

RESEARCH IMPACT CANADA

Engaged Scholarship
Award for Graduate
Students

2021-2022 competition



OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION

The Research Impact Canada Engaged Scholarship Award for Graduate Students (RIC Award) recognizes graduate students that conduct research projects following engaged scholarship principles. These principles lead to increased awareness of audiences beyond academia or changes in stakeholder actions, practices, guidelines or policies. This award recognizes engaged scholarship (“making research with the people who benefit from it”), co-creation of knowledge or integrated knowledge translation efforts among graduate students of the Network’s Canadian member institutions, regardless of discipline.

The RIC Award is funded by the Research Impact Canada Network (RIC), a pan-Canadian network of universities committed to maximizing the impact of academic research for the public good in local and global communities. RIC aims to develop the capacity for knowledge mobilization and support activities related to the impacts of research in Canada and beyond. The network creates and assesses impacts of research, scholarship and creative activities by developing and sharing best practices, services and tools.

Recipients of the 2022 RIC Award will receive a **cash prize** of \$3000 CAD for doctoral students and recent doctoral graduates, and \$2000 CAD for Masters’ students and recent Masters’ graduates. They will also receive a complimentary **registration to the Canadian Association of Research Administrators Annual Conference**, May-June 2022, where they will be invited to present on their engaged research project at a featured Knowledge Mobilization session, as well as complimentary **registration to the next Canadian Knowledge Mobilization Forum**, June 2022.

Recipients will also gain access to a network of more than 60 active knowledge mobilization professionals representing 20+ Canadian institutions. Recipients will be invited to participate in one or more of the network’s national webinar sessions and will be featured on the RIC website and across social media channels.

The deadline of the 2021-2022 competition is February 28, 2022, 11:59pm, Pacific Time (Vancouver). Please submit the application to the following URL (you will need to create a free account first):

forms.researchimpact.ca

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Be a graduate student registered at one of RIC’s Canadian member institutions, at any stage of their program (MA, early Ph.D., Ph.D. candidate).

Be a recent graduate (1 year at competition closing date) from one of RIC’s Canadian member institutions.

Be leading or have led a significant research project (e.g., thesis, memoire) following the engaged scholarship principles (high quality scholarship, reciprocity, identified community needs, democratization of knowledge, and boundary-crossing) that resulted in increased awareness of targeted audiences or changes in stakeholder actions, practices, guidelines or policies.

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SELECTION PRIORITIES

The RIC Award recognizes students who have demonstrated:

- Evidence of knowledge user or stakeholder engagement, or public outreach either at the local, regional, national or international level; and
- Evidence of increased awareness of targeted audiences beyond academia or changes in stakeholder actions, practices, guidelines or policies.

DEADLINE AND REQUIREMENTS

Application deadline:

- There is one competition per year for the RIC Award. The deadline is February 28, 2022, 11:59pm (PST). Late applications will not be considered.
- Applications must be submitted electronically to the following URL: forms.researchimpact.ca.
- Questions should be directed to info@researchimpact.ca or Félix Desmeules-Trudel at fdtrudel@yorku.ca.

Application requirements:

- All application documents must be presented in a standard style (e.g., Times New Roman, Arial, Calibri), 12-point font. Separate PDF documents for the cover letter, CV, and letters of support (submitted directly by the supporter) must be submitted online. For recent graduates, a proof of graduation indicating that the diploma was obtained within one year of the submission closing date is required.

COVER LETTER

2 pages maximum

- Introduction: Background and academic journey
- Overview of the research project and engaged scholarship experience
- Description of partners/knowledge users
- (Potential) contribution to change/impact
- Lessons learned and, if applicable, potential contributions to equitable/diverse/inclusive/decolonized scholarship

TWO LETTERS OF SUPPORT

- A letter from project stakeholders, knowledge users, participants, collaborators or partners describing the importance of the contribution to changes or impact in actions, practices, guidelines or policies, etc.
- A letter from an academic supervisor describing your journey, evolution, lessons learned from this engaged scholarship experience.

- Dated and signed,
- Show an official letterhead,
- Maximum of two pages,
- Include the writer's position, affiliation, email address and telephone number,
- Include the applicant's name and the period and capacity in which the writer has known the applicant.

SHORT CV

3 pages maximum

IF APPLICABLE, FOR RECENT GRADUATES: PROOF OF GRADUATION

*no earlier than February 28th, 2021
(for example, a copy of the diploma,
a copy of program transcript, etc.)*

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that letters of support are transmitted before the deadline. Candidates should complete the "References" section of the online form and save the supporters' contact information in advance.

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated by a multidisciplinary Selection Committee, according to the following criteria:

Relevance, importance and clarity of the application (30%):

- Relevance and importance of the research project and engaged scholarship activities
- Application is well written and clear

Engaged scholarship (40%)

- Evidence of experience of engaged scholarship
- Demonstration of benefits from (process of) engaged scholarships for all partners

(Desired/Potential/Promise of) Impact and Outcomes (20%):

- (Potential) impact of project

Relevance of lessons learned (10%):

- Reflection on lessons learned
- If applicable, contribution to equity, diversity, inclusion and decolonization

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Recipients must be available for a feedback roundtable in the Fall 2022.

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