



AGE-WELL-Riverview Health Centre Award Competition Guidelines

AGE-WELL NCE Inc. and Riverview Health Centre Foundation have partnered to support one doctoral candidate or postdoctoral fellow pursue research on technologies to improve the quality of life 1) of persons living in personal care homes and/or 2) of staff working in these facilities to support the lives of residents. In particular, we are interested in projects that include a focus on Alzheimer's disease. The award is intended to enhance existing funding to a promising new scholar in the amount of \$30,000* over one (1) year.

All proposals submitted for funding must have the written approval of an ethics committee of a Manitoba University as well as Access Approval by the Riverview Health Centre Research Committee prior to the release of funds. In addition, any major change in the study protocol or budget during the project must be approved before the grantee undertakes the change.

*Upon notification of a successful application, the selected applicant is expected to leverage \$15,000 of Riverview Health Centre Foundation funds through two (2) units of Mitacs Accelerate funding, bringing the total amount of support to \$45,000 over one (1) year. Additional support from Mitacs for projects that meet the eligibility criteria of the Accelerate program is subject to peer-review. Of this, \$30,000 would be set aside for salary while \$10,000 would be available as flexible research costs.

About AGE-WELL

AGE-WELL is a pan-Canadian network of industry, non-profit organizations, government, care providers, caregivers, end-users, and academic partners working together using high-quality research to drive innovation and create technologies and services that benefit older adults. Our vision is to harness and build upon the potential of emerging and advanced technologies in areas such as artificial intelligence (AI), e-health, information communication technologies (ICTs), and mobile technologies to stimulate technological, social, and policy innovation.

Riverview Health Centre Foundation:

Riverview Health Centre is a 387-bed facility in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Riverview provides specialized therapeutic and restorative health services to adult residents of Manitoba in a supportive environment that recognizes the cultural, spiritual and ethnic diversity of our community. The Riverview Health Centre Foundation's mission is to support the Centre's initiatives through various fundraising endeavors. Innovation through education and research activities in collaboration with community partners is integral to the achievement of this mission.

Award

We expect to offer one doctoral or postdoctoral award at \$30,000 for a one year period.



Timeline

Award applications open: 1 September 2017

Award applications close: 13 October 2017

Applicants notified: 15 November 2017

Successful applicants must submit their Mitacs application: 30 November 2017

Mitacs decision: February 2018

Award term: 1 March 2018 – 28 February 2019

Eligibility

In order to be considered for the AGE-WELL-Riverview Health Centre Award, funding applicants must:

1. Be engaged in academic study/research aligned to the mission and values of AGE-WELL and Riverview.
2. Participate full-time in their respective program at a Canadian post-secondary institution.

Program and Reporting Requirements

The funded trainee will be expected to complete the AGE-WELL EPIC program in full to earn the Innovators of Tomorrow certificate (if they have not already done so). At the end of the grant period, the doctoral candidate or postdoctoral fellow will be required to submit a project report to the Riverview Manager, Research, including an Executive Summary for distribution to the public and/or health care community.

It is expected that grant holders will acknowledge the assistance of both AGE-WELL and Riverview Health Centre Foundation in all presentations and publications arising from the funded project and will provide a presentation at Riverview Health Centre on their findings within six months after the completion of the project. It is also expected that a copy of any publication that results from the research supported by this competition will be forwarded to the Manager of Research at Riverview Health Centre.

Grant Specifications

AGE-WELL will provide \$15,000 of the award. As per NCE rules, funds must flow from AGE-WELL to the trainee's primary supervisor at their institution. Funds are to be used solely towards postdoctoral salary. Academic institutions receiving AGE-WELL funds in trust are expected to:

- 1) Set up a new account for AGE-WELL funds disbursed during the current AGE-WELL funding cycle.
- 2) Report on expenditures of AGE-WELL funds by submitting a Form 300 to the Network Management Office no later than April 30 of each year for the duration of this funding award.



Mitacs Accelerate projects (<https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/accelerate>) address partner-defined problems that can benefit from a professor's research expertise to successfully solve them. In the case of this fellowship, the Riverview Health Centre Foundation will be considered the project partner for the Mitacs Accelerate internships. The Mitacs Accelerate funding will supplement the postdoctoral fellowship award while providing the researcher an opportunity for direct engagement with the project partner.

Riverview Health Centre Foundation will provide \$15,000 of the award to be leveraged into \$30,000 via 2 units of a Mitacs Accelerate. The successful applicant will be provided support in completing the Mitacs Accelerate application.

Grant Application

The grant submission package includes the application form and guidelines for the competition.

All applications will be reviewed by a team of field experts from both AGE-WELL and the Riverview Health Centre.

Assessment criteria include:

1. **40%** - Scholarly merit and quality of proposed research (clarity of research questions/objectives; appropriateness of methods; generalizability and validity of research methodology utilized; experience and skills of the investigative team)
2. **40%** - Fit with AGE-WELL and Riverview Health Centre Goals and Priorities
3. **20%** - Quality of training environment.

The research grant(s) will be administered through both AGE-WELL NCE and Mitacs. Before funds are released, successful applicants will be required to sign a contract of acceptance and agreement to the terms and conditions of funding for the AGE-WELL-Riverview Health Centre Award.

Contact

Any questions about the administration of the AGE-WELL-Riverview Health Centre Award should be sent to the AGE-WELL Education and Training Administrator at training@agewell-nce.ca.