

## 2021 GUIDELINES

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

This annual national Prize provides funding to exceptional researchers who are affiliated with a Canadian academic or clinical research institution in the field of mental health and who are 45 years of age or younger, 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.

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

1. Candidates shall be outstanding 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 or are residing abroad but are committed to return to Canada within six months from the date of the Prize.
2. Eligible leaves (e.g., maternity, parental, medical, bereavement) will be credited at twice the amount of time taken; part-time leaves will be taken into consideration, calculated according to the percentage of leave taken, and credited at twice the amount of time taken.
3. Candidates shall be affiliated with a Canadian academic or clinical research institution.
4. Research shall be in a mental health discipline.
5. Candidates must hold an M.D. (or equivalent) and/or a Ph.D.
6. Post-doctoral fellows are not eligible
7. The Selection Committee will use the following weighted criteria in assessing applications:
  - Applicant's career to date, including most significant contributions to research and/or to practical applications [30%]
  - Applicant's academic and/or clinical leadership potential [30%]
  - Research program, strategy and vision, including dissemination and translation plans [25%]
  - Strength of letters of reference [15%]

### Funding and Payment

The Prize is a \$100,000 unrestricted grant, 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).

## Review Process

- Applications must be received by the deadline of **July 15, 2021, 11:59 pm**. Receipt of applications will be acknowledged by email within one week.
- Applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee in August 2021.
- Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by October 2021.
- The Prize will be awarded 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; this can include a description of any eligible career interruptions (including duration, and if there was any research productivity during that time).
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. other publications or research outputs (e.g., clinical guidelines; datasets, quality of care metrics);
  - 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 (e.g., roles in collaborations, partnerships, networks);
  - m. leadership roles (e.g., roles on advisory committees, working groups, task forces, editorships, community and client engagement or education).
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](mailto: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](mailto:research.awards@theroyal.ca)