchanges as well as to support travel, conference and course fees.

The proposed learning activities should be in line with the goals of the AGE-WELL EPIC program (<http://agewell-nce.ca/epic-program>), such as:

- Experiential learning such as working with industrial or community partners in applied settings
- Transdisciplinary learning such as exchanges with labs and research centres in different academic fields from the home department/degree
- Conference participation that "extends the reach" of the HQP and of the AGE-WELL Network, including new areas or research, new approaches, new methods
- Courses or summer institute participation that will expand the HQP's career path and that are innovation focused

Funding will not normally be given for learning and training that falls within the HQP's routine disciplinary training.

Preference will be given to those HQP seeking funding to undertake activities toward completing the EPIC training program and earning the Innovators of Tomorrow certificate.

Award Term

Applications Due	Award Notifications Sent	Award Activity & Blog Complete By:
January 13	January 15	May 15
April 13	April 15	August 15
July 13	July 15	November 15
October 13	October 15	February 15 (of the following year)

Eligibility:

- ACCESS awards are only available to AGE-WELL HQP
- HQP may only hold only one ACCESS award each calendar year.
- ACCESS funds may not be used toward salaries or course fees that are part of your academic degree program.
- ACCESS funds may only be used towards an activity scheduled within the 4 months subsequent to award notification (e.g. a January 15 award must be used towards an activity scheduled between January 15 and May 15).

Terms and Conditions of Funding:

- 1) All HQP awarded ACCESS funds must use it toward the activity proposed in the application within 4 months of award notification.

- 2) ACCESS award recipients must write and post an 800-1000 word blog post that reflects meaningfully upon the activity undertaken within 4 months of award notification. These blog posts will be posted on the AGE-WELL members' intranet.
- 3) Highly qualified personnel awarded ACCESS funds will receive the funding directly via reimbursement through University Health Network, our host institution. AGE-WELL will provide a reimbursement up to the specified total amount of award.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will now only be accepted via Forum. AGE-WELL HQP may access the application by clicking on "My Applications" at the top of their Forum page and then "ACCESS Application."



Once you have entered your application information and uploaded your CV, please review, and click on "submit." Only complete applications will be considered.

Required Documents:

1. A brief statement that describes the activity to be undertaken, how much funding you request (up to \$5000), and a justification of the funding request that includes both the value to your career and a budget.
2. Curriculum vitae.

Application Review Criteria:

ACCESS applications will be reviewed using the following criteria:

- 1) Value-add or benefit of the proposed activity to HQP career goals.
- 2) Fit with AGE-WELL goal and priorities.
- 3) Appropriate budget justification for the proposed activity.