



AGE-WELL Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Awards in Technology and Aging (2023)
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How many students and post-docs will AGE-WELL be able to support at this time?

A: We expect to fund approximately 20+ trainees in this 2023 competition.

Q: Will my application be automatically considered for one of the advertised co-funded opportunities?

A: No. Please indicate on your application form if you would like to be considered for one of the co-funded awards. Trainees who indicate eligibility will be considered for both the AGE-WELL awards and the indicated co-funded award.

Q: Can NCE funds be held by a Canadian citizen at an American Institution?

A: No, like Tri-Council funds, NCE funds cannot be held outside of Canada as a function of the underlying Network Agreement with stipulates that funds can only flow to Canadian universities.

Q: Can international students apply for an AGE-WELL trainee award?

A: Yes, international students can apply for an award as long as the funds are held at a Canadian institution. All award funds flow from AGE-WELL to the trainee's primary supervisor.

Q: Can trainees that are already enrolled in a master's graduate program apply for an award?

A: Yes, trainees are eligible to apply even if they are already enrolled. The master's awards are for one year and there is no requirement that they be used in the first year of the program.

Q: I am entering the fourth year of my doctoral degree, am I eligible?

A: Only trainees entering the first, second or third year of doctoral studies are eligible for AGE-WELL Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Awards. Doctoral candidates in year 4+ may be eligible for co-funded awards. Please see individual co-funded award details [here](#).

Q: I am a part-time student, may I apply?

A: Unfortunately, no. Only full-time students and postdoctoral fellows are eligible for AGE-WELL Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Awards.

Q: I am working on an AGE-WELL project as a research assistant and will receive a salary from core research project funds in 2023-2024. May I apply?

A: Unfortunately, no. Applicants who will receive AGE-WELL project funds concurrently with this award period are ineligible to apply to this competition. For example, a trainee who will be funded through AGE-WELL Core Research Projects, Platform Projects, Cross-Cutting themes, or the Strategic Investment, Catalyst or AIR programs during 2023-2024 would be ineligible.

Q: What department do trainees have to be enrolled in to be considered for this award?

A: Applicants from diverse fields are being considered for these awards. The Information and Application Package provides a number of options for how students might meet the criteria for 'alignment with AGE-WELL's mission'. The review committee will take into consideration the nature of the applicant's program.



Q: How do my references submit their letter of recommendation?

A: When signed into the Forum Research Portal, go to “My Applications”, select “Award 2023”, navigate to the "Documents" tab, and enter your referee names and email addresses. An email will be sent to this address to prompt your referees to upload their letter. Referees may need to check their junk mail folder for messages sent from AGE-WELL Support <support@forum.agewell-nce.ca>. Letters of support must be uploaded to the Forum Research Portal by your referees by 5pm ET May 12, 2023.

Q: If successful, how will I receive my award?

A: As per NCE rules, funds must flow from AGE-WELL to the trainee’s primary supervisor at their institution. 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.

Q: What important dates do I need to keep in mind?

A: Applications Open: 3 April 2023

Completed Applications Due: 12 May 2023

Results Available: August, 2023

Funding Commences: 1 September 2023