

The Royal-Mach-Gaensslen Prize for Mental Health Research

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2020 GUIDELINES

The Royal-Mach-Gaensslen Prize for Mental Health Research was established in 2015, and is awarded annually to recognize and support rising star Canadian research scientists with a focus in the area of mental health.

This annual national Prize provides funding to outstanding rising star researchers who are affiliated with a Canadian academic or clinical research institution in the field of mental health, to encourage them to continue to pursue their research interests in Canada. It recognizes those with a demonstrated track record in research with excellence in scientific rigor, innovative thinking, imagination and originality and a clear ability to work in partnership with other disciplines and/or research teams external to the institution with which they are affiliated. This competition will occur once a year for 10 years.

The award of \$100,000 is available annually to one person or a research team of up to three persons per competition. The Prize is awarded with the expectation that the recipient(s) will continue to demonstrate excellence in their field of work. If no appropriate candidate is found, the Prize will be deferred for one year.

Eligibility and Criteria

The Selection Committee will use the following criteria in assessing applications:

1. Candidates shall be rising star researchers who are 45 years of age or younger at the deadline date, are Canadian citizens or have landed immigrant status in Canada and are currently residing in Canada and are currently residing in Canada or are residing abroad but are committed to return to Canada within six months from the date of the Prize.
2. Candidates shall be affiliated with a Canadian academic or clinical research institution.
3. Research shall be in a mental health discipline.
4. Candidate's research shall provide a clear research strategy with a coherent plan for knowledge dissemination and knowledge translation.
5. Demonstrated track record in research with excellence in scientific rigor, innovative thinking, imagination and originality.
6. Candidates must hold an M.D. (or equivalent) and/or a Ph.D.
7. Post doctoral fellows are not eligible

Funding and Payment

The Prize is a \$100,000 grant, unrestricted, to be used at the recipient's sole discretion for personal support, research operations and/or research equipment. The full amount of the grant may be awarded to one recipient or divided among a team of up to three recipients. Disbursement of the Prize to the recipient(s) shall take place at the presentation to the Prize winner(s).

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Review Process

- Applications must be received by the deadline date of **July 15, 2020 - 11:59 pm**. Receipt of applications will be acknowledged by email within one week.
- Applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee in August 2020.
- Applicants will be notified of funding decisions in October 2020.
- The Prize will be awarded in person in Ottawa.

Application Documents

Please create an application file with the following documents in the order listed:

1. A completed and signed application form.
2. A cover letter written by the applicant.
3. A 1000 word summary of your research on a separate page.
4. A CV [free form: 50 pages maximum] highlighting the following sections, presented in this order:
 - a. education (degrees and credentials);
 - b. employment experience (academic and non-academic; please indicate primary affiliation);
 - c. prizes, awards, recognitions;
 - d. peer-reviewed publications;
 - e. any other publications;
 - f. complete research funding history;
 - g. supervision, mentoring;
 - h. knowledge translation activities, intellectual property and transfer activities;
 - i. academic research presentations;
 - j. interviews and media communications;
 - k. other academic activities;
 - l. partnership activities.
5. Three signed letters of support.
6. A copy of your Web of Science h-index and Citation Report.
7. Confirmation that the applicant is a Canadian citizen or has landed immigrant status in Canada (e.g., a photocopy of the main page of the applicant's passport (non-relevant sections and identifiers redacted as appropriate)).

Please submit a single searchable PDF file to research.awards@theroyal.ca; please title and submit as indicated:
Last Name_First Name RMG Prize Application.pdf

Questions

Questions should be directed to research.awards@theroyal.ca