

The Ontario Women's Health Scholars Awards

Renewal Information, 2019-20

Anyone who currently holds an Ontario Women's Health Scholars Award may apply for a renewal of the award for 2019-20. The eligibility conditions for a renewal vary according to the level of the original award.

Master's Award

A master's award holder may apply for a renewal if their current award was their first and they:

- will still be registered full-time in a master's program at an Ontario university in the fall term of 2019-20;
- will, during the one-year renewal, remain registered full-time in the master's program and not go beyond the sixth term of study in the program; and
- are making good progress toward the completion of the master's degree requirements during 2018-19.

Doctoral Award

A doctoral award holder may apply for a renewal if their current award was their first, or their first renewal, and they:

- will still be registered full-time in a doctoral program at an Ontario university in the fall term of 2019-20;
- will, during the one-year renewal, remain registered full-time in the doctoral program and not go beyond the 15th term of study in the program; and
- are making good progress toward the completion of the doctoral degree requirements during 2018-19.

Postdoctoral Award

A postdoctoral award holder may apply for a renewal if their current award was their first, or their first renewal, and they:

- will be engaged in full-time research at an Ontario university in the fall term of 2019-20;
- will, during the one-year renewal, remain engaged in full-time research; and
- are making good progress on the research program.

Application Process

Renewal application forms are available at <http://cou.on.ca/about/awards/ontario-womens-health-scholars/>, or from the offices of the Deans of Graduate Studies in Ontario universities. A complete application requires:

- a renewal application form completed by the applicant;

- a research statement of no more than 750 words, written by the applicant, and describing the:
 - progress to date on the research supported by the current award;
 - further progress expected during the remaining period of the current award; and
 - research to be undertaken during the period of the renewed award
- a non-technical summary of the research statement in no more than 300 words, written by the applicant; and
- a confidential letter of appraisal that critically assesses the research as described in the research statement.

The confidential letter of appraisal should be written by the applicant's supervisor (or, in the case of a master's student without a supervisor, a faculty member who is at the applicant's university and is familiar with the student's work). The applicant must ask the assessor to transmit the appraisal electronically. It should not be sent to the applicant, but directly to the Dean of Graduate Studies at the sponsoring university (i.e., the university at which the applicant will be a graduate student or postdoctoral fellow during the period of study supported by the award if the application is successful). The deadline for receipt of the appraisals by the Dean is December 1, 2018. By the same date, the applicant must submit the remaining parts of the application package electronically to the Dean.

It is the sponsoring Dean's responsibility to submit the complete application package, which should be sent electronically to SeniorDirectorQA@cou.on.ca by January 31, 2019. The sponsoring Dean is also required to certify, in writing, the applicant's eligibility, and to indicate, for any applicant for a master's or doctoral award, which term of their program the applicant will be in at the commencement of the renewed award.

To make an enquiry about renewal of an Ontario Women's Health Scholars Award, send an email to SeniorDirectorQA@cou.on.ca, or call 416-979-2165, extension 235.