



## AGE-WELL Edge Award (2019)

### Information Package

#### A. Instructions

1. The application is comprised of an online application form and supporting documents detailed below.
2. Late or incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
3. Submit the online application and supporting materials via the AGE-WELL Forum Research Portal website by 15 October, 2019 (details below).
4. Award announcement will be made by November, 2019
5. Expected start date of award is January 2020.

Contact Information:

[training@agewell-nce.ca](mailto:training@agewell-nce.ca)

#### B. Background Information

##### About AGE-WELL

AGE-WELL Edge Awards support full-time students at a Canadian college, polytechnic, or cégep embarking upon a “capstone” or final project in the field of technology and aging. AGE-WELL Edge is a \$1000 award designed to support the creation of innovative products that have the potential to improve the lives of older adults and caregivers in Canada.

The innovation must address one of [AGE-WELL’s 8 Challenge Areas](#) to shape the future of technology and aging research in Canada.

AGE-WELL is a pan-Canadian network of industry, non-profit organizations, government, care providers, caregivers, end-users, and academic partners working together to drive innovation and create technologies and services that benefit older adults and caregivers. 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.

##### Eligibility

In order to be considered for an AGE-WELL Edge Award funding applicants must:

1. Be full-time students at a Canadian college, polytechnic, or cégep

2. Be completing a capstone or final project in the field of technology and aging

## **The Awards**

\$1,000 (3 month; not renewable). Award funds will flow as salary support in compliance with AGE-WELL grant administration guidelines and practices.

Recipients will have access to AGE-WELL member benefits and specialized services such as commercialization and knowledge mobilization support and entrepreneurship training via the EPIC program.

## **Program Requirements**

### *Training*

Recipients will have access to our EPIC training program (*Early Professionals, Inspired Careers*) and are expected to participate actively in AGE-WELL seminar series and professional development activities (e.g. workshops in commercialization or entrepreneurship).

### *Reporting*

1. Recipients are required to complete a final report on outcomes and impact in April 2020.

### *Acknowledging AGE-WELL*

Recipients will acknowledge the AGE-WELL Edge Award program in their presentations, publications, and other knowledge translation activities related to research conducted during their funding period. Recipients are required to use the AGE-WELL logo on their posters and other materials related to research conducted during their funding period and cooperate in the publicising of any success stories arising from this award.

## **Review Criteria**

All applications will be reviewed by a team of field experts using the following criteria:

- rationale and approach
- novelty
- feasibility
- fit with AGE-WELL vision and mission

## **Required Documents**

Award applicants must submit the following:

1. Online Application Form
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. A letter of reference from your supervisor must be sent directly to [training@agewell-nce.ca](mailto:training@agewell-nce.ca). The letter must confirm that the institution and supervisor are eligible to hold and disburse Tri-Council funds.

### Important Dates

Applications Open: 15 September, 2019

Completed Applications Due: 15 October, 2019

Results Available: 1 November, 2019

Funding Commences: January 2020

### C. Guidelines for completing the online application form

Note that this document serves as a preview to the application form. Applications must be submitted through [AGE-WELL's Forum Research Portal](#).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION	
Applicant Name	Last Name, First Name
Academic status and Department	e.g. Year 1, Automation technician
Supervisor Name	
Institution	
Project Title	
AGE-WELL Challenge Area of best fit (max. 2)	
PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY	
Provide a 150-word plain language summary that includes a problem statement, description of innovation and its anticipated impact(s). This summary will be provided to network stakeholders in order to facilitate a relevancy review to determine the potential for uptake and impact if funded. This description will also be used for future communications if the proposal is successful.	
RATIONALE AND APPROACH	
Summarize the rationale for the solution(150 words max)	1) Why is your project important? 2) Who is your target user population(s)?  What is the expected impact of your research?
What is the value of the solution for older adults and/or caregivers? (100 words max)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What problem does this project solve?</li><li>• How have older adults or caregivers been involved or integrated in your project's development?</li></ul>
NOVELTY	

<b>What is unique or innovative about this innovation/solution? (150 words max)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What sets your innovation apart?</li> </ul>
<b>FEASIBILITY</b>	
<b>How will you achieve your project goals? (200 words max)</b>	<p>In this section describe the following aspects of your research:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Brief overview of the approach (design/methods) you will use to meet your project objectives</li> <li>2) Describe the type of research being undertaken e.g. technology development, review, feasibility study, pilot study, requirements analysis, prototype development, intervention study, evaluation study, etc.</li> <li>3) Describe the tasks and activities planned (provide detail on specific tasks to be carried out to meet the project objectives you identified above). “Activities” may include research activities, KT, innovation, commercialization, team-building and training, etc.</li> <li>4) Provide specific timing of the various tasks, activities and milestones, where milestones are critical points in the project (e.g. completion of a task)</li> </ol>
<b>FIT WITH AGE-WELL</b>	
<b>Biography and career goals (150 words max)</b>	<p>In this section briefly describe:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Your current goals</li> <li>2) Where you see yourself in 5-10 years</li> <li>3) How you see AGE-WELL helping you to achieve your goals</li> </ol>

## D. Information for Required Documents

### 1. Online Application Form

The content of the online application form is listed above to help you prepare for the online submission.

#### Once you are ready to submit an application online:

1. If you have not already done so, you must register with the AGE-WELL Forum Research Portal at <https://forum.agewell-nce.ca/index.php/Special:HQPRegister> (the form will ask for your name and email).

2. After you submit the registration form, the system will create an account and send your credentials to the email address you provided.
3. Once you login, you will have to reset your temporary password.
4. Finally, you can proceed to fill out the application form; the “My Applications” link is in the top right of the page you will reach after resetting your password. Please select “Edge.” Make sure to read the instructions on the first page of the application process carefully.

If you encounter any difficulties, please contact [support@forum.agewell-nce.ca](mailto:support@forum.agewell-nce.ca).

**2. Curriculum Vitae:**

Please upload curriculum vitae in PDF form.

**3. Letter of Reference:**

A letter of reference from the trainee’s supervisor must be sent directly to [training@agewell-nce.ca](mailto:training@agewell-nce.ca). The letter must confirm that the institution and supervisor are eligible to hold and disburse Tri-Council funds.